

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall by Mayor Fitzgerald

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Hedrington, Morse, Prentice, and Mayor Fitzgerald.
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
WWTP Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Police Sergeant Dan Roggenbuck
Street Superintendent Steve Haas
Fire Lieutenant Dave Palmer
Community Development Director Shawna Henthorn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Fitzgerald and recited by all members present.

INVOCATION: Finance Director, Don Elliott delivered the invocation.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve amending the agenda to move Executive Session to after the Approval of the Minutes. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 16, 2023. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
At 5:02 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss the purchase of real property as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
2. Discuss Pending Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:
At 5:50 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members previously at the meeting at the reconvening of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:

Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims paid from November 4 - 17, 2023 in the amount of \$1,116,542.49. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

2. Attorney Report:

3. Reports:

City Administrator Report and Staff Report
Accounts and Finance-Commissioner Ryan Adleman
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Ken Morse
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Public Properties-Commissioner Courtney Prentice
Mayor-Tom Fitzgerald

ORDINANCES FIRST READ:

- a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2768 regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for all Workers Act. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2768 regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for all Workers Act. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski explained the Act provides 1 hour of paid leave for every 40 hours worked. The benefit can be paid all up front or by accrual. This Act would apply to part-time, seasonal and temporary employees. Council discussed prohibiting new employees from using any paid leave until they reach 90 days of employment. Commissioner Prentice said he would prefer 6 months instead. Administrator Hoppes recommended 90 days and amending the employee handbook for all fulltime employees to match the 90 day requirement. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 nay by Commissioner Prentice.
- b. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2769 establishing the 2024 Meeting Schedules and the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2769 establishing the 2024 Meeting Schedules and the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2770 correcting an Ordinance Number Scrivener's Error. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2770 correcting an Ordinance Number Scrivener's Error. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6480 approving a Development Agreement with Rock River Development, LLC. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Mayor Fitzgerald said he would be abstaining from the vote as the Developers includes one of his sons. Mayor Fitzgerald added he has stayed out of all of the discussions regarding the development. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the steps for environmental cleanup and timeline for the city to have the

ability to deed the property over to the developer at no cost. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 abstain by Mayor Fitzgerald.

ADJOURN:

At 6:10 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: