

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 4, 2022

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Fitzgerald, Morse, Hedrington, and Mayor Rehl
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Fire Lieutenant David Palmer
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Street Superintendent Steve Haas

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Rehl asked for a moment of silence.

APPROVE AGENDA:
Commissioner Morse made a motion to amend the agenda to change Item f. under New Business from Resolution 6312 to 6314 second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Mark Stebbins spoke about the issues on Hutchison Drive regarding the blacktop being gone. Mr. Stebbins said there has not been any street patching done. This problem has caused water issues in homeowners' driveways in that area.
Anthony Smith said the towing companies that tow vehicles for the City are required to have insurance indorsement for heavy trucks. Mr. Smith said he can't afford the insurance and is paying more for the insurance coverage than he's making.
Mr. Smith said he has been trying to develop his property on Clark Street. Mr. Smith said he has been working on this for quite some time, however; he has not gotten a response from the City letting him know what he will need to do to develop the property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 21, 2022. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from March 19- April 1, 2022 in the amount of \$457,298.44. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Reports:
Staff Report-City Administrator, Sonya Hoppes
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Ryan Adleman

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. From the Zoning Board of Appeals came a positive recommendation regarding a Zoning Variance in the (R2) Two-family Residential Zoning District for a fence in the front yard from the maximum allowed of 4' up to 6' in height as well as a variation of the front yard setback of 30' down to 6' for the property located at 543 Roscoe, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No. 04-05-305-003. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2683 approving a Zoning Variance in the (R2) Two-family Residential Zoning District for a fence in the front yard from the maximum allowed of 4' up to 6' in height as well as a variation of the front yard setback of 30' down to 6' for the property located at 543 Roscoe, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No. 04-05-305-003. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2684 amending Sections 2-22 and 2-114 of the City Code to reflect City Council Compensation Adjustment as set by Ordinance 1721 on September 5, 2006. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski explained the compensation is not being increased, only clearing up the language in the code to reflect the appropriate amounts in the City's Code of Ordinances. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2685 approving purchase of vacant real estate with PIN 04-07-352-012 from Winnebago County Tax Trustee. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski explained the property taxes went unpaid for 3 years. The property defaulted to the Tax Trustee. The long-term plan is to sell the parcel to a future property owner of 811 Prairie Hill Rd. Attorney Clayton Zamudio said the property will be purchased for \$500.00. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2686 adopting amended Fine Schedule. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call votes showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6311 approving a Proposal for Professional Engineering Service with Fehr Graham regarding the establishment of an At-Grade Crossing of the Canadian Pacific Railroad for Nature at the Confluence Park. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Clerk Patrick said the item had been on the March 21, 2022 Council Meeting, voted on and passed, however; there was no motion or a second for the item. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6314 declaring surplus 2007 Chevrolet Silverado and authorizing trade-in of surplus and purchase of 2022 GMC Sierra for the Streets Department. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Street Superintendent, Steve Haas said the truck is under budget. The City will need to add a plow kit at some point. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the City to issue a Request for Proposals for Nuisance/Inoperable Vehicle Tows. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Attorney Zumadio said the item was a follow up from previous meetings. The proposal will be for tow companies to tow vehicles from private property. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to Discuss/Approve Fire Chief Search/Advertisement of position. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Commissioner Hedrington said he would like to bring in someone in to provide a presentation to show the process of how they would go through the process to assist in hiring a Fire Chief. Attorney Sosnowski said from the last search Council contemplated hiring a company to do a search such as Commissioner Hedrington spoke about. Council directed Attorney Sosnowski's firm to put together information for the position. Council interviewed and selected the Fire Chief from the applicants. Attorney Sosnowski suggested obtaining a proposal and an agreement for any person

or firm that would assist with the hiring position. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to layover the item second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. RLE's:

- a. Jessy Bennett-Magic Slots
- b. Stephanie Cioni-Magic Slots
- c. DeeDee Campbell-Magic Slots
- d. Gilberto Cazares-Magic Slots

Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve all licenses second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:52 pm on a motion from Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Fitzgerald council approved going in to Executive Session. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. 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.
2. Discuss personnel issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
3. Discuss collective negotiating matters as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 7:35 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 7:35 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: