

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 17, 2025

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Hedrington, Prentice, and Mayor Fitzgerald. Commissioner Morse was absent
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Police Chief Adam Truman
Deputy Fire Chief Brian Snyder
Street Superintendent Steve Haas
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 Hedrington made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kerry Thomas said he was present to see how things are going instead of relying on social media.
Mayor Fitzgerald read a comment regarding the Fire Department's past and current history. Mayor Fitzgerald reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Beloit. Mayor Fitzgerald spoke about the timeframe calls are responded to from the Fire Department and further spoke about 2 current fire calls.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 3, 2025. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims paid from February 1 - 14, 2025 in the amount of \$279,055.57. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2835 Amending various sections of Chapter 118, Zoning, Regarding Prohibiting Flags, Commercial. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Council discussed the usage of feather flags not being properly followed according to what the current code allows. Council discussed a number of flags that are out of compliance and in violation. Mayor Fitzgerald said he would like to allow the flags for 90 days and for new businesses only. Commissioners Hedrington and Prentice agreed. Commissioner Adleman said 90 days is too long of a time period for the flags and said he is not in favor of allowing the feather flags at all. Community Development Director, Shawna Henthorn said there is a permit for the flags, only 1 flag per location is permitted. Director Henthorn said the flags are not permitted in the right-of-way, and must be taken in nightly. No one is following the code, and permits for the flags are not being obtained. Director Henthorn spoke about the issue along Blackhawk and Gardner being unable to put out flags due to the states right-of-way. Director Henthorn added the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) recommended disallowing the feather flags completely. Director Henthorn said enforcement of the flags is an issue. Commissioner Adleman said he would like to see the flags completely removed. Attorney Sosnowski advised the ordinance that was prepared was to eliminate the flags completely. The ordinance would have to be returned to the PZC for recommendation to allow the feather flags for new businesses only and for a period of only 60 days. Roll call vote showed 1 aye, 3 nays, and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to layover Resolution 6585 Approving a Marketing Agreement with Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. d/b/a Service Line Warranties of America. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve a Stipulation Agreement with GPM Midwest, LLC d/b/a Fas Mart #5156, 15766 Manchester Road, South Beloit, and d/b/a Fas Mart # 5232, 518 Shirland Avenue, South Beloit. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- b. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6598 Approving an Agreement for cleaning services with Avilia Tool Shop, LLC as Franchisee of Image One Facility Solutions, Inc. for cleaning services. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6599 Approving an Agreement with Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6600 Reappointing member to the Board of Fire and Police Commission as follows:
 - Tracy Switzer-Cacciapaglia is hereby re-appointed as a member of the City of South Beloit Fire and Police Commission for a term of one (1) year with said term to expire on December 31, 2025Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- e. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6601 Reappointing member to the Stateline Mass Transit Board as follows:
 - Jack Cook is hereby reappointed as Trustee for the SMTD for a term of one (1) year with said term to expire in July 2025.Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- f. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6602 Appointing member to the Library Board as follows:

- Nichole Kinney is hereby appointed to a three (3) year term set to expire on July 1, 2026.
- Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:50 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. Review closed session minutes including semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:03 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: