

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 2, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 5:01 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:  
Police Chief Adam Truman  
Waste Water Superintendent Jeff Reininger  
Street Superintendent Steve Haas  
Community Development Director Shawna Henthorn

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

INVOCATION: Chaplin Dan Herman delivered the invocation.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Adleman 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 February 16, 2026. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss/Approve hiring Djordje Djordjic as a Full Time Police Officer at a Rate of \$28.57/hour. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the hiring of Djordje Djordjic as a Full Time Police Officer at a Rate of \$28.57/hour. Commissioner Prentice seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Swearing in Djordje Djordjic as Full Time Police Officer. Chief Truman introduced Djordje Djordjic and advised that he would be going to the Illinois State Police Academy for six weeks and then will begin field training program for an additional fourteen weeks and then join the patrol. City Clerk Patrick swore in Djordje Djordjic as a Full Time Police Officer for the City of South Beloit.
3. Discuss/Approve Resolution 6680 Providing for the appointment of Brian Kunce as Fire Chief. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6680 providing for the appointment of Brian Kunce as Fire Chief. Commissioner Prentice seconded the motion. Mayor Fitzgerald stated that Brian Kunce will be in a unique position to build the fire department from the ground up. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
4. Swearing in Brian Kunze as Fire Chief. City Clerk Patrick swore in Brian Kunce as Fire Chief for the City of South Beloit.

## REPORT OF OFFICER

### 1. Finance:

Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims paid from February 14 – February 27, 2026, in the amount of \$451,112.30. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

### 2. Attorney Report:

### 3. Reports:

City Administrator Report and Staff Report:

- Jeff Reiningger provided a quarterly report regarding the wastewater plant.
- 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:

### 1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2902 Amending Article VIII Raffles, regarding Raffles. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2902 Amending Article VIII Raffles. Commissioner Prentice seconded the motion. Attorney Laura Goding advised the board that this Ordinance mirrors the County Ordinance, where raffle licenses will continue to be obtained through the County. Attorney Sosnowski advised the Council that Raffle License enforcement would be enforced by the County because they issue the license. Commissioner Adleman advised that he did not agree that anyone should have a license to conduct a raffle. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 nay by Commissioner Adleman.

## NEW BUSINESS

### CONTINUED:

### 1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2905 Approving a Map Amendment to rezone the property known as a portion of 663 South Bluff Street, South Beloit, Illinois from the R1 One Family Residential Zoning District (R1) to the Public Lands and Institutional (PLI) Zoning District. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to discuss/approve Ordinance 2905 Approving a Map Amendment to rezone the property known as a portion of 663 South Bluff Street, South Beloit, Illinois from the R1 One Family Residential Zoning District (R1) to the Public Lands and Institutional (PLI) Zoning District. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Discuss/Approve Resolution 6681 Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Beloit Library to provide coverage under a Cyber Insurance Policy. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6681 Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with the South Beloit Library to provide cover under a Cyber Insurance Policy. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski advised that for reasons unknown the City's Cyber Insurance holder is requiring documentation of the relationship between the City and South Beloit Library in order to provide coverage to the South Beloit Library. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Discuss/Approve Resolution 6682 Approving a Settlement Agreement from Julio Ramos Flores regarding 611 Hemenway Place. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6682 Approving a Settlement Agreement from Julio Ramos Flores regarding 611 Hemenway Place. Commissioner Adleman seconded the motion. Community Development Director Henthorn advised the Council that this is regarding an unpaid Findings Decision and Order, and the property is in compliance and there

have been minimal time and cost put into obtaining compliance. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- d. Discuss/Approve Resolution 6683 Approving a Settlement Agreement from Navor Ramos Flores regarding 428 Oak Grove Avenue. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6683 Approving a Settlement Agreement from Navor Ramos Flores regarding 428 Oak Grove Avenue. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Community Development Director Henthorn advised that there was a Findings Decision and Order and the owner is ready to sell the property and asked that the City enter into this agreement. The property is in compliance. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Discuss/Approve funding for Stateline Mass Transit District (SMTD) for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Morse made a motion to Approve funding for Stateline Mass Transit District (SMTD) for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. City Administrator Hoppes advised the Council that the City has a very good relationship with Stateline Mass Transit District that provides a ride to residents that wouldn't otherwise have access to this service. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

ADJOURN:

At 5:41 P.M. on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: