

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 6, 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 Chief Adam Truman
Street Superintendent Steve Haas
Fire Chief Jason Griffin
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 Prentice made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mary Mitchell spoke to Council regarding the ordinance regarding chickens that is on the agenda. Ms. Mitchell said she is concerned that if the ordinance is passed she would want to be allowed to be “grandfathered in” since she went by the township rules when she first got chickens on her property.

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.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims paid from October 14 – November 3, 2023 in the amount of \$364,791.09. Commissioner Adleman 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-SECOND READ:
a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2759 Amending Chapter 10 Animals, Section 10-2, Possession of certain animals and fowl deemed

nuisance and Chapter 118 Zoning of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances to amend Article I and Create Article XXII to allow for the keeping of hens in certain Residential areas. Mayor Fitzgerald second the motion. Commissioner Adleman said he has no issues with chickens in the city, however; he would not vote in favor of the ordinance unless there were restrictions. Commissioner Adleman provided a calculation that would equate to 15 as a cap on the number of permits allowed for chickens. Mayor Fitzgerald said he would support the cap. Commissioner Prentice said he would also support the cap, and in addition would like to have the requirement for approval by all adjacent owners removed as a requirement. Commissioner Hedrington said he is not in support of allowing chickens. Commissioner Hedrington said he spoke to a number of residents, and all except 1 were not in favor of allowing chickens. Commissioner Morse said he is not in support of allowing chickens and believes allowing would open up to further issues. Commissioner Morse said he spoke with folks whose neighbors have chickens and that caused issues with unwanted rodents. Commissioner Morse added the farrel cat issue was never resolved and is an ongoing issue. Commissioner Adleman said he believes the compromise of a limit of 15, removing the neighbor, and adding chicken wire to be on the coop and as a run only is a good start. Mayor Commissioner Prentice and Mayor Fitzgerald withdrew their initial motions. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2759 amending to add a license cap of 15, striking the neighbor approval requirement, and allowing the use of chicken wire on the coop and as a run. Mayor Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 3 ayes and 2 nays by Commissioners Hedrington and Morse.

ORDINANCES FIRST READ:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2765 authorizing the issuance of a Class D Liquor License for Kwik Trip Inc. d/b/a Kwik Star # 1276. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2765 authorizing the issuance of a Class D Liquor License for Kwik Trip Inc. d/b/a Kwik Star # 1276. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2766 amending various provisions of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances regarding Business Licenses. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2766 amending various provisions of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances regarding Business Licenses. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. From the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on October 18, 2023 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Zoning Variation in the side yard setback from the required 5' setback down to 0', and the required lot size of 10,000 sf down to 9,549 sf, and a variance in 75 feet lot width requirement to 65.98 feet in the (RM) Residential Multi-family Zoning District for the property located at 15528 Lucena Court, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, PIN No. 04-04-377-011. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2767 a Zoning Variation in the side yard setback from the required 5' setback down to 0', and the required lot size of 10,000 sf down to 9,549 sf, and a variance in 75 feet lot width requirement to 65.98 feet in the (RM) Residential Multi-family Zoning District for the property located at 15528 Lucena Court, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, PIN No. 04-04-377-011. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2767 a Zoning Variation in the side yard setback from the required 5' setback down to 0', and the required lot size of 10,000 sf down to 9,549 sf, and a variance in 75 feet lot width

requirement to 65.98 feet in the (RM) Residential Multi-family Zoning District for the property located at 15528 Lucena Court, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, PIN No. 04-04-377-011. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6473 approving the Estimated Tax Levy Amounts. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6474 approving the Re-Plat for the property located at 15528 Lucena Ct., with PIN No. 04-04-377-011. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6475 regarding increase in hourly based wage rate of pay for Part Time Patrol Officers in the City of South Beloit, Illinois. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6476 approving a Services Agreement between Traliant and the City of South Beloit for Discrimination and Harassment Training Services. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6477 approving a Letter of Agreement between the City of South Beloit and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council regarding the lateral Transfer Program. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6478 approving Grant Agreement for Organized Retail Crime Grant Program. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6479 approving the purchase of a 2023 Police Interceptor Utility AWD with equipment at an amount not to exceed \$58,662.00, and a 2023 Chevy Silverado 1500 without equipment in an amount not to exceed \$55,752.00 from Currie Motors. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Chief Truman explained the Police Department is on a rotating cycle of 1 new squad year one and 2 new squads year two to replace out older police squads. Vehicles are not currently available due to the auto worker's strike. Chief Truman explained the car that was ordered in 2022 has not been delivered yet as well. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Illinois Council of Police regarding the Insurance Opt-Out Stipend. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

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LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. Business Licenses:
 - a. Kwik Trip Inc.
2. Miscellaneous Licenses:
 - a. Kwik Trip Inc.
3. Tobacco Licenses:
 - a. Kwik Trip Inc.

Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve all licenses second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:45 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 personnel issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
2. Discuss the purchase of real property as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 6:36 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:36 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: