

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 18, 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, 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:  
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 Morse made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Josh Loyd spoke about the Fire Department calls as well as concerns regarding the staffing. Mr. Loyd recommended using prisoners to staff the fire department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 4, 2025. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:  
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims paid from August 2 – 15, 2025 in the amount of \$395,980.33. 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

Mayor Fitzgerald spoke about Facebook posts being a mix of truth and many posts that are untrue as well as the use of fake Facebook accounts. Mayor Fitzgerald said

he spoke with numerous Fire Chiefs, and the city has never been unprotected. Mayor Fitzgerald spoke about the condition of the Fire Department being at risk of losing its ambulance certifications.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2861 Authorizing the sale of two real properties on Miller Street with PIN 04-06-179-019 and PIN 04-06-179-020. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2862 Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers; Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said the tax was removed from the state, and municipalities have the ability to pick up the tax if they choose to. Finance Director, Don Elliott said the sales tax is per quarter, and the tax amount loss is unknown. Mr. Elliott said most sales are through gas stations, and the impact to residents would be minor. Mr. Elliott said it's better to continue the tax. Mayor Fitzgerald said the tax is not a new tax, and he would support continuing the tax. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6632 Approving a Professional Services Proposal with Fehr-Graham to prepare an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant (OSLAD) Grant Application. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6633 Approving the purchase of a Schwarze A9 Monsoon Street Sweeper from R.N.O.W., Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$380,628.00 for the City of South Beloit Public Works. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Council discussed the Sewer Rate Ordinance. Wastewater Superintendent, Jeff Reininger spoke about the benefits to having, and the use of Class A sludge. Mr. Reininger spoke about the critical need for lift stations 1 and 2 in order to provide future growth. Council reviewed the options for the number of years and determined increase would occur yearly for a period of 7 years.

ADJOURN:

At 5:55 pm 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: