

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 17, 2025

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Hedrington, Morse, Prentice, and Mayor Fitzgerald. Commissioner Adleman 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.

Mayor Fitzgerald recognized the accomplishments and statistics of South Beloit High School's sports teams.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shirley Peck inquired about the alley vacations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 17, 2025 amending item (a) under New Business to reflect the motion being second by Commissioner Adleman instead of Commissioner Morse
Commissioner Prentice second the motion as amended. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims paid from March 1 - 14, 2025 in the amount of \$537,918.50. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
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

NEW BUSINESS:
a. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Ordinance 2841 Authorizing the vacation of certain public right-of-ways located within the City. Commissioner

Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.

- b. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs was present to discuss the 5-year Streets Plan. Mr. Boggs said staff is looking for a consensus on general project areas. The item was discussed at the Council Meeting on March 3, 2025. Mr. Boggs said the only change was intended funding projects were added, and the costs were removed due to the street plan including road pavement edge to road pavement edge. Mr. Boggs said there will likely be additional costs if more than what the plan includes for pavement, if testing needs to be done such as pavement cores, additional paving or other unknown costs. Commissioner Hedrington said Eastern Avenue does not need to have concrete for the road. Mr. Boggs said the plan could be changed to asphalt, however; the asphalt should be beefed up due to truck traffic. Mr. Boggs said the best route would be to wait and see when the first funds for the 1% tax come in. Mr. Boggs said he would revise the plan and bring back to council for approval.
- c. Council discussed an Axon Agreement for the Police Department. Police Chief, Adam Truman said he was contacted by an Axon representative. The department has several items with Axon. There is a signed 5-year contract for body worn camera's. Chief Truman explained the city could lock in a certain rate now and get updates rather than waiting for the current contract to provide the updates. Chief Truman compared the rates for the current contract to rates if the contract was renewed now. There would be cost savings of approximately \$700.00. Chief Truman said Axon is the best option available for the equipment and added that most all agencies in Winnebago County use Axon products. Chief Truman said the department's current version 8 tasers would also be updated to version 10. The current version 8 tasers would only be supported for another 3 years. Chief Truman recommended renewing the contract. Attorney Sosnowski said she has seen both versions of the tasers demonstrated, and the 10 version is far superior. Chief Truman said he has applied for the ILETSB grant for Law Enforcement to help pay for the equipment. Administrator Hoppes said the new contract would not have any impact to the current budget. Commissioner Morse asked that the item be added to the next Council Meeting for approval.

ADJOURN:

At 5:37 pm on a motion by Commissioner Prentice second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: