

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2021

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Fitzgerald, Hedrington, Morse, and Mayor Rehl.
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Fire Chief Administrator Dan Zerfass
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Street Superintendent Mike Murphy

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Rehl asked for a moment of silence.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rob McClain asked if the City Administrator would have a requirement to work with developers, and suggested that if that is not a requirement, to include it.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 5, 2021, and the Special Council Meeting held on April 5, 2021. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from April 2-16, 2021 in the amount of \$453,660.99. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Attorney Report:
None
3. Commissioner's Report:
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Ryan Adleman
Public Properties-Commissioner Ken Morse

CORRESPONDENCE:
a. Mayor Rehl read a Proclamation proclaiming April 24th as "Great American Cleanup Day"

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2608 amending Chapter 2 Administration, Article III Officers and Employees, Division 13 of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the Ordinance adds a City Administrator position. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the requirements and responsibilities for the position. Attorney Sosnowski said Department Heads would report to the City Administrator. Commissioner Adleman said it is important to him to drive economic development. Mayor Rehl said the City has been relying on the City Attorney, Engineer, and Mayor for economic development. A City Administrator is needed for growth economically, and sustainability. Commissioner Adleman said staff and Council could direct businesses to the

City Administrator. Commissioner Fitzgerald asked about Section 273 of the proposed ordinance regarding the removal of a City Administrator, and said the language is vague. Council discussed the requirements for removal of a City Administrator. Attorney Sosnowski explained statutorily the requirement would be two thirds vote, or 4 of 5 votes in order to remove a City Administrator. Commissioner Fitzgerald asked if Section 276 (1) could cut out the Commissioner. Commissioner Morse said the final decision will be the Council's. Commissioner Fitzgerald asked if the City Administrator would have a budget. Attorney Sosnowski said they could. Commissioner Morse said he is in favor of the position. Commissioner Morse said Council is not trained in the departments they oversee. The position also eliminates any problem there may be with a Council member does not like someone. Commissioner Hedrington said he believes the position is needed for economic development since 1 person owns a lot of land. Commissioner Hedrington said the City Administrator will need to talk to the landowner. Commissioner Adleman said the City Administrator will need to build the relationship with that landowner as well as other big landowners. Council agreed with the casino coming to Beloit there will be opportunities for the City of South Beloit. Council understands that there may be requests for incentives that will need to be considered. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6222 approving a Contract for Lawn Mowing services for designated City property to Nason's Landscaping. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve hiring Matt Redieske as full-time employee for the Street Department. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Mayor Rehl said he and Commissioner Morse made a video for the City's Facebook page regarding the City Park. Mayor Rehl said May 1st is the planned opening day.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Miscellaneous Licenses:
 - a. FM Home Maintenance and Re-ordering Inc
 - b. Invenian Custom Solutions (Wood Mint Lane)
 - c. JJ Brass & Aluminum Foundry, LLC
 - d. Paymaster Pawn & Jewelers, Inc
 - e. South Beloit Clinic
2. RLE's:
 - a. Laquan Foat-Jena's
3. Tattoo Artist Licenses:
 - a. Bryan Feldt

Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve all the licenses second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:46 pm on a motion from Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. The purpose for 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 collective negotiating matters as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 6:38 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members at the onset of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:38 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Fitzgerald.
Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: