

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2025

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Josh Loyd commented on the Fire Department and stated that he believes there were numerous problems. Mr. Loyd said he is exiting from the item.

Mayor Fitzgerald said there was a problem at the Fire Department regarding Licensing and Certificates necessary that were in jeopardy. Mayor Fitzgerald said the Fire Department became toxic by public badgering employees of the Fire Department. The City will hire a Fire Chief and go from there. Mayor Fitzgerald commented on how much the negativity from social media caused damage to the South Beloit Fire Department.

Ralph Skalik commented on hiring a person to oversee the Fire Department as a Chief.

Mayor Fitzgerald explained the position on the agenda is not for a Fire Chief. The position is record keeping.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Commissioner Morse made a motion to layover the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on September 2, 2025. Commissioner Prentice 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 30 – September 12, 2025 in the amount of \$523,496.23. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.

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:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2866 Enacting a Temporary Moratorium on the issuance of Tobacco Licenses. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski explained the moratorium is to ensure all classes of tobacco licenses are appropriate for the business being operated. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2867 Amending Section 102-46 Parking at Night; Parking Boats or Other Vehicles and Objects; Parking Commercial Vehicles, of Division 1 Generally, of Article II Stopping, Standing and Parking, of Chapter 102 Traffic and Vehicles. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski explained the amendment is to clarify an improper statutory citation. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6636 Approving an Agreement with Illinois Chief's Association to provide Fire Chief Employment Search Services for the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the proposal along with the cost. Council discussed the need for the consulting proposal in order to have an unbiased and fair search process. Commissioner Morse made a motion to amend the amount of the contract to not to exceed \$14,500. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6637 Authorizing the Application for an Open Space Land Acquisition Development Grant and Commitment of Funds. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Administrator Hoppes explained the need to obligate half of the total project amount maximum award. The total project amount is \$1,200,000, of which \$600,000 is a requirement of the grant-should the City be awarded the grant. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6638 Authorizing the City to approve a Copy Machine Lease Agreement and Print Maintenance Agreement subject to an Addendum with Impact and the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- f. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6639 Approving and awarding a bid to O'Brien Civil Works, Inc for the Doner Drive parking lot expansion project. Commissioner Morse second the motion. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs reviewed the bids and said the recommendation was for O'Brien being the lowest bidder. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- g. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve an Agreement with Stanard & Associates. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Police Chief, Adam Truman

said the Agreement is for assistance with testing with the Board of Fire and Police Commission. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.

- h. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring Nick Miller as part-time Administrative Compliance Officer for the Fire Department at a rate of \$22.00/hour. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.

There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURN:

At 5:47 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: