

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2024

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 Truman
Assistant 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 Adleman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Fitzgerald said there has been several comments on Facebook regarding the Fire Department. Mayor Fitzgerald said the transition to the Town of Beloit has not been as smooth as hoped. Comments have stated that Rockton refuses Mutual Aid (MABIS) calls to South Beloit. Mayor Fitzgerald said he has talked with the Rockton Fire Chief who said their job is to save lives, and assured Mayor Fitzgerald that South Beloit is protected. Mayor Fitzgerald thanked all those who have continued to stay on through the transition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 3, 2024. 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 31 – September 13, 2024 in the amount of \$909,715.63. 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 Prentice made a motion to approve the request for a Homecoming Parade on October 11, 2024 at 1:00 from South Beloit High School Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2816 Declaring property to be surplus real estate and authorizing the sale of 723 S Park Ave by sealed bid. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. City Administrator Hoppes said the amount in the Ordinance only includes staff time. Council would need to provide input as to the amount of the minimum bid. Commissioner Prentice reviewed the previous sales amounts and recommended \$50,000 as a minimum bid. Street Superintendent, Steve Haas spoke about the conditions of the property. Commissioner Morse made a motion to amend the minimum bid amount to \$50,000. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2816 as amended. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6553 approving the Expenditures for the Repaving of the Parking Lot at 529 Blackhawk Blvd. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Clerk Patrick said the item needed to come back to Council. The item was on the previous Council Meeting, however; there was no first or second motion made. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- d. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6555 Authorizing support and commitment of funds for a grant application to the Illinois Department of Transportation's Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant for a bike path project. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs reviewed the phases for the potential project. Mr. Boggs said the goal is to engineer as much as possible. Finance Director, Don Elliott said the City needs to show funds as being committed, and state what account the funds are being committed from. After discussion Commissioner Morse made a motion to amend the commitment amount from \$240,000 to \$405,000 plus Phase 1 Construction, and the application amount from \$1,200,000 from \$2,025,000. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington. Commissioner Prentice made a motion
- e. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6556 Approving a Professional Services Agreement Proposal from Fehr Graham regarding the Design Engineering for replacement of inlet catch basins project at a cost of \$14,400.00. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs said the change will be going from brick and mortar to precast structures and adding ADA ramp upgrades. The project construction will go out to bid. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent from Commissioner Hedrington.
- f. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6557 Approving a Professional Services Agreement proposal from Outsider Consulting, LLC to provide a Focused Leader Development Program at a cost of \$3,901.00. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said in the next 5 years the city should have a strategic plan. The program will help Administrator Hoppes to lead the team and improve leadership skills. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 nay by Commissioner Hedrington.
- g. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6558 Approving an Agreement with Norwest Construction, Inc. to repair/patch roadway and pavement on Dorr Road in an amount not to exceed \$9,300.00. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs explained the issues with the roadway and the roadway improvements that will be completed with this project. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.

- h. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6559 Approving Huber Technology, Inc's quotation for the repair of the Wastewater Treatment Plant's fine screens at a cost not to exceed \$112,835.63. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Wastewater Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said Huber was previously here in May and there were no issues at the time. When the screens were taken apart the screens were wearing more than they are supposed to. Superintendent Reininger said when the screens were installed the instructions were not followed. There is currently 1 screen down, and the second screen needs to be replaced. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:16 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Morse second the motion. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss the purchase or lease of real property as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 6:25 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:25 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: