

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
November 18, 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, Hedrington and Mayor Fitzgerald.  
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present  
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present  
Deputy Clerk Karen Brandenburg recorded the minutes  
Department Heads in attendance:  
Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Reininger  
Street Superintendent Steve Haas  
Police Chief Adam Truman  
Assistant Fire Chief Brian Snyder  
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. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Josh Loyd was present. Mr. Loyd voiced numerous concerns and questions regarding the Fire Department. Mr. Loyd would like to request information about the Fire Department. Mayor Fitzgerald said the City looked into Harlem-Roscoe, Rockton and City of Beloit. The Fire Departments either did not have the man power or they turned the City down. The City of South Beloit went with Town of Beloit. The City of South Beloit didn't have to go out for bids. The electives were able to make the decision (4-1).  
Scott Varney was present. Mr. Varney asked why the City didn't go out for competitive bids, like they did with the Engineering of the sewer plant, or the Garden Hotel being torn down? Why the lack of consistency with major dollar's being spent?  
Commissioner Prentice said the City exercised the 4 options: Harlem-Roscoe, Rockton and the City of Beloit. The Town of Beloit was the only option.  
Ralph Skalak was present. Mr. Skalak thanked the City for the new streets, but wanted to bring to attention that water sits after a good rain with no easements to let the water run on Shaw and Forest Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 4, 2024 and the Special Council Meeting held on October 28, 2024. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:  
1. Finance:  
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims paid from November 2 – 15, 2024 in the amount of \$1,317,309.24. 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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6568 Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police. Attorney Sosnowski said the red line copy of the Bargaining Agreement is in the board packets. The agreement shows a 4% increase in wage with a 4-year term and the steps remained the same. Also included in this agreement is the officer in charge to get an additional .50 cent per hour shift change when the officer in charge starts at 6 pm and the longevity pay provision of 3% at 20 years of service. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6569 Approving an Agreement for the Sale of Real Property Located at 723 South Park Avenue, South Beloit, Illinois owned by the City. Attorney Sosnowski said the purchase price is \$50,101.00 from Mid-States Industries (Victor Holdings LLC). The Resolution had the wrong amount, so Attorney Sosnowski asked for a motion to amend the Resolution from \$10,100.00 to \$50,101.00. The closing will be no later than December 31, 2024. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the amended Resolution. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6570 Approving the Release or Continued Hold of Executive Session Minutes and Destruction of Executive Session Audio. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6571 Approving Change Order #1 with Green Demolition Contractors, Inc regarding the demolition of property located at 200 Dearborn Avenue, South Beloit, Illinois. Mayor Fitzgerald said the City is above \$1.5 Million by adding this change order with the additional asbestos in the Garden Hotel. City Administrator Hoppes said Green Demolition Contractors are still looking to have the structure down by the end of the year. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6572 Regarding the 2025 Risk Management and Worker's Compensation Insurance Policies. City Administrator Hoppes said the City switched from Gallagher to Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust. The City's overall policy renewal is a 1.7% decrease from the prior year. This coverage is only for Liability and Worker's Compensation. Owen Costanza was present from Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust to answer any questions the board had. No questions were asked. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6573 Approving the purchase of two (2) new 2025 Kenworth T-480 4X2 Muni Chassis at a cost not to exceed \$262,488.00 per truck for the South Beloit Public Works Department. Finance Director Elliott said the City should purchase the 2 trucks this year instead of paying \$5,000.00 more by waiting till the beginning of 2025 to buy the second truck. The City will do a Supplemental Budget for the second truck. Administrator Hoppes said the City needs trucks. The trucks need to be inspected every year and every year the City is not sure if they will pass the inspection. Mayor Fitzgerald asked Commissioner Hedrington if Public Works needs 1 or 2 trucks. Commissioner

Hedrington said the City Public Works needs the 2 new trucks. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:41 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss Pending Litigations, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
2. Discuss personnel issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
3. Review closed session minutes including semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO  
OPEN SESSION:

At 6:10 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

At 6:10 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: