

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 5:01 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 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: Mayor Fitzgerald asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move New Business on page 2 items a-d above Report of Officers and below Approval of Minutes.  
Commissioner Morse made a motion to amend the agenda as stated. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Deb Dunlap was present to say that the Fire Department was not on the agenda and that the city residents deserve an update. Mayor Fitzgerald stated the Fire Chief will give an update during his report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 5, 2024. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS  
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1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
  - a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring Dylan Tonne as a Police Officer. Chief Truman stated Officer Tonne will be the 14<sup>th</sup> Full Time Police Officer. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
  - b. Dylan Tonne was sworn in as a Police Officer by City Clerk, Tracy Patrick.
  - c. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve hiring Mark Boesen as Part time Parks Seasonal Employee at a rate of \$15.00/hour. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
  - d. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring Chad Hoffman as Part time Parks Seasonal Employee at a rate of \$15.00/hour. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor Fitzgerald asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move Correspondence above Report of Officers. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve amending

the agenda as stated. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Rockford Police Chief, Carla Redd presented a Chief's Certification from the Illinois Association Chiefs of Police to South Beloit Police Chief, Adam Truman. The Certification certifies Chief Truman as a Chief.
2. Commissioner Morse made a motion for the presentation from Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful for future partnership. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Pam Osborne was present from Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful (KNIB). Ms. Osborne said Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful would like to partner with the City for a South Beloit Recycle Center location at 623 Eastern Avenue (Street's Department). Ms. Osborne stated KNIB would like to have operations at the location once a month to see how it goes and then increase if needed. Ms. Osborne said they would like funding assistance from South Beloit in the amount of \$4,000.00 once a year. Ms. Osborne provided Council members brochures that list what the recycling center takes and added the brochure would list the City as a sponsor. KNIB would also like to hold its annual Mud Volleyball Tournament at the South Beloit Park. The event brings business to the City's Restaurants and Hotels. The event would be scheduled in August 2025. Ms. Osborne stated due to the cost of setting the event up, they would want the City to have a long-term commitment and not just a 1-time event. Mayor Fitzgerald stated he would like to talk to the Board before making a commitment.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:  
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims paid from August 3 – August 16, 2024 in the amount of \$1,043,112.69. 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

CONTINUED:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
  - a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6540 approving a bid award to Green Demo for the demolition of 200 Dearborn at a cost not to exceed \$1,348,000.00. City Administrator, Sonya Hoppes said the city received 12 bids. Of those bids, 9 were very close in cost. This shows the city did a good job of letting people in the building to see what was needed for the job. The city reopened the building for the asbestos team to go through since that will be the biggest cost of the demo. Administrator Hoppes said any delays due to asbestos or weather could slow the project. The contract states the building will be down by the end of the year. The contractor will come back in the spring to seed the ground. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
  - b. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6541 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Fehr Graham for a Proposal and Agreement to prepare the 2024 IDNR OSLAD Grant Application. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs

said Fehr Graham will work close with the city for the Charles Street Development (Park). Fehr Graham will put together a cost estimated list for funding. The grant is a 50/50 match for the City and State. The maximum award is \$1.2 Million.

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

- c. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6542 approving an Auto renewal Internet Access and Services Agreement with Offenderwatch. Police Chief, Adam Truman stated the agreement is for an online platform to keep better track of the sex offenders within the city. There is no cost to the City. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- d. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6543 Authorizing the retroactive approval of emergency purchase of additional Design, Construction Engineering Services and removal replacement of the Forest Park Boulevard sanitary sewer main adjacent to the Hayes Avenue sanitary sewer main at a cost of \$497,836.00 pursuant to Section 2-491 Emergency Purchase. Wastewater Superintendent, Jeff Reininger stated one house had 2 backups in the basement. The Wastewater Department jetted the lines. The issues continued, so the Wastewater Department put a camera in the lines and found a few areas of deteriorated concrete sewer pipe. The city decided to replace the sections now with the current road project. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- e. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6544 approving a Hotel Motel Funding Application from Nature at the Confluence in the amount of \$500.00. Administrator Hoppes said the funding amount was approved to come out of the Park and Recreation Board budget, however; the event would qualify to come from the Hotel Motel Fund if Council would like to change where the funding would come from. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:58 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Prentice the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss Collective negotiating matters as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

#### RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 6:30 pm.

#### ROLL CALL:

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

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

#### ADJOURN:

At 6:30 pm on a motion by Commissioner Morse second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: