

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 21, 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. Commissioner Morse 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  
Street Superintendent Steve Haas  
Police Sergeant Dan Roggenbuck  
Assistant Fire Chief Brian Snyder

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: Brian Northrup was present. Mr. Northrup spoke about concerns regarding fire operations, staffing, and driver qualifications at the Fire Department.  
Josh Lloyd was present. Mr. Lloyd voiced numerous concerns and questions regarding the Fire Department.  
Mayor Fitzgerald said he read the comments on Facebook. Mayor Fitzgerald said the City Officials all have cell phones to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Mayor Fitzgerald said he has gone to resident's homes to hear and discuss their concerns. The City has 2 meetings a month that provide everyone a chance to talk in public comment.  
Mayor Fitzgerald said he spoke to Commissioner Morse about the hiring and staffing when Commissioner Morse was Fire Chief. Part time and paid on call for a Fire Department is not possible these days. Mayor Fitzgerald reviewed previous Fire Chiefs over the years but they end up retiring or quitting. Over the last 5 ½ years, paid on call had a rooster of 31, but only 12 were active. A majority of the paid-on call made less than \$10,000.  
The City checked with Rockton and they contract the Ambulance. The City checked with Roscoe and they were not interested and have gone to a full-time staffing department. Mayor Fitzgerald said the transition has been a slow process since no Fire Department has merged between 2 states.  
Commissioner Adleman said he went to the Fire Department and spoke to the staff about the comments that were made on Facebook for the Homecoming Parade and Football game. After speaking to one of the Fire Department staff, this was all blown out of proportion. Some of the people at the game even thanked the Fire Department staff for their services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to layover the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 7, 2024. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:

Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims paid from October 5 – October 18, 2024 in the amount of \$308,340.74. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Morse.

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. Mayor Fitzgerald opened bids for 723 S Park Avenue. The City received 1 bid from Mid-States in the amount of \$50,101.00. Attorney Sosnowski will move forward preparing documents for the sale.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the Budget Timetable. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the request for funding from 50 North in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 2025 expenditure. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- d. From the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting held on September 18, 2024 a positive recommendation was given regarding an amended Special Use Permit to allow for automobile repairing, overhauling, rebuilding and painting for used car preparation including mechanical and cosmetic repairs for Clancy's Auto in the Industrial Light (IL) Zoning District for the property located at 1020 Gardner Street, Building 9, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, for part of PIN No. 04-05-420-105. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2820 Approving an in the Industrial Light (IL) Zoning District for the property located at 1020 Gardner Street, Building 9, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, for part of PIN No. 04-05-420-105. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the previous extension for the timeline for paving and landscaping for this property. Attorney Sosnowski said staff recommended denial however the Planning and Zoning Commission gave a positive recommendation. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- e. From the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting held on September 18, 2024 a positive recommendation was given regarding an amended Special Use Permit to allow for auto uses (towing company, office and towed vehicle storage) with accessory outdoor storage of items and materials accessory to primary use limited to no more than 25 percent of the total lot area, which shall be locate within the rear yard and subject to screening from view of adjacent properties by a combination of landscaping and fencing for Flying AJ's Towing in the Light (IL) Zoning District for the property located at 1020 Gardner Street, Building 6, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, for part of PIN No. 04-05-420-105. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 2821 approving an amended Special Use Permit to allow for auto uses (towing company, office and towed vehicle storage) with accessory outdoor storage of items and materials accessory to primary use

limited to no more than 25 percent of the total lot area, which shall be locate within the rear yard and subject to screening from view of adjacent properties by a combination of landscaping and fencing for Flying AJ's Towing in the Industrial Light (IL) Zoning District for the property located at 1020 Gardner Street, Building 6, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, for part of PIN No. 04-05-420-015. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the request is the same as Ordinance 2820 for the other business in the rear of the property. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.

- f. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2822 Approving a Pre-Annexation Agreement regarding the property commonly known as 4461 Prairie Hill Road, South Beloit, Illinois, and authorizing the Mayor of the City of South Beloit, Illinois to execute the same. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- g. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2823 Approving acquisition of three parcels of Real Property by the City with PIN Numbers 04-06-179-019 (Miller Street); 04-06-179-020 (Miller Street); and 04-06-178-001 (1120 Shirland Avenue); South Beloit, Illinois from the Winnebago County Tax Trustee. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- h. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to layover Ordinance 2824 Approving a Contract for Purchasing and Sale for the Real Property located at 851 Doner Drive, South Beloit, Illinois by the City to the next meeting. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- i. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2825 Adopting an offence for park rules. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- j. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6565 Approving a Mutual Termination Agreement with Richardson Development, LLC. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:59 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Prentice the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Adleman 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 6:17 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:18 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice Voice vote carried the motion.

---

Mayor

---

City Clerk

Approved: