

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2022

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Fitzgerald, Morse, Hedrington, and Mayor Rehl
City Attorney Clayton Zamudio was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Fire Lieutenant David Palmer
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Street Superintendent Steve Haas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Rehl and recited by all members present.

INVOCATION: Mayor Rehl asked for a moment of silence.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Fitzgerald spoke about Mayor Rehl's history with the City as well as his leadership as Mayor for the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Fitzgerald said Mayor Rehl has played a huge part in the development, annexations of properties in the City, and retaining current businesses. Commissioner Fitzgerald presented Mayor Rehl with a plaque of appreciation, and said Mayor Rehl has been a great leader. Mayor Rehl said it is time for him to spend time with his family, and his wife, Annie. Mayor Rehl thanked the Council, and citizens of South Beloit after announcing his final day as Mayor will be May 31, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 2, 2022, and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 9, 2022. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from April 30-May 13, 2022 in the amount of \$452,385.95. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Reports:
Staff Report-City Administrator, Sonya Hoppes
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Ryan Adleman
Public Properties-Commissioner Ken Morse
Mayor-Ted Rehl

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Therese Oldenburg and new full-time Executive Director, Julie Uram gave a presentation regarding nature at the Confluence. Ms. Oldenburg said this is the 5th year for Nature at the Confluence. Ms. Oldenburg and Ms. Uram spoke about the following:
 - Weekly Wednesday's volunteer work
 - Interns that help through the summer
 - 1 mile of trail along rock River
 - Preparing for new park area
 - Removal of unwanted items that have been dumped at the Confluence and in the Rock River (TV's, tires, garbage, etc)
 - Developing and creating more trails
 - Educational signs
 - Many more needs for the Confluence including a bridge over Kelly Creek
 - Events scheduled for 2022 that will include summer opening with regular hours

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
 - a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2689 amending various provisions of Chapter 2 – Administration Article IV – Departments, Chapter 38 Fire Prevention and Protection, Article II, and Chapter 50 – Law Enforcement, Article II of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Commissioner Fitzgerald voiced concern regarding if the City Administrator is vacant or absent who would make decisions, and would the Commissioner know. Attorney Zamudio said the Commissioner would determine if the City Administrator is not available since the Department Head still reports to the Commissioner if the City Administrator is not available. Council asked for clarification of the concern in the Ordinance as well as clarification of what the term of being vacant would mean. Commissioner Morse made a motion to lay over Ordinance 2689 second by Commissioner Hedrington. Voice vote carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
 - a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve a funding request in the amount of \$1,200.00 from Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful for their Medical Collection. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2690 authorizing the disposal of personal property owned by the City. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. WWTP Superintendent, Jeff Reiningger said the item is a shed from the WWTP plant. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2691 an Ordinance of the City of South Beloit, Illinois Amending Chapter 2 Administration, Article III Officers and Employees of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances Creating the Position of Community Development Director. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said the city has established a Development Fund. The position is primarily needed to help with development and annexations for the city in order to grow the tax base. Mayor Rehl said since Beloit hired Jen Hall the city has been being helped with economic development, as well as promoting the city. Ms. Hall's position is evidence of growth, and Mayor Rehl believes the position will be money well spent. Finance Director, Don Elliott said the city can't afford to not create this position. Mr. Elliott spoke about the need for Border Agreements in order for the city to grow its own borders. Commissioners Adleman and Morse said the city has already missed too many opportunities. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 nay by Commissioner Hedrington.
 - d. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6319 approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with all full-time Peace Officers below Sergeant. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6320 approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Illinois Council of Police with regards to all full-time laborers and operators employed in the City's Streets, Waste Water or Public Property Departments. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6321 approving an Agreement for Mower Testing with Warner Electric, LLC. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Street Superintendent, Steve Haas said the city will get 2 mowers. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6322 approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Bird Rides, Inc for electric scooters. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Administrator Hoppes explained last year was a soft opening for the scooters. The agreement will be the first border agreement for the scooters. Administrator Hoppes said the scooters will be able to have blackout areas in towns through Bird Rides if the scooters become abused such as in the City Park, or at the Confluence area. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6323 approving Axon Enterprise, Inc Taser 7, Body Cameras and Squad Camera Agreements and quote. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said over \$10,000 was donated to the Police Department. The funds will help pay for the equipment. Administrator Hoppes said the equipment will be mandated within a couple of years. Police Chief Truman reviewed the plans, and said that the equipment will help with transparency and liability. It will also protect officers and other people. Chief Truman reviewed the technology. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:36 pm on a motion from Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse council approved going in to Executive Session. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

- 1. Discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 6:48 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:48 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Fitzgerald second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: