

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 5:02 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall by Mayor Rehl.

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Fitzgerald, Hedrington, Morse, and Mayor Rehl.
City Attorney Wiktoria Goscik was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Fire Chief Administrator Dan Zerfass
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Street Superintendent Mike Murphy

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. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Rob McClain commended staff and Council for opening the City Park earlier than planned. Mr. McClain said he would like to ask a few questions and understands the questions cannot be addressed at this meeting:

1. What are the plans to reinstate parades and other community events?
2. Who would residents contact if they are building a structure themselves without a contractor?
3. Can meeting times be adjusted from 5 pm to 7 pm?
4. Can residents participate in the meetings via Zoom or virtually?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 19, 2021. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from April 17- 30, 2021 in the amount of \$263,316.24. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Attorney Report:
None
3. Commissioner's Report:
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Ryan Adleman
Public Properties-Commissioner Ken Morse

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
 - a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve a request for funding from the Hotel/Motel Fund from the South Beloit Lion's Club in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Jerry Miller and Tim McMahan were present to speak to Council regarding the request. Council discussed the application that was submitted by the Lion's Club. The application showed the funds were being requested for a number of events. Council reviewed the requirement for requesting funds from the Hotel/Motel Fund, which is to promote overnight stays at hotels and motels. Commissioner Adleman did not believe the application was complete. Commissioner Adleman said the application includes events that are not held within the City.

The application is also required to be completed for a specific event. Commissioner Adleman said he has concerns since this is the first application that has been received requesting funds from the new application, and whatever is determined will create a prescient. Mr. Miller and Mr. McMahon explained the events that were listed on the application are events that previously took place in 2019. The Lion's Club previously submitted request for funding 2 years ago. At that time Council determined more information and clarification was needed regarding the legal requirements for disbursing fund from the Hotel Motel Fund. An application was created, which the Lion's Club was required to complete. Mr. McMahon said the Lion's Club has always donated back to the City by taking half of what was raised from an event to give something tangible back to the City. Mr. McMahon explained due to COVID the Lion's Club does not have existing funds to have events. Commissioner Fitzgerald said the questions that are on the application are the same questions that have been asked previously. There was discussion regarding funds that were given to the Rockford Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (RACVB), Visit Beloit, the South Beloit Fire Department Corn Boil, and the Wheeler House. Finance Director, Don Elliott clarified the Wheeler House has been given funding from the Community Development Fund. Funding for RACVB and Visit Beloit receives 20% each from what's generated by Hotel and Motel stays. Commissioner Fitzgerald said the Corn Boil is a City event. Commissioner Hedrington asked if the City has received any information from RACVB or Visit Beloit showing how the funds are spent. Commissioner Hedrington said the Lion's Club is trying to get funding for future events. Commissioner Adleman said both groups came in to present to Council to show how the funds are spent. Commissioner Adleman added these 2 groups are tourism groups that promote the area. Mayor Rehl said Rockton is considering either not giving funds from their Hotel Motel Fund or possibly lending the funds for Rockton's Old Settlers Days. Mayor Rehl said it is clear the funds are to be disbursed from the Hotel Motel Fund for tourism. The Lion's Club is a service group. South Beloit does not have events that would create overnight stays. The City needs to look at how funds can be used to find ways to work with the Lion's Club. Attorney Goscik said the funds need to be used for tourism. If the state would come in and audit the fund the City would have to provide documentation to show how the determination was made for the funds that were disbursed. Mr. McMahon said the Lion's Club would provide documentation from 2019 from the Club's Accountant showing how funds were spent in 2019. Council members agreed that the Lion's Club has great events and gives back to the community. Mayor Rehl read the recommendations from the Hotel Motel Review Committee as follows:

The Board would like to recommend that the Council consider approval of a Hotel/Motel Funding Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Hotel/Motel fund to the South Beloit Lion's Club with the following requirements below:

- The Lion's Club use the funds for advertising only events that create overnight stays
- The Lion's Club provide proof that the City of South Beloit is promoted within the ad
- The Lion's Club provide additional documentation showing cost of advertising that needs to include:
 - The specific event that's being advertised
 - The business name of the advertising agency
 - Cost of advertising

Lastly, the Board would like to recommend Council consider advising the South Beloit Lion's Club that it is more important to promote the City, rather than purchase items to give back to the City.

Commissioner Morse made a motion to amend the amount to \$2,500.00 with the recommendations made by the Hotel Motel Review Committee. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 nay by Commissioner Adleman. The original motion of the request for \$10,000.00 showed 1 aye by Commissioner Hedrington and 4 nays by Commissioners Adleman, Fitzgerald, Morse and Mayor Rehl.

- b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2609 amending Chapter 82 Solid Waste, Article II City Collection of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2610 amending the No Tobacco Use Policy in the Employee Handbook. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6223 approving pay application #3 for the 2020 MFT Street project, the City Hall Parking Lot Project, and the Fire Department

- Parking Lot Project. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs said the City is still holding the 5% retainage for the project. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6224 awarding a bid to Rock Road Companies, Inc for the City's 2021 MFT Streets Project. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 nay by Commissioner Hedrington.
 - f-g. Attorney Goscik said there are 2 resolutions on the agenda regarding the City Hall's front parking lot. The difference in the resolutions is which fund will pay for the improvements. Commissioner Adleman said he would prefer the improvements are paid from the General Fund rather than MFT Funds. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6226 awarding a bid to Rock Road Companies Inc. for the City Hall's parking lot improvements with General Funds. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes. Resolution 6225 died for a lack of a motion.
 - h. Council discussed an ordinance establishing a new Liquor License Classification for convenience/fuel stores who wish to incorporate video gaming. Mayor Rehl said a sample ordinance was provided by a private party that would allow gas stations/liquor stores without restrictions. Mayor Rehl said Everett's has restrictions related to the building requirements to be able to have gaming. Attorney Goscik said the ordinance can be amended since it was drafted by a private party. Council discussed allowing more gaming locations would not bring in more gamers to the City. Commissioner Hedrington said if the ordinance was passed, the City would get additional funds, and it would also help Everett's. Commissioner Fitzgerald said the law allows for truck stops to have video gaming. Commissioner Fitzgerald said there needs to be more than 5% of gaming funds given back to the City. Council determined the private party would be asked to attend the next Council meeting. Council directed Attorney Goscik to research other communities to see what they may allow.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Business Licenses:
 - a. AAC Recovery
 - b. Christopherson Inc
 - c. South Bluff Acres MHP South Beloit, IL LLC
2. Miscellaneous Licenses:
 - a. South Bluff Acres MHP
3. RLE's:
 - a. Laura Fosburgh-Bordertown Gaming
 - b. Ryleigh Fosburgh-Bordertown Gaming
4. Tattoo Artist Licenses:
 - a. Ashley Yurs

Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve all the licenses second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:05 pm on a motion from Commissioner Morse second by Commissioner Hedrington. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss pending litigation 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.

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 6:40 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members at the onset of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:40 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse.
Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: