

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 5:04 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 Wiktorja Goscik was present  
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present  
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes  
Department Heads in attendance:  
Police Chief Adam Truman  
Interim Fire Chief Gary Brown  
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 layover the Approval of Minutes of the Special Council Workshop Meeting held on November 6, 2021, and Item 1. b. under New Business. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 15, 2021, and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 8, 2021. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:  
1. Finance:  
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from November 13 - December 3, 2021 in the amount of \$403,983.22. Commissioner Hedrington 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: Jennifer Alvarez and Chris Alhaver were present from Surf Broadband to speak about Surf Broadband. Ms. Alvarez and Mr. Alhaver spoke about the benefits Surf Broadband can offer with bringing fiber to residential areas of the city. Fiber goes directly to the

home and provides a greater amount of gig and faster speed. Mr. Alhaver reviewed the design phase as well as the layout and construction. Ms. Alvarez spoke about a program through Surf Broadband that would provide help to low income families for free. Mr. Alhaver provided a number of communities that Surf Broadband already service, and provided a timeline of approximately a year for the process of completion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Gary Brown was sworn in as Interim Fire Chief by Clerk Patrick
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2664 Adopting the 2022 Budget. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2665 Adopting the 2021 Tax Levy. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2666 amending Chapter 34 Environment, Article VI, Code Hearing Division of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Attorney Goscik said the ordinance amends the code to consider a reduction of fines issued through an administrative hearing case if a property owner comes in to compliance. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2667 approving and authoring the City to lease a vehicle under a Master Lease Agreement and Related Documents thereto with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2668 amending Section 102-52 of Chapter 102 Traffic and Vehicles, Article II, Stopping, Standing, and Parking, of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Attorney Goscik explained the process of the fines for odd/even parking, when fines go to court, and what the City Attorney is able to collect if an odd/even fine is unpaid and goes to court. The Fine Schedule previously approved by Council will double. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 nay by Commissioner Hedrington.
- h. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2669 Establishing the 2022 Meeting Schedules and the 2022 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- i. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6279 approving and authorizing the City Administrator to sign a Professional Services Agreement with Region 1 Planning Council. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Administrator Hoppes explained the Agreement is for assistance with obtaining Federal Grant funds from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Economic Assistance Grant for the design, planning, and reconstruction of sewer infrastructure under the Rock River. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Morse made a motion to waive Section 2-488 requirement to bid through formal public bid procedures to authorize the sludge removal services for the Waste Water Treatment Plant from Walter & Son Waste Hauling LLC. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said the sludge had not been removed for 1 ½ years. The estimate for the work was \$39,000.00. WWTP Superintendent Reininger said the sludge needs to be removed in order to work on the next building at the new plant. 300,000 gallons of sludge needs to be pumped out. Commissioner Adleman added the new plant will have Class A sludge. People will pay to buy the sludge from the new plant. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- k. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6280 retroactively approving the emergency purchase of sludge removal from Walter & Son at a cost of \$36,000.00. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- l. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve hiring Alex Kubokawa as Full Time Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Worker for the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a rate of \$18.50/hour. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Commissioner Hedrington asked why the starting rates are different for new employees between the Streets and WWTP Departments. Attorney Sosnowski was present and said the Collective Bargaining Agreement allows the City to determine the start rate as long as it's not above the lowest paid employee. If an employee comes in with a Certificates for an operator's license for the sewer plant or a CDL License the agreement gives latitude for the starting rate. Commissioner Hedrington said the departments need to be uniform. Administrator Hoppes said the last hire for the Street Department was hired out of what the pay range should have been for the position. Attorney Sosnowski said Council needs to discuss if the 2 departments should start at the same rate of pay. Mayor Rehl said there has been conflict between the 2 departments regarding pay. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he believes conflict of pay will never end by giving rates based on percentage amounts. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- m. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to hire Callie Ramirez as Part time Administrative Support Staff as a rate of \$11.00/hour. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Administrator Hoppes provided a list of duties the position would be tasked with. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Miscellaneous Licenses:
  - a. Spider Company Inc.

Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the license second by Commissioner Hedrington. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:19 pm on a motion from Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse the Council approved going in to Executive Session. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 6:55 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:55 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: