

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 2025

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, 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 Adam Truman
Deputy Fire Chief Brian Snyder
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: Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joshua Loyd inquired about the video's being posted to the City's website.

Mayor Fitzgerald said everyone is here for 1 purpose, which is to do what's best for South Beloit. Mayor Fitzgerald read the Civility Pledge that each Council member takes with the Oath of Office. Mayor Fitzgerald spoke about conduct that will no longer be tolerated in an effort to keep the meetings orderly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on February 17, 2025. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims paid from February 15- 28, 2025 in the amount of \$372,146.78. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Mike Chambers was present on behalf of Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc d/b/a Service Line Warranties of America (USP) to speak about a program that USP could offer to South Beloit citizens within the city limits of South Beloit. Mr. Chambers said USP works with numerous cities offering coverage for residential sewer laterals. Mr. Chambers said residents do not realize they are responsible for the portion of lateral that comes off of the sewer main. USP will spread knowledge, tips, and opportunities for residents to purchase the coverage at low monthly payments. Mr. Chambers reviewed 3 products that residents will be able to choose from if they elect to participate in the program. Mr. Chambers said USP will send out direct mail letters to offer the program to residents. Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, Jeff Reiniger said he met Mr. Chambers at the IMRL Conference, and said the program is a good one.
2. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs provided spreadsheets to Council showing a 5-year outlook for a streets plan. Mr. Boggs reviewed the streets that will be recommended to be included in the 5-year plan. Mr. Boggs said the City has Rebuild Illinois (RBI) funds for 2025 that need to be committed to a contract by June. Mr. Boggs said there's no exact way to select which roads are the worst, and which ones need to be prioritized but generally, they select lower rated roads that receive the most traffic because those roads will deteriorate more quickly. Mr. Boggs said a street study update was done last year by Fehr Graham that helped guide the determination. Mr. Boggs reviewed the cost determination that was provided, and said staff is just looking for approval of the general areas. The City is anticipating \$1,000,000 from the 1% tax. Finance Director, Don Elliott added funding from the Motor Fuel Fund will come but is dwindling due to the number of electric autos.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6585 Approving a Marketing Agreement with Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc d/b/a Service Line Warranties of America. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2837 Amending Chapter 50 Law Enforcement, of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances to create Division 5 – Detective Sergeant. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2838 Amending Chapter 66 Parks and Recreation, Article I in General, Section 66-5 Detecting Devices. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said staff recommended not encouraging or allow folks to dig on city owned property due to disc golf having higher traffic, some buried lines in the park not being 3' deep, and land at Nature at the Confluence that was dedicated back to the Native American people. Roll call vote showed 2 ayes, 2 nays by Commissioners Adleman and Prentice, and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington. The item failed.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2839 Authorizing the disposal of certain personal property owned by the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6603 Memorial Day Parade 2025. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6604 Approving a Professional Services Agreement Proposal with Fehr Graham to provide Engineering Outsourcing Services in 2025. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the Resolution would also void previously approved Resolution 6581. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.

- f. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6605 Approving bid from DPI Construction, Inc. regarding the ADA Ramp and Inlet Replacement Project. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs said this is awarding the bid from December to DPI Construction, Inc. allowing them to start the project. Mr. Boggs said the projects will be on S. Adams and Shirland, Wheeler and Gardner, and S. Park and Gardner. Mayor Fitzgerald said the city needs to talk to companies who are causing heavy weight traffic causing damage. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to amend the 4th whereas amending it from Fischer Excavating to DPI Construction, Inc. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- g. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6606 Approving the Release or Continued Hold of Executive Session Minutes and Destruction of Executive Session Audio. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- h. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6607 Authorizing the re-appointment of members to the Board of Fire and Police Commission as follows:
- Todd Strasser is hereby re-appointed as a member of the City of South Beloit Fire and Police Commission for a term of two (2) years with said term to expire on December 31, 2026.
 - Robert McLain is hereby re-appointed as a member of the City of South Beloit Fire and Police Commission for a term of three (3) years with said term to expire on December 31, 2026.
- Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.
- i. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6608 Authorizing the re-appointment of member to the Planning & Zoning Commission as follows:
- Angela Teeters is hereby appointed as a Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for a five (5) year term with said term to expire in September 2029.
- Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:12 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Morse second the motion. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss personnel issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act
2. Discuss Pending Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 6:28 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to layover Ordinance 2840 Adding a new Section 2-55 to Division 2 Meetings, Article II City Council of Chapter 2

Administration of the Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

- b. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to layover Resolution 6609 Adopting Civility Pledge. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

ADJOURN:

At 6:28 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: