

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 19, 2025

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Hedrington, Morse, Prentice, and Mayor Fitzgerald.  
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  
Fire Chief Dan Pease  
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, Donald Elliott delivered the invocation.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Randy Peterson and Susan Miller voiced concerns regarding no credits being issued on sewer bills for refilling/topping off a pool stating it's unfair since the water will not be going into the sewer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 5, 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 May 3 -16, 2025 in the amount of \$363,610.61. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to layover Ordinance 2848 Amending Chapter 18, Businesses by adding Article XII, Residential Rental Property Registration. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2849 Amending Section 6-82 Classification; Scope; Number; Fees of Article III Retail License, of Chapter 6, Alcohol Beverages, regarding Class BG Licenses. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the amendment was requested to remove prohibiting beer gardens and other types of games. Attorney Sosnowski said most BG License locations could apply for a beer garden, but would likely not be able to fit unless they are in compliance within the Zoning Code. Council discussed the BG Licenses that are currently holding events that are prohibited for the BG Licenses. Commissioner Adleman said he is in favor of allowing BG holders to host food trucks, holding bags tournaments, and karaoke. Commissioners Morse and Prentice agreed with Commissioner Adleman. Commissioner Hedrington and Mayor Fitzgerald were not in favor of making any changes to the current ordinance. Council discussed removing the current 51% estimated revenue requirement for gaming income to be higher than the sale of food, alcohol, and/or general merchandise. Consensus was to leave the requirement and continue to keep the licenses separate from Class A Bar Only license. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to strike b., c., and the last sentence of d. from the current ordinance. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2849 as amended. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 3 ayes and 2 nays by Commissioner Hedrington and Mayor Fitzgerald.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6622 Authorizing the City to publish Notice of Sale of Surplus City Property by Way of an Alternative Method of Sale. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski explained the city is unable to get an appraisal. The City previously tried to sell the parcel via Public Auction. The resolution allows for sale by bid. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Flow-Technics ICN Service Contract for Sulzer blowers (Three HTS 2500) not to exceed \$2,500.00, second by Commissioner Prentice. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve hiring Aaron Miller for the Wastewater Treatment Department at a rate of \$21.00/hour. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote, all ayes.
- e. Council discussed various road projects and IDOT funding sources available. Administrator Hoppes reviewed the top 4 project priorities proposed:
  - Willowbrook Road (State Line to Prairie Hill) – will handle casino traffic, critical need.
  - Gardner (Highway 2 to South Park) -walkability/bikeability, potential connectivity improvements.

- Charles Street Park – long-standing improvement goal.
- South Bluff/Prairie Hill Path – awaiting grant approval; possibly integrated with this program.

Administrator Hoppes said IDOT Local Funding is due June 1, 2025. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs said Phase 1 & 2 engineering would be included in the call for projects. Flexibility exists, and project descriptions and cost estimates are sufficient for the application.

Next Steps: Council to review and follow up; applications need to be submitted before June 1st.

ADJOURN:

At 5:50 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice.  
Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: