

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 18, 2026

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, Hedrington and Mayor Fitzgerald.
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Megan Reff recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Fire Chief Brian Kunce
Waste Water Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Street Superintendent Steve Haas
Community Development Director Shawna Henthorn

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

INVOCATION: Commissioner Morse delivered the invocation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to lay over the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 4, 2026. Commissioner Adleman 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 May 2 – May 15, 2026, in the amount of \$381,549.01. Commissioner Morse seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Attorney Report: - None.
3. Reports:
City Administrator Report and Staff Quarterly Report
 - City Administrator Sonya Hoppes provided an update to Council regarding the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.
 - Community Development Director Shawna Henthorn provided a quarterly update to the City Council regarding home construction in Prairie Commons, new businesses, publication of the zoning map, code enforcement hearings, attendance at Landbank meetings and approval of various permits.Accounts & Finance-Commissioner-Ryan Adleman
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner-Ken Morse
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Public Properties-Commissioner-Courtney Prentice
Mayor-Tom Fitzgerald

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Discuss/Approve Ordinance Number 2914 Amending Chapter 118, Zoning, to Allow for Use of Shipping Containers in Certain Zoning Districts. Commissioner Morse made a motion to Discuss/Approve Ordinance Number 2914 Amending Chapter 118, Zoning, to Allow for Use of Shipping Containers in Certain Zoning Districts. Commissioner Adleman seconded the motion. Community Development Director Shawna Henthorn presented the Amendment to allow storage containers in certain commercial areas. The storage containers are not authorized to be in residential areas and cannot be used for habitation. They are able to be used for business use, but they are not able to be used for habitation or as a dwelling. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Discuss/Approve Ordinance Number 2915 Amending Sections 86-211, 86-212, 86-213, 86-214, 86-215, and 86-216 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of South Beloit regarding Permits for Certain Events in the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Morse made a motion to Discuss/Approve Ordinance Number 2915 Amending Sections 86-211, 86-212, 86-213, 86-214, 86-215, and 86-216 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of South Beloit regarding Permits for Certain Events in the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Hedrington seconded the motion. City Clerk Megan Reff presented the Amendment to allow for regulated permitting process for road barricades, block parties, and other events. This would create an application for these events and outlines a timeline for when applications are needed for these types of events. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Discuss/Approve Resolution Number 6705 Adopting the South Beloit Police Department Towing Policy and Agreement. Commissioner Morse made a motion to Discuss/Approve Resolution Number 6705 Adopting the South Beloit Police Department Towing Policy and Agreement. Commissioner Prentice seconded the motion. Chief Adam Truman presented the policy to the Council. This allows towing companies to increase their fees by 25 percent for a standard tow that was triggered by fuel costs. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Discuss/Approve Resolution Number 6706 Approving a Settlement Agreement with the Estate of Ernest Heard, Jr. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to Discuss/Approve Resolution Number 6706 Approving a Settlement Agreement with the Estate of Ernest Heard, Jr. Commissioner Hedrington seconded the motion. Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski presented the settlement agreement with the Estate of Ernest Heard to the Council and indicated that the original Memorandum of Judgment would remain in place until the sale of the property at which time it would be released for the sum of \$7,500.00 being tendered to the City. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Discuss/Approve Resolution 6707 to Appoint Member to the South Beloit Library Board. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to Discuss/Approve Resolution 6707 to Appoint Member to the South Beloit Library Board. Commissioner Morse seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

ADJOURN:

At 5:23 P.M. on a Motion by Commissioner Adleman, seconded by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.