

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall by Mayor Duffy.

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners, Barber, Chambers, LaMendola, Schoonover and Mayor Duffy.
City Attorney Aaron Szeto was present.
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes.
Department Heads in attendance:
Fire Chief Ken Morse
Police Chief Dean Stiegemeier
Public Works Supervisor Jeff Reininger

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Fitzgerald stated he believes the camera issue for the City Park was dropped by the Council. He feels like the funding should have come from the tourism funds. There have been too much money paid due to vandalism. He also feels like that the job should have been completed by a professional company and too much time was wasted on the issue.
Ilah Tinder commented on the purchase of 2 ambulances for the Fire Department. She does not feel there is a need for 2 new ambulances, and questioned where they would be funded from. She also would like to know where the money will go from the old ambulances. She commented on a non-agenda item. She stated that she spoke with Winnebago County Clerk, Margie Mullens regarding if the city would be interested in a change in the form of government. Ms. Mullens advised her that if a change were going to be added as a referendum in the next election, a Resolution would need to be drafted soon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 5, 2012 as amended and the Public Hearing held on November 5, 2012. Commissioner LaMendola second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

ADDENDUM: Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to amend the agenda to move to Correspondence Item 1 a. on the agenda. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
Police Chief Dean Stiegemeier presented Nancy McAngelo from the Silver Lining Foundation a check in the amount of \$660.00 for T-Shirt sales from the Police Department. The Police Department sold 150 T-Shirts in 15 days. Ms. McAngelo spoke about the Foundation. She stated that 100% of the proceeds go to the organization. Funds are used to purchase mammograms for women who may not be able to afford to pay, or do not have insurance coverage for the procedure. The funds raised will pay for 5 mammograms.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from November 3-16, 2012 in the amount of \$271,126.64. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

Finance Director-Don Elliott

Monthly Reports:

Fire Department

Police Department

Public Works Department

Commissioners Report:

Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Alice Schoonover

Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Linda Chambers

Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Donald Barber

Public Properties-Commissioner John LaMendola

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve Ordinance 1910 approving a Variance from the Required Front Yard Setback of 30 feet to 17 feet in the (R1) Residential One-Family Zoning District for the property located at 242 S Hackett St from Petitioner Edward Zhe. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to layover Ordinance 1900 regarding Sprinkler Meters until the next Regular Council Meeting to be held on December 3, 2012. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to layover 2013 Employee Handbook until the next Regular Council Meeting to be held on December 3, 2012. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve Pay request #4 for N-TRAK Group for 2012 Sanitary Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$118,377.58. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to approve Resolution 5612 Retaining WIPFLi, LLP to Perform the Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to approve Ordinance 1915 Amending Chapter 106 of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances Regarding Wastewater Service Charges. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

Fire Chief Morse presented 4 companies that were submitted to for bids on 2 new ambulances. No response was returned from 2 companies. 1 company submitted a letter declining to bid, and 1 bid was received from Horton/Foster Coach sales for 2 Horton 623 conversions on Ford F450 Chassis. After discussion, Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the bid for Horton/Foster Coach sales in the amount of \$365,000.00 with the trade of the current 1007 Ford Horton and 2005 GMC Margue ambulances. Commissioner Schoonover second the motion. Roll call showed 4 ayes and 1 nay from Commissioner LaMendola. The new ambulances will be not be delivered until July, 2013.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to layover Wireless Cameras for the City Park not to exceed \$3000.00 until more information and quotes are available. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve the quote for Stainless Steel Toilets for the City Park from John Rykowski in the amount of \$3750.00. A vandalism claim was submitted to the city's insurance company in the amount of \$2250.00. Insurance issued a check in the amount of \$1250.00. The city has a deductible of \$1000.00. Additional cost for the stainless steel is \$1500.00. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

Finance Director, Don Elliott informed the Council of the notice received by the Police and Fire Pension Boards regarding new Regulation Changes. Mr. Elliott stated that at the last meeting he presented the intent to levy the 3 ½ % allowed in the tax cap. After that meeting, the notice was received from the Department of Insurance regarding a significant increase to the amounts that will be required from the City for each of the funds. Mr. Elliott reviewed (2) key changes; (1)-the annual estimated return on investments below \$2.5m is being dropped from 7% to 5%, and (2)-Mortality table changes, which will result in a significant increase in the funding requirement. The amount that was levied as of June 30, 2011 will be a \$242,000.00 increase. If there would be an increase to the Police and Fire Pension levy by this amount, there would need to be a reduction in other items within the General Fund levy. The tax must be levied in December 2012. Requirements of the law regarding the pension funds were discussed. Further discussion will be required for any determination.

LICENSES & PERMITS:

Miscellaneous Licenses:

Central Vending Company, Inc.

Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to approve. Commissioner Schoonover second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

RLE's

Michael Demler-R & D #7 Inc.

Sunlee Bhai Papatlal Patel-R & D #7 Inc.

Melinda Sarver-R & D #7, Inc.

Cara Procopio-Mustang's Bar & Grill

Corbin Haynes-Mustang's Bar & Grill
Kristen Babcock-Mustang's Bar & Grill
Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to approve all RLE's. Commissioner Schoonover second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

ADJOURN:

At 7:58 pm on a motion made by Commissioner LaMendola second by Commissioner Schoonover. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: