

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Chambers, Duffy, Fitzgerald, and Redieske and Mayor Rehl  
City Attorney Doug Henry was present  
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes  
Department Heads in attendance:  
Fire Chief Ken Morse  
Police Chief Dean Stiegemeier  
Public Works Director Jeff Reininger

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 Duffy made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Chambers. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ilah Tinder asked to speak on items A. and C. under New Business.  
Shirley Tracy stated Chief Stiegemeier and Deputy Chief Truman visited the Robert Johnston Apartments to speak with the residents. The residents were well informed from the discussions and are grateful for the Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 6, 2016. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:  
1. Finance:  
Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from September 3-16, 2016 in the amount of \$231,612.01. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.  
2. Attorney Report:  
None  
3. Commissioner's Report:  
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Chambers  
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald  
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Jeff Redieske  
Public Properties-Commissioner Lori Duffy

NEW BUSINESS:  
1. Discussion/and or Motion Items:  
a. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve a reduction of Administrative Fines and Cost from the amount of \$5,250 to \$1,250 for the property located at 6915 Stalene Road from property owner Jesus Acosta. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Attorney Henry stated the owner was in Administrative Court and did bring the property in compliance, however; not until after the hearing process was completed. After the property was bought into compliance Mr. Acosta requested the reduction of fees.  
Ilah Tinder stated she lives close to the property in question and stated before the property was purchased the property was a disaster, but has now been cleaned up and looks much better. Ms. Tinder added she would much rather see \$1000 put into the home rather than in fines.

- Commissioner Fitzgerald reviewed the dates of the notices and court dates and stated the owner was given sufficient time to clean up the property. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2226 amending Chapter 86 Streets Sidewalks and other Public Places adding Section 86-12 of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Mayor Rehl stated the Ordinance is to ensure property owners are maintaining their property all the way to the street. Roll call showed 5 ayes.
  - c. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve 65 gallon recycling cart option and rate increase from \$11.50 to \$12.75. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Representative of Rock River Disposal, Glen Long was present to speak with Council. Mr. Long had a 65 gallon recycling tote available for Council and the public to show what the totes look like. Mayor Rehl stated the option for the upgrade for the tote was in the original contract with RRD and available for upgrade after the first year of the contract. Mr. Long stated the larger totes have lids to help keep the recycling enclosed in the container better than the smaller bins. Commissioner Chambers asked Mr. Long if smaller bins than the 65 gallon recycling bins are available and if residents are able to purchase a larger recycling tote on their own. Mr. Long said he would check and get back to Council on both questions. Ilah Tinder stated the recycling bin should not be optional and believes it's not fair to everyone who may not want the bigger tote. Ms. Tinder asked if RRD was making a profit from the recycling. Mr. Long responded that recyclables are a commodity and is variable. RRD takes the risk of any profit or loss on themselves. Dennis Sole stated he lives in Roscoe. Mr. Sole advised Council that if the residents do take the option to purchase the recycling totes themselves, the tote may not work for the next garbage company should the City decide to have a different waste disposal company. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to lay over the 65 gallon recycling cart option and rate increase from \$11.50 to \$12.75 until further information is provided. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
  - d. Council discussed the potential selling of City owned property located at 201 South Eighth Street (Sand Castle). Commissioner Duffy stated she talked to Commissioner Redieske and Public Works Director, Jeff Reininger regarding both the Sand Castle and City Hall buildings. City Hall is in need of a new roof as well as other repairs to areas that are deteriorating. Due to budget concerns, Commissioner Duffy would like to consider selling the Sand Castle. Fire Chief Morse was asked about the Fire Departments use of the Sand Castle for training. Chief Morse stated the Fire Department does not currently hold any classes there and would not want the City to hold the building only for their use. Council discussed the condition of both buildings and the cost of maintaining an empty building. Mr. Reininger said the City would need to consider what will be done with the parking lot that is City owned and kiddy corner to the Sand Castle. Attorney Henry stated the City will need a Resolution to deem the property as surplus, and then determine the method of selling the property. The consensus from Council was to consider the Sand Castle as surplus property and attempt to sell.

MISCELLANEOUS  
LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. RLE's:
  - a. Sonya Bragg-GMP/FasMart #5232
  - b. Kayla Dunkel-GMP/FasMart #5232
  - c. Marissa Zellmer-Viking Lanes

Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve all licenses second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- At 6:39 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Redieske second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion. The purpose for 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 acquisition of property as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

RECONVENE TO  
OPEN SESSION:

At 7:11 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Redieske second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 7:11 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Redieske second by Commissioner Duffy.  
Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: