

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 2018

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Duffy, Fitzgerald, Jones, and Mayor Rehl. Commissioner Chambers was absent
City Attorney Aaron Szeto was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Fire Chief Mike Davenport
Police Chief Pat Hoey
Public Works Superintendent 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 to amend moving item .g under New Business to before the Finance Report under Report of Officers.
Commissioner Jones second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dianne LaForge, Jeanne Nichols, and Jane Schamell from 50 North were present to speak to Council about a joint Senior Activity Center for citizens 50 and over. 50 North is a not-for profit, 501(c) (3) organization. 50 North is currently meeting 2 times a month at the Community Center in Rockton, but are looking to find a permanent place to operate. 50 North's mission is to provide programs and services through an activity center for adults over 50. The group asked for financial support from the City. Mayor Rehl said the City will be talking about the organization, and will need to look at the need as well as the possibility of partnering with other communities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 18, 2018. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
g. Kurt Kleckler with Benning Group presented a summary of the City's 2017 audit. Mr. Kleckler stated there were no significant items to report. Mr. Kleckler reviewed the Segregation of Duties and the Sewage Disposal Receivables portion of the audit and stated there were no material weaknesses in the internal controls. The audit showed nothing new or different from last year's audit.

1. Finance:
a. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from June 16-29, 2018 in the amount of \$250,441.18. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

2. Attorney Report:
Attorney Szeto provided 2 memo's to Council from City Attorney Kristine Gibbons. The first memo was regarding possible demolition options for the properties located at 2131 Blackhawk Blvd. and 2205 Blackhawk Blvd. Both properties have been condemned. Winnebago County Building Inspector, Steve Girard would need to inspect the property to see if it meets the guidelines for demolishing the structures.
The second memo was regarding the property located at 818 Blackhawk Blvd. The property has been abandoned. The memo outlined how the City could obtain ownership of the abandoned property. Attorney Gibbons was present and informed Council that a real estate tax developer out of Peoria bought 2 years of back taxes, however; they are

seeking a Sale in Error to get out of the purchase. If they are able to obtain the Sale in Error, everything starts over again, the taxes go back up for sale and the 2 year period starts over again. Attorney Gibbons will attempt to have the tax developer continue with the purchase and provide to them names and numbers of parties the City is aware of who are interested in purchasing the property as well as advise that the City could be interested in purchasing the property.

3. Commissioner's Report:

Accounts & Finance-Finance Director Don Elliott
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Lori Duffy
Public Properties-Commissioner Nick Jones

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or Motion Items:

1. a. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve hiring Brooke Popkin as paid on call Fire Fighter. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve hiring Jane Hanebuth as paid on call Fire Fighter. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- c. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion hiring Jacob Cunningham as paid on call Fire Fighter. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- d. Fire Chief, Mike Davenport provided a bio for Brooke Popkin and pinned Ms. Popkin with her Fire Fighters badge.
- e. Fire Chief Davenport provided a bio for Jane Hanebuth and pinned Ms. Hanebuth with her Fire Fighters badge.
- f. Fire Chief Davenport provided a bio for Jacon Cunningham and pinned Mr. Cunningham with his Fire Fighters badge.
- h. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5963 authorizing the Execution of Intergovernmental Agreement to join the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- i. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5964 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Broker of Record Letter with Gallagher Benefits. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- j. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5965 authorizing appraisal services by Real Property Consultants. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Attorney Szeto explained the appraisals are for a potential street department site and to obtain the value of the street department building that will be torn down. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- k. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5966 reappointing Dennis Conerton to the Police Pension Board for a term of (2) two years with said term to expire on the second Tuesday in May 2020. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Attorney Szeto said the Resolution should include the wording "replacing and repealing Resolution 5960". Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- l. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5967 Re-appointing Jarrod Peterson, Marilyn Bukove, and Jose Alarcon to the Library Board for a (3) three year term with said term to expire on July 1, 2021. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- m. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5968 Re-appointing Bernie Bowersock to the Stateline Mass Transit Board for a period of (1) one year with said term to expire in July 2019. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- n. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Ordinance 2363 authorizing the Disposal of Items of Personal Property owned by the City of South Beloit (1 cell phone) to Karen Brandenburg in the amount of \$80.00. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

- o. Council discussed lowering the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph for residential and urban areas within the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Fitzgerald said there is a problem in several subdivisions. Dropping the speed will make drivers aware and make it easier to prosecute offenders. All other neighboring cities are 25 mph. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he spoke with Roscoe Village President Krienke and Rockton Mayor Adams who both said the speed was lowered in each of their towns. Commissioner Fitzgerald believes 30 mph is too high. Attorney Gibbons reviewed the legal process to lower the limit. The City has the ability to lower the speed on authorized roads only and with a completed traffic study. Should the limit be lowered, it would need to be done via Ordinance and must be based on the traffic study. Resident, Clint Wolf said he lives in Misty Meadows. There are high school issues with kids hazard walking or driving and Mr. Wolf believes there are concerns with safety issues. Misty Meadows has no sidewalks. Mr. Wolf hopes the Council will consider lowering the speed limit to give peace of mind to residents. Commissioner Jones said he has concerns regarding the money that will be spent for the signs vs. enforcement and said signs won't matter unless there are consequences. Commissioner Fitzgerald suggested using part time Police Officers as Traffic Officers. Commissioner Duffy asked where the traffic study would be done and should the consideration be for all subdivisions within the City. Commissioner Duffy stated she spoke with the City's Engineer, Seth Gronewold who recommended the whole City be included in the traffic study. Commissioner Duffy believes if the change would be approved the study should be done the right way. The cost for speed control would be significant. Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said the book they go by states signs are not to be used for speed control and if the speed limit is lowered enforcement is the key. Chief Hoey suggested using a speed trailer for traffic studies to be done in each neighborhood, and said radar units are needed. The new squad has one. Attorney Szeto said the item was for discussion only. Should Council decide they would like to lower the limit Council can break it up by street or area.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Business Licenses:
 - a. Mothership PropCo GSE IL, LLC
 - b. Shorty's Kitchen
 - c. Triple Crown Baseball
2. RLE's:
 - a. Abbey Koch-Pearl Lake
3. Miscellaneous Licenses:
 - a. Mothership PropCo GSE IL, LLC
 - b. Shorty's Kitchen

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve all licenses second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

ADJOURN:

At 6:45 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Jones. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: