

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 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 removing Item 5. under Executive Session second by Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim McMahon presented photos of the gazebo at the City Park and asked Council why the City was not taking care of the gazebo. Originally the Lion's Club maintained the gazebo and the flowers around the gazebo. Mr. McMahon stated he initially had a contract for replacing rotted boards, but later the replacement of boards was completed by someone else. The gazebo was given to the City and should be maintained by the City. Council agreed the issue would be taken care of immediately.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 16, 2018. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: 1. Finance:
a. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from July 14-August 3, 2018 in the amount of \$289,963.58. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

2. Attorney Report:
None

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

Mayor Rehl provided an update to Council regarding the properties located at 2205 and 2131 Blackhawk Blvd that was discussed for possible demolition at the last Regular Council Meeting. Staff met with the heir of the properties and the City has a cooperative agreement to restore both properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or Motion Items:

1. a. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a request for a sewer bill reduction for the property located at 15561 Bombay Boulevard from Carolina Bartlett.

Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Clerk Patrick reviewed the request submitted. Ms. Bartlett had previously purchased a sprinkler meter approximately 7 years ago for their swimming pool. This year they had to replace the liner in the pool and upon refilling the pool received a large sewer bill. Ms. Bartlett is requesting a reduction. Clerk Patrick advised Council that historically, the City has not given adjustments for swimming pools without a sprinkler meter. Clerk Patrick explained how the sprinkler meters work for the outside water usage to get a deduction on the sewer bill for usage. Council discussed the account regarding the billing history and a possible payment agreement, as well as other options Council could consider. Public Works Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said the meter can most likely be fixed. The City charges \$20. for the parts to repair the meters. Supt. Reininger estimated the amount of gallons of water an average pool would hold. Clerk Patrick explained the City receives requests for these types of requests from residents who either don't know the sprinkler meters are an option for purchase. In cases where the City does not have the meters available for purchase, when the resident makes the purchase of the meter they are given an estimated credit for the pool. The fee for the sprinklers was discussed. After discussion of options for consideration, Commissioner Jones made a motion to issue a credit for the cost of a sprinkler meter. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 3 ayes, 1 nay by Commissioner Duffy, and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

- b. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve a request for a block party to be held on September 8, 2018 from 12:30 pm to 11:30 pm between Shaw Street and Hayes Avenue. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- c. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a request for a contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Hotel/Motel fund from the South Beloit Lions Club. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Jerry Miller was present to speak to Council about the request. Mr. Miller said the request is to help the Lions advertize for their events. Mr. Miller said because of the City's Sign Ordinance, their advertizing abilities are limited. Mr. Miller compared the Firefighter's Annual Cornboil event to events put on by the Lion's Club. Mr. Miller said the Lion's Club brings in tourism with their events such as Bingo, Pancake Breakfast, and Dinner in the Dark to name a few. Mr. Miller believes the Lion's Club is worthy of the funds and explained the Lion's gives back to the community. The recent contribution given to the South Beloit Historical Society for the Wheeler House was discussed. Attorney Szeto explained the Hotel/Motel legal usage allowances for usage of the funds as well as how the requests are determined to qualify. Council could consider an application process going forward. Finance Director, Don Elliott provided the balance in the fund as well as the commitments to Visit Beloit, Rockford Area Economical Development Council, and the portion of the commitment for the Bike Path Grant that will be required as the City's portion of the grant. Attorney Szeto said it's the Council's job to determine for any request that comes to the City for a contribution to be taken from the Hotel/Motel fund if the request meets the requirements. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- d. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the request for a contribution in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the General Fund from the South Beloit Lions Club. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Mr. Miller stated all of the equipment for the Lion's Club is in need of replacement. Roll call vote showed 4 nays and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- e. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the referral of tentative plat of B & G Development to the Zoning Board of Appeals Commission for consideration and approval or disapproval for the property located at 14465 De La Tour Drive. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- f. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5962 awarding the 2018 MFT Crack Filling project to Behm Pavement Maintenance in the amount of \$26,620.00. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- g. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5963 approving a Services Agreement with Voiance Language Services, LLC. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Chief Hoey said the agreement would cover all City Departments. The agreement provides employees a phone number to call Voiance for translations

of any language when working with non-English speaking persons for \$.82/minute. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

- h. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2364 to approve stop signs at Liston Avenue and Fawn Drive, and Fawn Drive and Hunters Way in the Misty Meadows Subdivision. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Commissioner Fitzgerald said the City has issues with speeders. Cheney Drive recently had the speed sign set up and showed 29% of drivers speed in that area. The City as a whole has issues as the speed study shows that was placed in several locations of the City. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- i. Council discussed the possibility of a shared Police Officer/Liaison for the South Beloit Schools. South Beloit Superintendent, Scott Fisher was present to speak to Council. Mayor Rehl said he and Chief Hoey were approached by Mr. Fisher regarding the issue. There is interest, however; the idea would cost the City money. Mr. Fisher said the school previously had a resource officer that was paid through a grant. The grant funding ran out, so the school lost the resource officer. The issue is about safety. Mr. Fisher said the School Board is behind the idea. The School would like to propose an Intergovernmental Agreement for a resource officer to be at the Elementary and High School levels and to build relationships with students. Mr. Fisher reviewed the current staff at the schools which includes social workers, guidance counselors, and psychology workers. Chief Hoey said the City would need to hire an additional officer since the school would require the officer to be at the school 9 months of the year. Chief Hoey said he would want to send a seasoned officer. Mayor Rehl said the item would appear on a future agenda for further discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Business Licenses:
 - a. Legacy Productions
2. RLE's:
 - a. Kelly Franchino-Hollywood Slots Inc
 - b. Taylor Neuschwander-Thurrow-Hollywood Slots Inc
 - c. Kathleen Markin-Hollywood Slots Inc
 - d. Rebekah Reed-American Legion Post 288
 - e. Rebekah Schwichtenberg-Dominicks
 - f. Kayla Severide-Got Slots

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:27 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Fitzgerald second by Commissioner Jones. Voice vote carried the motion. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss the selection of a person to fill a vacancy in a public office as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act
2. Discuss the purchase of real property as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act
3. Discuss litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act regarding City of South Beloit vs. 5 Brothers Investment International Co, LLC
4. Discuss litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act regarding Maurice Kehoe vs. City of South Beloit

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 7:01 pm

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members present at the onset of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5964 approving preparation of a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment with Fehr Graham for 624 Eastern Avenue not to exceed \$2,500.00. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

ADJOURN:

At 7:02 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Jones second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: