

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 1, 2024

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Hedrington, Prentice, and Mayor Fitzgerald. Commissioner Morse was absent.
City Attorney Eric Miller was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Police Chief Adam Truman
Street Superintendent Steve Haas
Fire Chief Jason Griffin
Community Development Director Shawna Henthorn

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

INVOCATION: Finance Director, Don Elliott delivered the invocation.

APPROVE AGENDA: Mayor Fitzgerald asked for a motion to approve the agenda amending to strike item e. from the agenda. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim Ames was present to speak to Council about the large number of carp in Lake Victoria and asked if a permit to bow fish could be issued to help reduce the number of carp in the lake.
Mayor Fitzgerald thanked the present and past personnel who served the City at the Fire Department. Mayor Fitzgerald spoke about the nationwide issue with staffing at Fire Departments as well as the starting salaries for departments at larger communities. Mayor Fitzgerald said a lot has happened in the past years and apologized that the change had to happen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 17, 2024, the Public Hearing held on June 20, 2024, and the Special Council Meeting held on June 20, 2024. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims paid from June 15 - 28, 2024 in the amount of \$288,226.15. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
2. Attorney Report:
3. Reports:
City Administrator Report and Staff Report
Accounts and Finance-Commissioner Ryan Adleman
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Ken Morse
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Brian Hedrington

Public Properties-Commissioner Courtney Prentice
Mayor-Tom Fitzgerald

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2801 approving an Amendment to the existing Special Use Permit that allows open sales lot in the (CG) Commercial General Zoning District for the property commonly known as 1240 Blackhawk Blvd., South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No's 04-07-231-013, 04-07-231,014, and 04-07-231-015. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Community Development Director, Shawna Henthorn reviewed the conditions of the Special Use Permit. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6530 approving the selection of the City's Health Insurance Plan for 2024-2025. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Clerk Patrick reviewed the plan renewal along with the addition of a high deductible plan offer. The increase to the plan is 7.05%. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on June 20, 2024 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Zoning Map Amendment for the property commonly known as 6XX Clark St., South Beloit, IL, Winnebago County, with a PIN No. 04-05-328-006 proposing that said property be zoned from the (R2A) Two - Family Residential District to the (CR) Commercial Retail Zoning District. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2806 approving a Zoning Map Amendment for the property commonly known as 6XX Clark St., South Beloit, IL, Winnebago County, with a PIN No. 04-05-328-006 proposing that said property be zoned from the (R2A) Two -Family Residential District to the (CR) Commercial Retail Zoning District. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Community Development Director Henthorn said the amendment is for a parking lot to go along with a development of an adjacent property. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- b. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on June 20, 2024 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Zoning Variance of the front yard setback from the required 30' down to 22' in the (R1) One-Family Residential Zoning District for the property located at 5772 Reidenbach Rd., South Beloit, IL, Winnebago County, PIN No 04-09-256-007. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2807 approving a Zoning Variance of the front yard setback from the required 30' down to 22' in the (R1) One-Family Residential Zoning District for the property located at 5772 Reidenbach Rd., South Beloit, IL, Winnebago County, PIN No 04-09-256-007. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Community Development Director Henthorn said the property owner has an issue with a deteriorating front stoop and sidewalk that she would like to replace with a deck using the same footprint. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6532 approving an Agreement with Stryker to provide Field Repair Services to Fire Department Equipment. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- d. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6533 appointing member to the Police Pension Board as follows:
 - Stacy Sennett-Baden is hereby appointed to a two (2) year term as trustee set to expire in May of 2026Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.

- f. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to hire Akio Crawford as Full-Time for the Streets Department at a rate of \$20.00/hour. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- g. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve a request for a Back-to-School Block Party to be held on August 17, 2024 from Noon – 5:00 pm at 241 South Hackett Street from South Beloit Church of Christ. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

ADJOURN:

At 5:47 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: