

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 3, 2023

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

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

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

INVOCATION: Police and Fire Chaplin, Dan Herman delivered the invocation.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Fitzgerald said he attended the funeral of resident, Glen Shockley. Mr. Shockley was always in attendance at the Regular Council Meetings and was a mainstay in the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 20, 2023. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from March 18 - 31, 2023 in the amount of \$291,449.70. Commissioner Morse second the motion.
Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
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

ORDINANCES-FIRST READ:
a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the first read of Ordinance 2737 approving an Agreement for the Sale of Real Property located at 233 S Harrison Avenue. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed

the bid and said the buyer is an adjacent property owner. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to waive the 2nd read. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Ordinance 2737. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6437 regarding the release or continued hold of Executive Session Minutes and Destruction of Executive Session Audio. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6438 approving an Agreement with Warner Electric, LLC for Lawn Mower Field Testing. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring Suh Che as a Police Officer. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve hiring Mohammed Salman as a Police Officer. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve hiring Kimberly McKee as Administrative Records Clerk for the Police Department. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve appointing Kimberly McKee as FOIA Officer for the Police Department. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Council had discussion regarding MFT Funds and Hayes Avenue. Council discussed the cost of complete reconstruction for Hayes is estimated to cost \$2.2 million dollars plus sewer repair costs. Council could consider a mill and overlay for Hayes and use the remaining funds for additional road projects. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs said Hayes needs full reconstruction along with 3 blocks of sewer that need to be replaced as well. If Hayes is reconstructed the city would be required to install ADA compliant ramps and curb and gutter. WWTP Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said if the sewer needs to be replaced the cost would have to come from the sewer fund. If mill and overlay is done on Hayes the expected life of the road would be 5-7 years. Council discussed other roads that could be replaced with the additional funds. Council agreed it would be a temporary fix for Hayes but would provide funding to reconstruct additional roadways. Council requested that Mr. Boggs provide options as follows: 1. Funding costs for full reconstruction for all of Hayes with 3 blocks of sewer replacement, and 2. Cost for mill and overlay for Hayes and additional streets that could be replaced. Commissioner Hedrington mentioned Forest Park Blvd off Hayes which needs reconstruction as well. Commissioner Hedrington also recommended full reconstruction of the worst area of Hayes, then mill and overlay on the rest of Hayes. Commissioner Adleman said he is in favor of the mill and overlay so that for the next election the city can have a 1% Sales Tax Referendum for streets. Attorney Sosnowski said the recommended election for the referendum would be Spring 2024.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. 2022 RLE's:
 - a. Linda Oldenburg-Sal's Slots
2. 2023 RLE's:

- a. Kevin Hansen-American Legion
- b. Cheyenne Hillis-Sal's Slots
- c. Jenna Mancini-Sal's Slots
- d. Giuseppa Ocello-Sal's Slots

Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve all licenses second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor Fitzgerald said there is no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURN:

At 5:55 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: