

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 17, 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 Adleman made a motion to amend the agenda moving Correspondence and Item b. under New Business to after the approval of the agenda, amending Ordinance to name Shawna Henthorn, and removing Item a. under New Business. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE:
1. Police Chief, Adam Truman presented John Schraeder a plaque of appreciation for years of service as a Police Officer.

NEW BUSINESS:
b. City Clerk, Tracy Patrick administered the Oath of Office to Mohammed Salman as a police officer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Nature at the Confluence intern, Stella was present to talk about the events that are upcoming for April and May at the Confluence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 3, 2023. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from April 1 - 15, 2023 in the amount of \$417,198.49. Commissioner Hedrington 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 Hedrington made a motion to approve the first read of Ordinance 2738 Disposing of Personal Property owned by the City. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6439 approving a sewer balance write off for 1520 Center Street. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Clerk Patrick explained the property had a fire. The lien the City had on the property was \$16,387.89. Upon the recommendation of City Counsel, the City was able to collect \$7,722.84 plus \$35.00 for filing fee. The amount to be written off would be \$8,665.05. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6440 approving a Professional Services Agreement with McMahon Engineers for Illinois Housing Development Authority's Housing Repair and Accessibility Program Grant Administration. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6441 regarding pay raises for certain employees of the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said the increase is to keep 2 current part time parks employees above the rate of new seasonal hires. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS
CONTINUED:

- a. Removed from Agenda
- b. Item moved on the Agenda
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6441 to approve funding request in the amount of up to \$1,200.00 from Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful for their Medication Collection. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Council discussed the process changes for disposing of drugs that are dropped off at the Fire Department on the day of the Collection Drive event. Administrator Hoppes said she spoke with the Executive Director of KNIB and asked for a rotation with other municipalities due to the liability the City takes on. Administrator Hoppes recommended continuing to support the event, however, at a reduced amount of \$200.00. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Council members had discussion regarding MFT Funds and Hayes Avenue. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs provided a packet to the Council with a number of options for road reconstruction in several areas of the city. Mr. Boggs recommended waiting 1 more season to do Hayes Avenue to allow for sewer exploration. Waste Water Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said there is no current sewer issue with residents, and only 1 spot of concern at this time, so waiting 1 more season would not be an issue. Consensus from Council was to go with Mr. Boggs recommendation.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. RLE's:
 - a. Andrew Beaudin-GPM Investments

Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the license second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.

ADJOURN:

At 6:18 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: