

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 17, 2021

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Fitzgerald, Hedrington, Morse, and Mayor Rehl.  
City Attorney Wiktoria Goscik was present  
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes  
Department Heads in attendance:  
Police Chief Adam Truman  
Fire Chief Administrator Dan Zerfass  
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Reininger  
Street Superintendent Mike Murphy

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 Hedrington made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Fitzgerald congratulated Clint Wolfe on his promotion to editor of the Beloit Daily News.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 3, 2021. 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 May 1-14, 2021 in the amount of \$276,122.00. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Attorney Report:  
None
3. Commissioner's Report:  
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald  
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Brian Hedrington  
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Ryan Adleman  
Public Properties-Commissioner Ken Morse

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
  - a. Commissioner Adleman thanked Trent Kehoe for his service to the City and said Mr. Kehoe had served 21 ½ years in the Streets Department. Street Superintendent, Mike Murphy presented Mr. Kehoe with a plaque for his years of service to the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. a. Council discussed an ordinance establishing a new Liquor License Classification for convenience/fuel stores who wish to incorporate video gaming. John Nuvara from Liquor Street Gaming was present to speak to Council about the proposed ordinance he drafted that other municipalities have used to add a separate classification of Liquor License in addition to the current class for convenience stores and liquor stores. Mr. Nuvara said the class was offered to help businesses with additional revenue. Mr. Nuvara explained how other municipalities have operated that have adopted the license. Commissioner Fitzgerald said his concern regarding the income revenue for gaming is that the City only gets 5% of the portion of income for video gaming. Commissioner Adleman asked if Mr. Nuvara had a location in mind for this

classification. Mr. Nuvara said Hometown Food and Liquor is interested. Mayor Rehl thanked Mr. Nuvara for the information and said Council will discuss the matter again.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on April 21, 2021 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Zoning Variance. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Ordinance 2611 approving a Zoning Variance in the (R2) Residential Two-Family Zoning District for a side yard setback from the required 5 feet down to 1foot for the property located at 532 Hemenway Place, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No. 04-05-379-028. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote second the motion.
- b. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on April 21, 2021 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Special Use Permit. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2612 approving a Special Use Permit in the (CR) Commercial Retail Zoning District for Manufacturing a Light Industrial Use permitted in the (IL) Light Industrial Zoning District for the property located at 200 South Hackett (Unit A), South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No. 04-06-182-013. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on April 21, 2021 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Special Use Permit. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2613 approving a Special Use Permit in the (CR) Commercial Retail Zoning District for warehousing for construction and remodeling, a permitted use in the (IL) Light Industrial Zoning District for the property located at 200 South Hackett (Units B and C), South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, and with PIN No. 04-06-182-013. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on April 21, 2021 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Special Use Permit. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2614 approving a Special Use Permit in the (CT) Commercial Traffic Zoning District for off street parking lot located on a site separated from the use which the facilities serve for the property located at 7700 First Ranger Drive, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No. 04-03-300-023. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on April 21, 2021 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Special Use Permit. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2615 approving a Special Use Permit in the (CT) Commercial Traffic Zoning District for a freestanding monument, off-site advertising sign, for the property located at 15733 Willowbrook Road, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No. 04-03-300-020. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2616 amending Chapter 2 Administration, Article VII Investment Policy, Section 2-518 of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2617 amending Various Provisions of Chapter 2 of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinance related to the Finance Director. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2618 amending Chapter 66 Parks and Recreation, Article I in General, Section 66-8 of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Commissioner Adleman said the current ordinance needed to be amended for a spelling correction and walleye was added to the ordinance. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- i. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2619 amending Chapter 102-Traffic and Vehicles, Article II, Stopping, Standing, and Parking of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6227 approving the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects and Illinois Housing Development Authority Funds. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- k. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6228 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a Proposal for GBEDC Mapping and Photos with Fehr Graham. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Mayor Rehl said the agreement is to look at Gardner Street to improve businesses and residential homes. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- l. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6229 approving the Thirty Second IEPA Loan Disbursement in the amount of \$128,680.50. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- m. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6230 approving the Final Pay Estimate Application #4 for the City Hall Project to Sjostrom & Sons in the amount of \$26,536.68. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Finance Director, Don Elliott said the City will need to do a supplemental budget transfer. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- n. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6231 approving a Hotel/Motel Funding Grant Application to the South Beloit Lion's Club in the amount of \$2,500.00. The motion died for a lack of a second.
- o. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring Andrew Radke for part-time Parks Department at a rate of \$11.00/hour. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Commissioner Adleman said filling the position at \$11.00/hour will be hard to fill. Council discussed the issue of starting pay for part-time positions and the need to be competitive and comparable. Street Superintendent, Mike Murphy said he would like to pay according to the applicant's skill level. Council discussed the wage plan for Illinois that will increase the starting wage to \$15.00/hour over the next few years. Finance Director, Don Elliott said the minimum wage increase is already having a ripple effect across the City as well as the ramifications that will come with the increase. The City will need to look at this issue and have a plan. Council discussed entry level pay and possibly implementing a sign on bonus if part-time employees stay on for the entire season. Commissioner Adleman said he would not want to bring in a new employee higher than a current employee that has been with the City for a number of years. Mayor Rehl said the City is looking at upgrading curb appeal and the street department will be crucial to the project. Fire Chief, Dan Zerfass said the City has part-time paid on call fire fighters who are making \$12.75/hour. Commissioner Fitzgerald recommended approving hiring Mr. Radke at \$11.00/hour and have the City continue to work on the part-time employee rates. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS  
LICENSES AND PERMITS:

- 1. Business Licenses:
  - a. JMJSPI, Inc
  - b. JNM Auto Shop
  - c. Freedom Builders & Remodelers
  - d. Shade Aire LLC

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:32 pm on a motion from Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Hedrington. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

- 1. Discuss personnel issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO  
OPEN SESSION:

At 7:14 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 7:14 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Hedrington second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: