

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 3, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 5:02 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 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: Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the amended Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 6, 2024 and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 20, 2024. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims paid from May 18 - 31, 2024 in the amount of \$381,489.63. Commissioner Prentice 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-SECOND READ:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2797 Imposing a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

ORDINANCES-FIRST READ:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2799 Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, Division 2, Meetings. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Attorney Miller explained the change is a Special Rule of Order that does not require a second reading of an ordinance, and includes that an item cannot be laid over more than 1 time. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2799 Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, Division 2, Meetings. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2800 Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, Division 2, Meetings, Section 2-47 Order of Business. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2800 Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, Division 2, Meetings, Section 2-47 Order of Business. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6528 Approving Professional Services Agreement proposal from Fehr Graham regarding the Hayes Avenue Replacement of Sanitary Sewer Mains and Roadway Reconstruction Project. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs reviewed everything the scope of work would include. Mr. Boggs said an employee would be on-site for 8 hours each day to oversee the project. Mayor Fitzgerald said he is in favor of the agreement due to the issues the sewer plant punch list issues. WWTP Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said he requested the agreement due to the hills on the road to ensure property compaction, base, and to ensure all work is completed properly. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve a revised Offer of Employment Letter to Caden Prentice. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 abstain by Commissioner Prentice.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve a request from The Rusty Wheel to close the parking lot for a bags league on Thursday's from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm starting May 30 to approximately August 22, 2024. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve a request from the Knights of Columbus for a Car Show at St. Peter's Didier Hall parking lot on August 24, 2024 from 8 am – 1 pm. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Council discussed a potential Tax Rebate Program for new residential construction. Commissioner Prentice said a developer reached out asking about any incentives the City could provide. Commissioner Prentice said he did some research on what the City of Rockford did for a program similar to what the City of South Beloit could do. Commissioner Prentice said the majority of property taxes are school taxes. Council discussed what a possible program could look like as follows:
 - Existing Platted subdivision and lots only
 - Incentive for property owner only (not for developers)
 - Must be owner occupied
 - Incentive is not transferrableCouncil determined Commissioner Prentice would look into compiling more information and discuss with local school districts.

ADJOURN:

At 5:51 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice.
Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: