

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 7, 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 Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Fire Administrator Dan Zerfass
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Reininger

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 Morse made a motion to amend the agenda to move Item 1. a. under New Business to immediately after the Approval of the Minutes. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Helsell asked why his Zoning Board of Appeals and Business License items were not on the agenda, and added that the delay is causing a hardship. Attorney Sosnowski said a letter was sent to Mr. Helsell outlining the remaining issues that need to be taken care of prior to a Business License being issued. City Administrator Hoppes said she would meet with Mr. Helsell the following day to go over the remaining items that are needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1-2. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 16, 2021, and the minutes of the Public Hearing held on August 16, 2021. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. a. Sonya Hoppes was sworn in by Clerk Patrick as City Administrator.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: 1. Finance:
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from August 15-September 3, 2021 in the amount of \$297,953.05. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

1. 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. Council presented a plaque to the Sylvia Lawinger, daughter of the late Bryant Bauling in memory of his years of service.
2. Mayor Rehl read a proclamation proclaiming September as Suicide Prevention Month. Dr. Don Knight was present to accept the proclamation. Dr. Knight said it's so important to bring mental health to the front of issues of today's society.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
 - a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2642 amending Section 19-423 of Capital 18 Businesses, Article XI, Mobile Food Trucks and Vendors. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he would like Item 12 to have the City Administrator added to authorize approval of an application as well as the City Clerk or City Attorney. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS
CONTINUED:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
 - b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2643 approving a Class G Liquor License for 4 Dave Corp. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - c. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2644 approving a Zoning Variance in the (CG) Commercial General Zoning District to allow for a free-standing sign in excess of height and size. A variation from 20 feet up to 29 feet in height and from 150 square feet to 165 square feet in size for the property located at 1401 Pate Plaza Dr, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No. 04-04-100-002. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the Zoning Board of Appeals Board gave a negative recommendation. Roll call vote showed 5 nays. The Ordinance failed.
 - d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2645 Reinstating City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances Section 6-22 Possession Prohibited on Public Property and Business Parking Lots of the City that were suspended due to Covid-19. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Council determined the ordinance would not be reinstated at this time due to the resurgence of Covid-19. Roll call vote showed 5 nays. The Ordinance failed.
 - e. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2646 Creating Article X Establishing the City of South Beloit Revitalization Account in Chapter 2 Administration of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. President/CEO, Jen Hall, of the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation gave a presentation of the Revitalization Strategy that include:
 - Utilization Resources of available Partners
 - Attract Developers to Illinois 139/90 Exit 1
 - Attract Developers to South Beloit's New Commercial District
 - Revitalize Gardner Street
 - Revitalize Blackhawk Boulevard
 - Nature at the Confluence

Ms. Hall explained the establishment of a fund and said the City will be seeking to obtain matching funds from local businesses. Ms. Hall said the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is looking at Blackhawk Boulevard improvements. Mayor Rehl said Council is on board and committed. Businesses have already started improvements, and the City has already received commitments. Commissioner Fitzgerald spoke about Gardner Street being primarily rental properties. Council discussed the need for owners of the rental properties to get on board with the project. Council discussed how the revitalization strategy will work. Ms. Hall said the project is a marathon. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- f. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Ordinance 2647 amending the Bereavement Leave Policy in the Employee Handbook. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2648 authorizing the disposal of certain personal property owned by the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. WWTP Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said the items are not usable for the new plant. Items will be sold on the Wisconsin Surplus and will not have a minimum bid amount. Roll call showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6264 approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Bird Rides, Inc. for electrical scooters. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- i. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6265 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County regarding Grant Funding for the improvement of certain roads within the City. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the agreement is to receive funding for road projects. Each City will receive \$100,000.00. The funding is from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to hire Steven Haas as Streets Superintendent at a rate of \$58,000.00 annually. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- k. Commissioner Morse made a motion to re-hire Jason Price as a paid-on call Fire Fighter at a rate of \$11.00/hour. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. RLE's:

- a. Jenn Carley-American Legion
- b. Amy Ekberg-Hidden Creek Estates
- c. Brenda Hoppe-Quick Hit Slots
- d. Barbara-Ann Redieske-Viking Lanes
- e. Lula McCaa-Quick Hit Slots
- f. Sarah Quealy-Hidden Creek Estates

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

2. Video Gaming Licenses:

- a. Anna Maria's

3. Mobile Food Trucks:

- a. Lil Franks BBQ
- b. Marvin's Taco's
- c. Pizza Fresca

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

ADJOURN:

At 6:38 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Fitzgerald second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: