

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2024

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Hedrington, Morse, Prentice, and Mayor Fitzgerald. Commissioner Adleman was absent.
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski 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 Morse made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 18, 2024. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICER

1. Finance:
Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve the claims paid from March 16 - 28, 2024 in the amount of \$351,033.17. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
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
Mayor Fitzgerald congratulated and presented a sign to Wastewater Superintendent, Jeff Reininger for being awarded the 2024 Wastewater System Operation Specialist of the Year from the Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA).

CORRESPONDENCE:
1. Julie Uram was presented a Thank you Certificate and gift for her service on the Zoning Board of Appeals Board.

Julie Uram and Camille from Nature at the Confluence provided an update on events and statistics for Nature at the Confluence (NATC). Ms. Uram spoke about the number of events that were held in 2022 and 2023 for public programs and stated NATC offers private programs as well. Mr. Uram said NATC is looking for grants to help sustain events held at NATC. Ms. Uram provided an income and expenditure review. Camille provided information regarding the number of families that come and the areas that families come from to visit NATC.

- 2-3. Celestino Ruffini from Visit Beloit and John Groh from the Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (RACVB) were present to speak to Council about how each organization markets and promotes local businesses from South Beloit. Mr. Ruffini said Visit Beloit has partnered with South Beloit since 2008. Mr. Groh said RACVB has partnered with South Beloit since 2011. Both organizations try to attract economic development and work at attracting visitors to South Beloit. Mr. Ruffini and Mr. Groh reviewed strategic plans for each organization.

ORDINANCES-SECOND READ:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to layover Ordinance 2776 Adopting a revised Zoning Code. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.

ORDINANCES-FIRST READ:

- a. From the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on March 20, 2024 a positive recommendation was given regarding an amendment to the existing Special Use Permit that allows open sales lot in the (CG) Commercial General Zoning District for the property commonly known as 1240 Blackhawk Blvd., South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No's 04-07-231-013, 04-07-231-014, and 04-07-231-015. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2788 An amendment to the existing Special Use Permit that allows open sales lot in the (CG) Commercial General Zoning District for the property commonly known as 1240 Blackhawk Blvd., South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No's 04-07-231-013, 04-07-231-014, and 04-07-231-015. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2788 An amendment to the existing Special Use Permit that allows open sales lot in the (CG) Commercial General Zoning District for the property commonly known as 1240 Blackhawk Blvd., South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No's 04-07-231-013, 04-07-231-014, and 04-07-231-015. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- b. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2789 amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Article III, Retail License, Section 6078, Bond. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2789 amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Article III, Retail License, Section 6078, Bond. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6512 Memorial Day Parade 2024. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6513 authorizing the City to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement in opposition to the Illinois-American Water Company Rate Increase. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the City has previously joined in a coalition with several other communities to limit increases from Illinois American Water and have been

successful. The City is joining in a coalition with other communities again to limit another rate increase. The cost for each community is approximately \$1,800.00. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent from Commissioner Adleman.

- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6514 approving an Agreement with Westech Engineering to provide Wastewater Treatment Plant Equipment Maintenance Services. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- d. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6515 approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of South Beloit and the Illinois Council of Police increasing wages in the Streets, Wastewater or Public Property Departments, and extending the Termination Date of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Council discussed amending Article XI Mobile Food Trucks and Vendors removing the requirement to provide Permit from the Winnebago County Health Department for Food Truck Private Events. Attorney Sosnowski said currently the Food Truck licenses are \$20.00/day or \$50.00/week. Private property owners have held private events. The ordinance is cumbersome for private events. The Winnebago County Health Department does not issue permits for private events. Staff is recommending waiving the requirement for a license for food trucks doing private events. Public events would still be required to be licensed through the City and the Winnebago County Health Department. Commissioner Prentice asked if block parties would be considered as a private event. Attorney Sosnowski said those could be considered as private events. Consensus from Council was to amend the ordinance. Attorney Sosnowski said she would draft an ordinance and bring it back to Council for approval.

ADJOURN:

At 6:05 pm on a motion by Commissioner Morse second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: