

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Hedrington, Morse, 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:
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 Hedrington made a motion to amend the agenda to move item a. under New Business to after the Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve and also amend item g. under Resolutions to at a cost not to exceed \$29,626.38. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Prentice abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$200.00 for the purchase of 233 South Harrison Avenue. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said this was the property that the Fire Department had a fire exercise on. The basement was filled in, well removed, and property was restored to grass. Administrator Hoppes said the minimum bid for the parcel was \$500.00. The bid submitted was \$200.00. Roll call showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman to accept the \$200.00 bid for the sale of 233 South Harrison.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from March 4-17, 2023 in the amount of \$264,895.95. 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

ORDINANCES-SECOND READ:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2736 approving an Agreement for the Sale of Real Property located at 632 Lathrop Terrace. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6430 approving a Final replat for PBC Linear. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Community Development Director Shawna Henthorn said the parcel is being replatted from 1 parcel to 3 parcels. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs reviewed the conditions for the replat. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6431 rescinding Resolution 6393. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Administrator Hoppes explained the transfer is in regards to the city trying to look at options for Hayes Avenue. If a mill and overlay can be done, MFT funds won't be needed. If MFT funds will be needed for Hayes Avenue, the funds to be transferred back to the General Fund. Mayor Fitzgerald said the city is hoping to do more roads by having a mill and overlay done on Hayes instead of a complete reconstruction, which would be much more expensive due to the handicap accessibility requirements. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6432 approving the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Community Development and Capital Projects Funds. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- c. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6433 authorizing an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement with the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall's Office for \$24,003.50 for equipment purchase for the Fire Department. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Chief Griffin said the city received a grant for hydraulic extraction equipment. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- d. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6434 approving a Professional Services Agreement proposal with Fehr Graham for a Multi-Year Street Maintenance Study at a cost of \$8,500.00. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Prentice.
- e. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6435 approving a Street Sweeper Rental from Trickie Enterprises for the Street Department. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Street Superintendent Haas said the agreement will only be put in place if the city's street sweeper does not work as it is currently at the mechanics shop for repair. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- f. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6436 authorizing and approving a proposal from Emergency Lighting & Electronics, LLC for the purchase of equipment for a new Fire Department pickup truck at a cost of \$29,626.38. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.

NEW BUSINESS
CONTINUED:

- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to discuss Twin Oaks street lighting. Administrator Hoppes reviewed the issue of a streetlight that is no longer working at the Twin Oaks subdivision. There is currently still a Home Owners Association (HOA) in place. Staff needs direction regarding what the city would like to do. Attorney Sosnowski said these types of things are typically dedicated to the city. It is not uncommon for the city to not have any knowledge regarding the lights. If the city would like to replace the lights it could be replaced with a regular light instead of the decorative style that is currently there, or let the responsibility be on the subdivision. Attorney Sosnowski said the developer's agreement is vague, and does not speak to the lighting. Commissioners Morse and Hedrington believe the city should accept responsibility for the lighting. Commissioner Prentice said the city needs to contact the HOA, and the city needs to consider the decision going forward since there are other subdivisions that may be affected in the future with the same issues. Street Superintendent Haas said there are similar issues in other subdivisions. WWTP Superintendent Reininger suggested considering a Special Service Area if the HOA want to have the lights replaced with the same fancy lights. Consensus from Council was to have Administrator Hoppes contact the HOA to get more information.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. RLEs:
 - a. Ryleigh Fosburg-Bordertown
 - b. Melissa Richardson-Bordertown
 - c. Maria Torres-Got Slots

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:43 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Prentice the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss personnel issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
2. Review closed session minutes including semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 7:08 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members previously at the meeting at the reconvening of the meeting.

ADJOURN:

At 7:08 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Morse second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: