

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2022

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Fitzgerald, Morse, Hedrington, and Mayor Rehl
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Fire Lieutenant David Palmer
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Street Superintendent Steve Haas

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Rehl read a Public Comment that was submitted via electronic mail to the City Clerk from Ethan Kinney. Mr. Kinney asked that Council consider amending Section 10-2 of the Code of Ordinances regarding chickens being a nuisance. Mr. Kinney named other municipalities that allow chickens, and stated that due to inflation and shortages he believes it would be beneficial to give residents the option to raise chickens. Anthony Smith spoke to Council at the last meeting regarding his desire to develop property on East Clark Street. Mr. Smith stated he received 15 violations since bringing up the request. Mr. Smith said he would like to speak to someone about the sewer connection as well as have an explanation for the violations he received. Staff will meet with Mr. Smith this week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 4, 2022. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from April 2-15, 2022 in the amount of \$449,634.31. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

2. Reports:
Staff Report-City Administrator, Sonya Hoppes
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Ryan Adleman
Public Properties-Commissioner Ken Morse
Mayor-Ted Rehl

During the reports, SPC/EMT Brian Otto was recognized with a plaque of appreciation and dedication for his services to the City of South Beloit, and the United States. Mr. Otto is being deployed to Qatar. The Fire Department is selling shirts that will be available at the Corn Boil event. The shirts are red in color, and will be worn by staff on Fridays. The shirts display “RED Friday” (Remember Everyone Deployed) on the front and have the American Flag, City of South Beloit Fire Department logo, and a soldier silhouette on the back. All proceeds from the sale will go to a cause to be determined by the Fire Fighter’s Association.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Mayor Rehl read a Great American Cleanup Proclamation proclaiming April 30th as Great American Cleanup Day. Citizens are encouraged to participate.
2. Jim Reesburg with Emergency Planning Solutions LLC provided a bio of himself, and Emergency Planning Solutions LLC. Mr. Reesburg provided information regarding what his company could provide for services relating to a Fire Chief Search. Mr. Reesburg provided a packet of information for Council’s review. Some of the services that would be included are as follows:
 - Review Letters of Application for the Fire Chief position
 - Review applicant resume’s and provide a rating sheet of the candidate
 - Interview applicants
 - After candidates are selected from the Council each candidate will be given an assignment to create a Standard Operating Procedure for the Fire Department
 - Final candidates will conduct a site visit to South Beloit for interviews by Council

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
 - a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2687 authorizing the disposal of personal property owned by the City. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6315 authorizing the purchase of a hot patch trailer for the Street Department. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6316 authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement to join a coalition of municipalities to object to Illinois American Water’s rate increase. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the City previously joined in a coalition with other municipalities to object a rate increase from Illinois American Water. At that time the protest helped lower the rate. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - d. Council discussed code enforcement cases that have Findings Decisions and Orders (from Administrative Hearings) and are not in compliance with City Ordinances. Attorney Sosnowski provided a packet with photos and explained the Administrative Hearing process. Code Enforcement Officer, Shawna Henthorn ranked the 5 worse properties. Attorney Sosnowski explained properties that are in the rankings can go through the foreclosure process where the City would obtain title. Once the City has ownership of the properties they will be placed on a demolition list for the City to have the property demolished, returned to vacant land and the property will then be sold. Consensus from Council was to move forward with the process.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. RLE’s:
 - a. Kaitlyn Amenda-Hidden Creek Estates
 - b. Carletha Crout-The Wheel
 - c. Kathleen Gay-Hidden Creek Estates
 - d. Christina Popoola-American Legion
 - e. Jennifer Reyes-Hidden Creek Estates

- f. LaFonda Richardson-The Wheel
- g. Ava Tarara-Hidden Creek Estates

2. Food Truck Licenses:

- a. The Olive Branch

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:30 pm on a motion from Commissioner Hedrington second by Commissioner Morse council approved going in to Executive Session. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

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

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 7:22 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 7:22 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: