

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall by Mayor Rehl.

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Chambers, Duffy, Fitzgerald, Redieske and Mayor Rehl.
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Fire Chief Ken Morse
Police Chief Dean Stiegemeier
Public Works Director 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 Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Beloit 2020 representatives Jeff Adams, Jacob Blue, and Joe Stadelman were present at the meeting. Mr. Adams reviewed and provided updates regarding items c. and d. under New Business. Mr. Adams explained why the Development Agreement was being amended that was previously approved by Council in April 2016. The agreement was paused in order to see what environmental issues were potential problems for the future property. Beloit 2020 and the City have been working with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The amended agreement previously included 420 Blackhawk Blvd and 301 Charles St, and will also now include the Salgado property (17 acres located on the river) and 306 Dickop. The Memorandum of Understanding is to allow Beloit 2020 on City owned property at 306 Dickop. There will be a ground breaking ceremony on November 3, 2016 at 8 am at the Confluence. Mr. Blue showed draft drawings of the renovations that will be done at the Confluence that will include a classroom center, small counsel ring, and fireplace chimney. Commissioner Fitzgerald asked if the City has received documentation from the IEPA regarding the condition of the property and if it is safe for the City to agree to accept the property. Mayor Rehl said the City has received the paperwork which is with the City Engineers. The City is able to accept the property. Should the City ever decide to clean up or develop the property the City would still be eligible for any EPA grants at that time.
Bill Callahan has concerns with item c. under New Business regarding hunting within the City limits.
Ilah Tinder stated she is upset with the Police Department and Animal Control. Ms. Tinder spoke about issues she recently had regarding a neighbors dogs and fencing. Ms. Tinder contacted the Code Enforcement Officer and Animal Control and has not had any resolution to the problem. Ms. Tinder also said there are other animal issues within the City that are not being taken care of. Ms. Tinder said there was also a resident who walks in the City and recently was bitten by a dog. The resident does not want to report the problem, so she would like to. Ms. Tinder would like the issues to be addressed.
Bill Tinder complimented how nice the City Park looks and thanked Commissioner Duffy and the Council on a job well done.
Ilah Tinder would like to speak on item a. under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on October 3, 2016 and the Regular Council Meeting held on October 3, 2016. Commissioner Redieske 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 October 1-14, 2016 in the amount of \$486,537.44. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

2. Attorney Report:

None

3. Commissioner's Report:

Accounts & Finance-Finance Director Don Elliott
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Jeff Redieske
Public Properties-Commissioner Lori Duffy

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/and or Motion Items:

a. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve the Pay Request #1 to Kelsey Excavating, Inc. for 2016 Sanitary Lateral Improvements in the amount of \$100,246.61. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. McMahon Engineer, Nick Arps provided an update to Council for the laterals. Kelsey has completed approximately half of the laterals. Some restoration may need to be completed in the spring due to the colder weather approaching.

Ilah Tinder asked when the property owners will receive their statements for the work done.

Mr. Arps said the statements would not go out until all the work has been completed on all the properties by the contractor. The bills would most likely not be submitted until the 2018 tax bill. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

b. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve final payment of MFT project for 2016 Street Maintenance project to Rock Road companies Inc. in the amount of \$9,092.83. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Public Works Director, Jeff Reiningger said the project was for the resurfacing of Shaw Street, Oakland Avenue, and a portion of Nazarene Drive. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

c. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5868 authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement regarding the Confluence Project. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

d. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Resolution 5869 approving a License Agreement with regards to the Confluence Project. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

e. Council discussed concerns regarding hunting within the limits of the City and neighboring county properties. The City has received complaints from citizens regarding gun shots, a home that was hit by a bullet, and hunters bow hunting within the City. Commissioner Fitzgerald explained the concerns and stated he spoke with Brian Alt from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) because of the complaints. The DNR's job is to investigate illegal hunting. Chief Stiegemeier said the Police Department has been dealing with the issues, however; the incidents are hard to police. Mayor Rehl said this is not about gun control, but rather a safety issue. The Salgado property that will be part of the Confluence project will be a huge concern for the future project.

Bill and Penny Callahan were present. They live close to the river and hear shots very frequently. Their property is close to another property that is within the County limits. Mr. Callahan said he can verify that the shots are coming from rifles. Ms. Callahan asked how they would be able to know if the shots are from target practicing or actual hunting.

Chief Stiegemeier said the county is aware of the concerns and issues. The County has assisted the police in this matter.

Commissioner Fitzgerald will arrange a meeting with the Police Department and Mr. Alt to find out what can be done regarding the issues of concern and report back to Council after the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Miscellaneous Licenses:
 - a. Haven TCG
 - b. Alter Trading Corporation
2. RLE's:
 - a. Corey Flores-Viking Lanes
 - b. Bryan Ford-FasMart #5232
 - c. Magdalena Kozikowski-FasMart #5232

Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve all licenses second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:56 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Chambers second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss personnel issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
2. Discuss potential litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 7:37 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Redieske second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Roll call showed all members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 7:37 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Redieske second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: