

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 6:04 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall by Mayor Rehl.

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Chambers, Fitzgerald, Redieske and Mayor Rehl. Commissioner Duffy was absent
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 Redieske. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: James Gander asked what was being done with the City owned property that's located behind the South Bluff Mobile Home Park. There has been a large area of garbage/yard waste. Mr. Gander is concerned that the property is already or will soon be infested with rats. Mr. Gander is also concerned with issues with gunfire.
Commissioner Fitzgerald said he spoke with the Department of Natural Resources and the State's Attorney regarding hunting. Commissioner Fitzgerald and Chief Stiegemeier explained hunting is illegal in the City limits, however; if the property is in the County, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has authority, not the City. In the County the hunter cannot be within 300' of anything to legally shoot. Commissioner Fitzgerald suggested calling 9-1-1 for any shots fired. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he will continue to attempt trying to get things changed regarding the County. Chief Stiegemeier stated he will look into the garbage/yard waste issue.
Ilah Tinder stated she may want to speak on Item 1. h under New Business. Ms. Tinder also questioned what the City handbook states in regards to suspicion of alcohol for employees. She would like to know if there is a zero tolerance or if it is handled case by case, and the consequences. Mayor Rehl said the employees are tested if alcohol is suspected, however; the employee has rights for due processing as well.
Jack Redieske agreed that the Handbook needs reviewed. He stated that he and another employee were forced out of the Fire Department after 35 years on the department for the same issue based on hearsay. Mayor Rehl said the policy is undergoing scrutiny. Mr. Redieske asked to have a meeting with the Mayor and Commissioner Fitzgerald.
Ilah Tinder said she does not like the Council deferring to the City Attorney. She believes the Council has been in their positions long enough and should speak on items instead of the Attorney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on October 17, 2016, the Regular Council Meeting held on October 17, 2016, and the Special Council Meeting held on October 31, 2016. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from October 15-November 4, 2016 in the amount of \$256,304.71. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Duffy.

2. Attorney Report:

None

3. Commissioner's Report:

Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Chambers
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Jeff Redieske

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/and or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Ordinance 2230 approving a Class A Liquor License for Victory Slots & Bar, and approval of a request for a prorated fee for the license in the amount of \$166.68. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Duffy.
- b. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Resolution 5870 appointing Margie Bertholomey to the Library Board for the unexpired three (3) year term of Randy Shepard set to expire on June 30, 2019. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- c. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2231 updating the City's Employee Handbook. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski explained the new requirements under the State Statute regarding full time employee vacation and travel/training reimbursement that needs to be amended in the Employee Handbook. Council will need to determine the maximum amount of reimbursement for all expenses allowed. Council decided more time was needed to review the new requirements in order to determine the maximum amount allowed. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to layover Ordinance 2231 second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.
- d. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Ordinance 2232 authorizing the City to Sell Personal Property of the City. The Sand Castle located at 201 South Eighth Street is in the process of being sold. This Ordinance allows the contents inside to be sold. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Duffy.
- e. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Ordinance 2233 amending Chapter 66- Parks and Recreation Article I-In General of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Commissioner Redieske explained the purpose of the Ordinance is to protect the recently renovated tennis courts at the City Park. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Duffy.
- f. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Resolution 5871 awarding a snow plow contract for 2016 and 2017 seasons to AMS Asphalt Maintenance Services. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Public Works Director, Jeff Reininger stated the City received 3 bids. Mr. Reininger recommended the contract be awarded to AMS for a 2-year period. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Duffy.
- g. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve 5872 Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement with Warner Electric, LLC (i.e. Altra). Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Mayor Rehl explained the agreement will allow Altra to begin to receive TIF funds. The agreement provides 80% of the Available Tax Increment for improvements for up to 23 years. The agreement allows for reimbursement up to a total of \$250k. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Duffy.
- h. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to Waive Formal Bidding Requirement to Retain Stiles, Inc. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Mayor Rehl explained bids went out by Terracon for the parking lot project at Altra. Stiles was the lowest bidder and will do the work for Altra.
Ilah Tinder asked what this is for.
Mayor Rehl explained the City will need to retain Stiles to do the work the City will have done that is associated with the USEPA Grant the City received for the cleanup work. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Duffy.
- i. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5873 Retaining the Services of Stiles, Inc. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Duffy.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Miscellaneous Licenses:
 - a. Tiana Mahlum-Got Slots

Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve the license second by Commissioner Chambers. Voice vote carried the motion.

ADJOURN:

At 6:50 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Redieske second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: