

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2013

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Barber, LaMendola, Schoonover, and Mayor Duffy. Commissioner Chambers 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 Dept Jeff Reininger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Duffy and recited by all members present.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner LaMendola second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carl Briscoe explained that he submitted a plumber's bill to the City in the amount of \$832.99 for sewer flooding that occurred in his basement located at 814 Roscoe Ave. He explained what happened and stated he feels like it was an issue with the City's sewer system. The matter was discussed. Mr. Briscoe stated that the plumber said the backup was in the street and caused the backup in the basement. He stated he would like to have the matter brought to the full Council for review and discussion. Mayor Duffy stated the matter would be on the next Regular Council Meeting agenda of January 6, 2014. Tom Fitzgerald stated he was recently asked by a Council member what he thought of a short invocation at the beginning of City meetings. Mr. Fitzgerald stated he did not have an issue as long as there is separation between church and the state and is not offensive to anyone.
Bill Tinder stated he is supporting what Mr. Fitzgerald stated regarding the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 18, 2013. Commissioner Schoonover second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 2, 2013. Commissioner LaMendola second the motion. Roll call vote showed 3 ayes, 1 abstain by Commissioner Schoonover and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve claims to be paid from November 30-December 13, 2013 in the amount of \$329,100.26. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Finance

Don Elliott

Monthly Reports:

Fire Department

Police Department

Public Works Department

Commissioners Reports:

Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Alice Schoonover

Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Donald Barber

Public Properties-Commissioner John LaMendola

FOIA Report:

City Clerk:

Requestor

Bloomberg LP

Date

11-12-13

Information requested:

Financial Audit Report for 2011

My Campaign Store LLC 12-6-13 List of candidates for 2014 Primary Election

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chief Stiegemeier presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Susie Gaffey for her dedication to the South Beloit Police Department Shop With A Cop Program. Her efforts with a bowling event she held raised over \$800.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Barber made a motion to layover Resolution 5675 Authorizing the Mayor of the City of South Beloit to execute a grant agreement in the amount of \$25,000.00 for State Planning Research Funds from SLATS for a study on bike path connections in Northern Illinois.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to waive penalties for sewer billing from previous tenants unpaid bills in the amount of \$8,300.78 from Miguel Cepeda. This item was presented at the Regular Council Meeting held on December 2, 2013. Mr. Cepeda is in the process of refinancing the property. The property has several unpaid sewer bills left by tenants that he is willing to pay in full, however, without the penalty charges. His request is to waive all the penalty charges so he can pay all accounts in full. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to approve the request by Gardner Street Co. Inc. for a zoning Special Use Permit being withdrawn in the amount of \$500.00. The motion died for a lack of a second. Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve the request for a refund in a lesser amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of Zoning and Planning review. The motion died for a lack of a second.

NEW BUSINESS:

The request for a sign on Blackhawk & Gardner fence from St. Peter's School for a fundraiser event to be held on January 17, 2014 was discussed by Council. City Clerk, Tracy Patrick stated that the specs for the sign were not submitted; however the sign would be similar to the flier that was given to Council when the previous request for the PE Liquor Permit was submitted and asked that Council allow her to approve or deny the request once the specs are submitted. Commissioner Barber made the motion to allow City Clerk to approve or deny the request. Commissioner Schoonover second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

After review of the Ordinance presented, Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to layover Ordinance 1976 Amending Employee Handbook regarding Department Head vacation and other amendments in order for Attorney Sosnowski to amend the presented Ordinance and bring back before Council later in the meeting. Commissioner Schoonover second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve Ordinance 1977 Tax Levy. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve Resolution 5678 A Resolution of the City of South Beloit Accepting and Approving the FY 2012-2013 Annual Audit. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to approve Ordinance 1978 Amending the Order of Business of City Council Meetings adding an Invocation. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 3 ayes, 1 nay by Mayor Duffy, and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve Ordinance 1979 Establishing the 2014 Meeting Schedules of the City and the 2014 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner

Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to approve Resolution 5679 Regarding pay raises for certain employees of the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve Ordinance 1980 Authorizing the disposal of items of personal property owned by the City of South Beloit. Items to be sold include:

2000 Chevrolet Impala Vin # 2G1WF55EXY9157927

1995 Chevrolet C1500 Pick-up Vin # 1GCEC14Z3SZ232277

1999 Oldsmobile Cutlass GLS Vin # 1G3NG52M1X6312530

1994 Chevrolet Blazer w/plow Vin # 1GNEK18K8RJ339258

Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to approve Resolution 5680 Approving the purchase of emergency police squad car equipment from Ultra Strobe Communications Inc. and door lettering from Sign-A-Rama for the South Beloit Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$13,410.00. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve Resolution 5681 Approving the purchase of 2 Watchguard 4Re in-car video camera systems from Watch Guard Company for the South Beloit Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$9,640.00. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve Resolution 5682 Appointing Patricia Updike as Deputy Clerk of the City of South Beloit pending passing pre employment requirements. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve hiring Christopher Schultz as a full time Police Officer for the South Beloit Police Department. Commissioner LaMendola second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve Resolution 5683 regarding the renewal of the City of South Beloit's Risk Management Insurance Policy with Arthur Gallagher Risk Management. Commissioner LaMendola second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve Resolution 5684 Authorizing the City Clerk to administratively waive sewer penalties for qualifying circumstances. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Ordinance 1976 was discussed and reviewed again. Further revisions will be made before the meeting is adjourned.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES & PERMITS:

Miscellaneous Licenses:

Cobra Quality Cars

Blackhawk Auto Sales & Service

Call Me-A-Cab

JH Automotive

Clancy's Auto Sales

Commissioner LaMendola made a motion to approve second by Commissioner Barber. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

RLE's

Laura Kloster-Bravo Pizza

Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve second by Commissioner LaMendola. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

Commissioner Schoonover made a motion to approve Ordinance 1976 Amending Employee Handbook regarding Department Head vacation and other amendments as amended. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:11 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Schoonover second by Commissioner LaMendola. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers. The purpose for executive session is to:
1. Discuss personnel issues as provided by 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: At 9:03 pm. Roll call showed all members present at onset of meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: At 9:03 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Barber second by Commissioner Schoonover. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: