

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2015

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Baden, Barber, Chambers, and LaMendola. Mayor Schoonover 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 Steigemeier
Public Works Dept Jeff Reiningger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Pro Tem Chambers and recited by all members present.

INVOCATION: Led by Commissioner LaMendola.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Barber made a motion to amend the agenda to add Item 1 g. under New Business Discussion of Resolution 5761 second by Commissioner Baden. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.
Commissioner Barber made a motion to layover item 1 e. under New Business. Commissioner Baden second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.
Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Baden. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Matt Schulte spoke about a property he purchased in June. He was recently sent a bill for quarterly garbage since the property was purchased and does not understand why he has to pay the bill if he does not want the service. He also stated there was a truck explosion at Flying J recently and would like to see a sound barrier wall put up. Truck drivers leave their semi's idling and should not be allowed per the noise ordinance. He added that there are truck drivers who are throwing garbage out that gets into nearby residents yards.
Tom Fitzgerald would like to see Council's City issued cell phone numbers on the website.
Bill Tinder stated that in the past when funds were owed to the City on a property they have been collected at the time of closing.

APPROVE MINUTES: Commissioner Baden made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 20, 2015. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Commissioner Baden made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from January 17-30, 2015 in the amount of \$131,677.66. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.

Finance:

Donald Elliott

Monthly Reports:

Fire Department

Police Department

Public Works Department

Commissioners Reports:

Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Linda Chambers

Public Health & Safety-Commissioner John LaMendola

Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Donald Barber

Public Properties-Commissioner Sonya Baden

FOIA Report:

Requestor

Nate Baker

Date:

1-21-15

Information requested:

Names, titles and email addresses of executive level positions for employees of South Beloit

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Jacob Blue from SAA Design Group was present to review the final plan for the Confluence area. Mr. Blue provided a brief slide show presentation. He stated there will be 3 phases to the plan, and reviewed the schedule as well as the next steps for the project. Mr. Blue also suggested members of the public check the website www.natureattheconfluence.com to view the plan and find more information. Commissioner Baden made a motion to approve the final Confluence Plan. Commissioner LaMendola second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.
- b. Commissioner Baden made a motion to approve Resolution 5758 for participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.
- c. Commissioner Baden made a motion to approve Resolution 5759 calling a Public Hearing and convening a Joint Review Board in connection with approval of a Redevelopment Plan and Project for and the designation of the Gardner/Blackhawk TIF Redevelopment Project Area. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.
- d. Commissioner Baden made a motion to approve Resolution 5760 to authorize the Mayor of the City of South Beloit to execute a petition to the Illinois Commerce Commission for approval of a bike path crossing over the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 aye and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.
- e. Laid over under Approval of Agenda.
- f. Zoning and Planning Official, Jessica Roberts was present by conference phone to discuss revising the Zoning Ordinance for outside storage and automobile uses. Attorney Sosnowski explained the current Commercial General Zoning does not allow for outside storage. The City has received some requests for Special Use Permits, and that some businesses have been operating without obtaining approval or a SUP if one was required. There has also been a business that had previously applied 2 times. That SUP application was not approved; however, the city has received a new application from the same petitioner. The use has been going on for years even after the previous application was not approved. Staff would like to have direction from Council going forward regarding outside storage in zoning districts where it is not allowed. Ms. Roberts stated that records show there had been enforcement to some extent. She offered some suggestions for consideration. After discussion, direction from Council was to continue in the same manner as currently operating, meanwhile, staff will provide recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals to determine if any change is needed.
- g. Resolution 5761 regarding pay raises for certain employees of the City of South Beloit was presented to Council for review. Certain part-time employees were inadvertently left out when Resolution 5748 was approved by Council on December 15, 2014 approving pay raises for all full time employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Resolution 5761 will retroactively cover those employees who were not included on Resolution 5748.

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. Tattoo Establishments:

- a. Twilight Dreamz

2. Tattoo Artists:

- a. Ian Currey-Twilight Dreamz
- b. Michael Harrolle-Twilight Dreamz

Commissioner Baden made a motion to layover all licenses until additional information can be obtained regarding the sale of the business and new owner is provided by Chief Stiegemeier. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:32 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Baden second by Commissioner Barber. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act regarding City of South Beloit vs. 600-602 Ingersoll
2. Discuss litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act regarding City of South Beloit vs. Petry Trust

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 7:59 pm. Roll call showed all members present at onset of meeting with Mayor Schoonover absent.

ADJOURN:

At 7:59 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Barber second by Commissioner Baden. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: