

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2017

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Duffy, Fitzgerald, Redieske, and Mayor Rehl. Commissioner Chambers was absent.  
City Attorney Aaron Szeto 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 Duffy made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Redieske. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 6, 2017. 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 February 4-17, 2017 in the amount of \$201,943.23. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
2. Attorney Report:  
Attorney Szeto provided an update regarding the Floodway Map issue. The Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) hosted a meeting for the purpose of showing a draft map of the Flood Zone area for South Beloit, and to take comments for the map. The draft map shows the Flood Zone as larger than it currently is. Attorney Szeto stated the ISWS is in the very preliminary stages of the proposed new map. ISWS has not had any further funding for the map at this point. ISWS is at step 3 of 9. Should there be further steps funded, the next step will include input from the community. The City is currently submitting remarks regarding the draft map that show inconsistencies in the proposed map. Attorney Szeto stated if anyone in the community has practical information regarding the area to make the City aware of the information. The process, if continued would be a 2-year process. Mayor Rehl stated he felt good coming out of the meeting. The City is taking the draft map and its possibilities very serious. The City will be able to have assistance to mitigate the issue that may include reducing the current Flood Zone as it currently is. Mayor Rehl added the City will provide updates regarding the map as often as possible.
3. Commissioner's Report:  
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald  
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Jeff Redieske  
Public Properties-Commissioner Lori Duffy

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. a. Firehouse Subs Owner, Joe Fallin was present to award the City with a grant in the amount of \$4,690.00 for 3 Automatic External Defibrillators. Mr. Fallin spoke about the grant as well as the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation that provides grants to first responders for lifesaving equipment.

- b. Mustang's Bar & Grill owner, Holta Muaremi was present to award the Police Department with a check in the amount of \$1,960.00 to purchase Centennial Badges for Police uniforms.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
  - a. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2240 approving a Franchise Agreement to Rock Energy Cooperative. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Szeto explained the Agreement is for a 25-year period. The Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions upon which REC has the right to use the City's ROW's to locate their facilities. Such terms include when REC is responsible for paying for the costs of relocating their facilities in the event of a City road project and the right for the City to use REC's facilities to hang Christmas lights. The Agreement also requires REC to pay to the City a franchise fee for the right to use the City's ROW's. The fee is imposed on REC but they have the right to pass the fee through to their customers if they so choose. Based on the average 2-3 person household the monthly electric portion of the bill will increase approximately \$5.50-6.00. The gas portion of the bill will increase approximately .60 cents monthly, however; it depends on the amount of usage for each service.. Council all agreed they did not want to cause additional fees to the residents, however; REC would re-coup the cost in some way and the City would have no way to determine how that would be done. Mayor Rehl spoke about the City's decrease in revenues and said this is about the City's future. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
  - a. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5893 authorizing the City to sell Surplus Property. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Attorney Szeto explained the Resolution is regarding the sale of the Sand Castle. There were no bidders through the previous auction. The sale will now be contracted through a realtor. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
  - b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5893 authorizing a Listing Contract with Re/Max Valley Realtors Inc to sell Surplus Property. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Attorney Szeto stated the property is the Sand Castle and cannot sell for less than 80% of the appraised value. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
  - c. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2250 amending Chapter 82 Solid Waste Section 34 Fees for Collection. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Attorney Szeto explained the increase of .08 cents was due to the increase of the Consumer Price Index. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
  - d. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to refer the tentative plat of Ironworks at Willowbrook Subdivision to the Zoning Board of Appeals Commission for consideration and approval or disapproval for the property commonly known as 15635 Willowbrook Road, 15XXX Manchester Road, 15XXX Willowbrook Road, 6072 Manchester Road, 6085 Manchester Road. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
  - e. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Pay Request #4 to Kelsey Excavating, Inc for 2016 Sanitary Lateral Improvements in the amount of \$25,521.58. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

MISCELLANEOUS  
LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Business Licenses:
  - a. JK Mart Inc

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

2. Miscellaneous Licenses:
  - a. JK Mart Inc

3. Tobacco Dealer's Licenses:
  - a. JK Mart Inc

Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve both licenses with the imposition of a late fee for each licenses second by Commissioner Redieske. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:49 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Fitzgerald second by Commissioner Duffy.

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.

RECONVENE TO  
OPEN SESSION:

At 7:04 pm. Roll call showed all members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

At 7:04 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Redieske second by Commissioner Duffy.

Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: