

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2015

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

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

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

INVOCATION: Led by Commissioner LaMendola.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Chambers. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ilah Tinder still does not understand the bill from Konicek and Dillon and why they would accept \$30k from the City as fee for the work provided. She is also unhappy with the response she received from a recent FOIA that was submitted. She doesn't understand why the City was billed for an employee Christmas party when the City received donations to pay for the party. She would also like to know why Chief Morse is permitted to drive a City owned vehicle to his part time job.

APPROVE MINUTES: Commissioner Baden made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 2, 2015. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

REPORT OF OFFICERS: Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from February 28-March 13, 2015 in the amount of \$244,496.59. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

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

Mayor's Report

Mayor Schoonover announced there would be a Public TIF meeting on April 6, 2015 at 5 pm before the Regular Council Meeting. She said she recently had to take advantage of the SMTD Transit system during her recent recovery from surgery and stated it's a wonderful program. She is very proud that the City participates. She thanked Commissioner Chambers, Attorney Sosnowski, and Tracy Patrick for stepping in and helping out during her absence. She also added that the employee holiday party was an event that the City received donations for the benefit of the employees. The amount of donations totaled \$1000.00. Mayor Schoonover clarified that the donations came from Fehr Graham and BSLBV Law firm, which BSLBV has done for 2 years to show appreciation to employees for their work, and that each Council member donated \$100.00 for drawings for employees. Garden Inn offered to give a fair price for the event, and approximately 90 people attended the event. After the event was paid for there was a

remaining balance of \$150.00, which will be used to provide lunch for employees on March 25th.

FOIA Report:

<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Information requested:</u>
Gerald Miller	3-4-15	Names and addresses of candidates of 2015 elections for City Council
Ilah Tinder	3-4-15	1. Copy of donations fund from the payment approval report dated 2-17-15 to 3-2-15. A copy of all donations from whom and amount, also balance of the fund. For Garden Hotel-employee holiday party 10-00-400. 2. Copies of all receipts for Fehr-Graham project 15-1093 2015 General Engineering Services amount \$2,056.50 project 15-1093C Illinois American Water \$61.00, Fehr-Graham project 15-1093K Champions Corner \$654.50. Receipt for Nyries Flower Shop flowers/city hall \$49.95. Receipts for squad 108-vehicle repair Coyne's Auto \$1,914.83.
Sharon Larson	3-6-15	Names and phone numbers of candidates for the elections on 4/7/15 for South Beloit elected positions.
Ilah Tinder	3-6-15	1. Copy of the job description for the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief and all time cards that can be released to the public for the past 6 months. Names of all employees that work at the Fire Department titles of each employee and job descriptions of each. Also time cards that can be released. If time cards can't be released then (or) I want a list of hours each are required to work. The word employee means, on call, paid on call, part and full time employees. 3. I would like a list of all continuing education classes the Chief's or Deputy Chief's have attended and where classes were held for training or information was exchanged with employees.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Library Director, Doreen Dalman and Mike McMahon from McMahon Engineering presented plans for the South Beloit Library expansion project. The presentation included the current state of the 7,700 sf building and the expansion that will make the building 12,500 sf total. The addition will add a study, lounge, teen and youth areas, and a multi-function meeting room. Ms. Dalman stated that the funding would need to be considered. She further added the current library would need to temporarily relocate while the construction was being completed. The estimated cost for the project would be \$4m not including the relocation cost; however, the cost would include the demolition of the previous Law Office building that was purchased next to the library as well as site work and furniture. The new building would also include an elevator for handicap accessibility.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Attorney Sosnowski informed Council that she spoke with Brent Hasenauer with IDOT regarding the property located at 1835 Blackhawk Blvd. Mr. stated that due to the business being there for so many years they would waive the requirement for a change in use permit to be obtained from IDOT since the purpose of the zoning change was to bring the property into compliance with the zoning code. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve Ordinance 2145 approving a Special Use Permit for an Open Sales Lot for the property located at 1835 Blackhawk Boulevard, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County PIN No. 04-07-238-002 from petitioner Peter Rallo. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve a donation to Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful in the amount of \$1000.00. Commissioner Baden second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Baden made a motion to approve Resolution 5763 Urging the Governor and General Assembly to protect full funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. There was no need for discussion of purchasing additional licenses for Firehouse Software.
- d. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve Resolution 5764 authorizing the Mayor to sign a pre application with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for loan assistance for wastewater treatment projects. Commissioner LaMendola second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. RLE's:

- a. Penny Retherford-Holtz Hurtz Post 288 American Legion
- b. Katie Davis-Holtz Hurst Post 288 American Legion
- c. Christina Patterson-Road Ranger #232
- d. Lauren Quintonilla-Road Ranger #232

2. Flea Market:

- a. Vern's Flea Market
Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve all applications. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:43 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Barber second by Commissioner Baden. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes. 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. Donna Self
2. Discuss litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act regarding City of South Beloit vs. Larsen Excavating
3. Discuss Collective Negotiating matters between the City of South Beloit and the City's Collective Bargaining Units as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act
4. Review closed session minutes including semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 7:28 pm. Roll call showed all members present at onset of meeting.

ORDER OF
BUSINESS:

Commissioner Chambers made a motion to release the minutes of the July 21, 2014, and July 24, 2014. No release for the July 7, 2014, September 2, 2014, September 11, 2014, and November 10, 2014 minutes of Executive Session meetings. Commissioner Barber second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

ADJOURN:

At 7:29 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Baden second by Commissioner Barber. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: