

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2016

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Chambers, Duffy, Fitzgerald, Redieske and Mayor Rehl.
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 Superintendent 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: Charles Marston was present to represent James Kidd, owner of Cabana Boy regarding the mowing bid that was submitted. Mr. Marston said Mr. Kidd submitted a bid for the 2016 Mowing Contract is a Veteran and is capable of doing the work. He stated Mr. Kidd would do a great job for the City if awarded the contract.
Ilah Tinder may want to speak in regards to Item c. under New Business

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 4, 2016. Commissioner Chambers 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 April 2-15 2016 in the amount of \$327,583.61. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
3. Attorney Report:
 - a. Mayor Rehl read a Proclamation proclaiming Skylee Flemming as an Honorary Mayor of the City of South Beloit for April 18, 2016.
 - b. Attorney Sosnowski stated staff has requested Council consider a new Ordinance regarding RV parking regulations. Possible revisions could include surface, parking stipulations, length, and consideration of seasonal use. Attorney Sosnowski said staff has been receiving several complaints regarding large RV's and year round parking. Council would like to have an Ordinance prepared for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.
2. Commissioner's Report:
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Linda Chambers
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Jeff Redieske
Public Properties-Commissioner Lori Duffy

CORRESPONDENCE:
a. Mayor Rehl read a proclamation proclaiming May as Motorcycle Month.

- b. Mayor Rehl read a proclamation proclaiming Safe Boating Week May 21-27, 2016. John Hatton from Rockford Sail and Power Squadron was present to thank Council for promoting safe boating in the area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
 - a. Mayor Rehl stated Ordinance 2203 approving a Special Use Permit for the property located at 114 Prairie Hill Road would not be needed since the applicant; Tom Witte had withdrawn his application. Mr. Witte was present and stated he would not need the Special Use Permit. The item was removed.
 - b. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5832 authorizing the Mayor of the City of South Beloit to execute the revised settlement agreement with HCP, LLC and Ronczkowski and Hoefler regarding 900 Eastern Avenue. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski stated the defendants would not be able to execute the agreement until the end of the month, however; would at that time. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
 - a. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve the request from the South Beloit Historical Society to waive sewer bills for the Bushnell Wheeler property. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Mayor Rehl said a letter was submitted by John Patrick that stated previously the City had given credits in the amount of \$500 which was applied to the sewer account for the Wheeler House. He added there was no Ordinance to that affect. Attorney Sosnowski suggested if it was the desire of Council an Ordinance could be drafted that would allow the Wheeler House to no longer receive bills as long as it is owned by the Historical Society. Voice vote carried the motion.
 - b. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Resolution 5833 approving a Contract for Lawn Mowing Services for designated City property for 2016. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski stated the recommendation from the Public Works Superintendent, Jeff Reininger should be received before the motions. Commissioners Duffy and Redieske withdrew their motions. Mr. Reininger reviewed bids with Council. The recommendation given by Mr. Reininger was for Nason's Landscaping. He would also recommend a 2-year contract instead of a 1-year. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Nason's Landscaping for a 2-year contract. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - c. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Lateral Improvements. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Engineer, Nick Arps from McMahon Engineer was present. He stated the options for the project were initially lining and replacement, however; a less expensive method of pipe bursting became a third option. Mr. Arps explained the pipe bursting technique as well as the advantages of pipe bursting. The Change Order also includes road repair for Northwestern Avenue. The quantities were recalculated which dropped the amount from \$968,640.50 to \$627,198.00. Several residents from the community were present to speak regarding the sewer lateral project:

Nancy Smith stated her pipe is an iron pipe. The pipe had been videoed 2 years ago and showed some ground water, however; the pipe was not broken. She does not want to replace the pipe if it's not broken. Mr. Arps stated the City was mandated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to eliminate or minimize the ground water coming in. The mains as well as the laterals have to be addressed due to the significant amount of ground water. Attorney Sosnowski stated the City does not have any other option due to the Court Order from the IEPA. Mr. Arps added the project is a continuation from the 2012 Sewer Project.

Ilah Tinder said the prices are insane. The quotes from 2 years ago are much more than the current quotes given. Ms. Tinder said the shutoff valves were removed from the previous Council, however; were included in the quotes. She added the cost per unit is more than most other communities in the area. Ms. Tinder would also like to have the cost of the project be added to the monthly sewer bill spread over a 15-25 year period. She would like to see the City have additional meetings regarding the project. Mr. Arps said the average cost in 2012 was \$4,800. Average cost now is \$5,200. This reflects a

10% increase from 2012. He also added the current Ordinance requires the shut off valve to be installed for new construction as well as replacement of any lateral. The estimate for the replacement option includes the shut off valve, but the shut off valves are not included in the pipe bursting option.

Chris Coleman said he was told the bids were considered a blanket bid. Mr. Coleman reviewed a number of items that were included in his bid that could most likely be removed. He would like to have a more accurate bid in order to obtain financing so that he does not have to have the amount added to his taxes. He also asked why the cost would be per linear foot if there would be a possibility the contractor would not have to dig as far down for each property. Mr. Arps stated the contract price is unit based per linear foot for every property and cannot be adjusted based on the depth of the lateral. Mr. Coleman said he had been told he could hire his own contractor for the restoration of the street, however; none of the 3 contractors he contacted would warranty the street for a 2-year period. Mr. Arps confirmed residents can do their own restoration as long as the work is done within the same time frame as what the City is required and as long as the contractor hired warranties the road work for a 2-year period. Mr. Arps said if the resident does a portion of the work such as tree removal or restoration they would not be charged for the work.

Richard Deming asked who performs the street cut, how the pipe bursting technique works, and what the length of time the pipe bursting is guaranteed for. Mr. Arps said the contractor performs the street cut and explained how the pipe bursting is done. The contractor will guarantee the pipe bursting method for 2 years, however; the pipe should last for several years. There was discussion regarding the pipe condition of Mr. Demings property located at 501 Blackhawk Blvd. Mr. Arps said if Mr. Deming would hire his own contractor the permits through the City would still need to be obtained for the work.

Max Rykowski would like to have contact with Mr. Arps and will contact him by email.

Chris Coleman asked what the cost of participation in the Special Service Area would be. Attorney Sosnowski said it depends on the number of participants. Attorney Sosnowski explained the SSA and how the program works. Mr. Coleman would like to have further information regarding the program.

Ilah Tinder would like to have the cost put on the sewer bill over a longer period of time. Ms. Tinder questioned the quotes she received for the 3 properties she owns. She would like to set up a meeting with Mr. Arps to discuss the quotes.

Richard Deming asked for confirmation that the paperwork is due May 2nd. Mr. Deming would like more information regarding the SSA.

Ilah Tinder asked what happens if the City does not receive the paperwork back.

Attorney Sosnowski stated the Public Works Department would go door to door to make contact with residents who do not return paperwork.

Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- d-f. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve hiring Jessica Jacobs, Ryan Donner, and Shelby Davies as part-time dispatch for the Fire Department. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g-i. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve hiring Taylor Ramsey, Dustin Redden, and Lorianne Lynch as part-time paid on call Fire Fighters for the Fire Department. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2210 2015 Appropriations Transfer. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Finance Director, Don Elliott explained the amounts reflect specific accounts over budget. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- k. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2211 authorizing the disposal of personal property owned by the City of South Beloit (11 cell phones). Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- l. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the issuance of Request for Bids for 2016 City of South Beloit Residential/Commercial Demolition Project (629 Northwestern Ave., 711 Salmon, 910 Ingersoll, 624 Fairview, 327 Burr Oak, 866 Marvin Street, and 900 Eastern Ave.). Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Commissioner Chambers said the City has 2 homes for demo in the budget and is looking for additional funds from the County. Commissioner Redieske asked if the City should look into a de-construction group to come in and clean up the property. Attorney Sosnowski explained the de-construction groups come in and remove items

from the inside, however; the properties still needed to be demolished. Attorney Sosnowski stated the properties in the current listing are not safe for human habitation. This could be considered for other properties within the City. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- m. Mayor Rehl explained the County recently adopted the 2015 edition of the ICC International Building Code. Due to the County serving as the City's building department, the City needs to amend its own code as well. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2212 adopting revision to Chapter 14, Article III Building Code of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- n. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to layover Ordinance 2213 adopting revision to Chapter 14, Article VII Plumbing Code of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances until the City Engineer obtains clarification as it relates to the City's sewer project. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- o. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2214 amending Chapter 1 Section 1-8 General Penalty for Violation of Code to a minimum not less than \$250 nor more than \$750. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- p. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5834 approving a Master Agreement for Conveyance and Lease between South Beloit and Confluence Ecology 2020, LLC regarding 420 Blackhawk Boulevard and 301 Charles Street. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:30 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Fitzgerald second by Commissioner Chambers. 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.
- 2. Discuss collective bargaining issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 8:39 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Redieske second by Commissioner Fitzgerald.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members present at onset of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 8:39 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Redieske. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: