

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 4, 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 Supervisor Jeff Reininger

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

INVOCATION: Led by Commissioner LaMendola.

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

APPROVE MINUTES: Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 20, 2015 and the minutes of the Public Meeting held on April 27, 2015. Commissioner LaMendola second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from April 18-May 1, 2015 in the amount of \$177,385.49. Commissioner LaMendola second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
At 6:03 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Barber second by Commissioner Baden. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.  
The purpose for Executive Session is to:  
1. Review closed session minutes including semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:  
At 6:18 pm. All members showed present with Mayor Schoonover absent.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:  
1. Commissioner Barber made a motion to approve Resolution 5722 regarding the release or continued hold for confidentiality minutes of Executive Session. The review of the minutes showed partial release for the Executive Session minutes of October 6, 2014, November 17, 2014, December 1, 2014, March 16, 2015, and April 20, 2015. No release for the minutes of September 3, 2013, December 15, 2014, January 20, 2015, February 2, 2015, February 16, 2015, and April 6, 2015. Commissioner Baden second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.  
  
Pro Tem Mayor Chambers thanked all who served on the current Council. Commissioner Barber thanked fellow Council members, the voters and City staff for the past 4 years. Outgoing Council members were thanked and presented with plaques for their service to the Citizens of South Beloit.

ADJOURN SINE DIE:  
At 6:20 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Barber second by Commissioner Baden.

Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Schoonover.

BREAK:

A short break was taken to celebrate with the outgoing Council with cake.

CALL TO ORDER:

At 6:32 pm City Clerk, Tracy Patrick called the meeting to order. New Mayor Ted Rehl and Commissioners Linda Chambers, Lori Duffy, Tom Fitzgerald, and Jeff Redieske were all sworn in to their perspective offices.

MAYORS REPORT:

1. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to nominate and approve Linda Chambers as Commissioner of Accounts and Finances. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
2. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to nominate and approve Tom Fitzgerald as Commissioner of Public Health and Safety. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
3. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to nominate and approve Jeff Redieske as Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvement. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
4. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to nominate and approve Lori Duffy as Commissioner of Public Property. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
5. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to appoint and confirm Barrick Switzer, Long, Balsley & Van Evera as City Attorney. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
6. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to appoint and confirm Fehr Graham as City Engineer. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
7. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to appoint and confirm Dean Stiegemeier as Police Chief. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
8. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to appoint and confirm Ken Morse as Fire Chief. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
9. Mayor Rehl made a motion to appoint and confirm Tracy Patrick as City Clerk. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
10. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to appoint and confirm Jeff Reininger as Public Works Superintendent. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
11. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to appoint and confirm Elliott & Company as Finance Director. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
12. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to appoint and confirm Jessica Roberts as Zoning Officer. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Todd Edge spoke regarding the TIF District items that are on the agenda. He stated he believes it's too big. He believes \$30m is too much and he did not see a "pay as you go" option in the draft. He feels the draft is too vague and believes it's connected to the Confluence Area. He also added he is not in favor of the parks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
  - a. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5773 approving a Professional Services agreement with Elliott & Company for Accounting/Financial Services from May 1-December 31, 2015. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
  - b. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Ordinance 2155 approving a Redevelopment Plan and Project regarding the Gardner/Blackhawk TIF. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. There was further discussion regarding the need to have the area contiguous as well as the TIF project being separate from

the Confluence plan. If the plan were changed in any way the process would be required to start the process for the plan all over again. After discussion roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- c. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2156 an Ordinance designating the Gardner/Blackhawk TIF project area. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Ordinance 2157 an Ordinance adopting tax increment allocation financing within the Gardner/Blackhawk Redevelopment Project Area. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5774 authorizing the Reappointment of members to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Deb Frederikson is appointed to serve a 5-year term to expire in September 2017. Khalid Chaudhry is appointed to serve a 5-year term to expire in September 2018. Curtis Blakeman is appointed to serve a 5-year term to expire in September 2019. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Resolution 5775 authorizing the reappointment of Trustees to the Police Pension Board. Don Morello is appointed to a two-year term to expire on the second Tuesday in May 2017. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Council discussed the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Loan the City was approved for regarding the 2013 C.I.P. Sanitary Sewer Project. Attorney Sosnowski explained the Consent Order from the IEPA to make improvements to the City's laterals and sewer mains. The City had been approved for a loan in the amount of \$500k to cover municipal portions of the required improvements. The City is now in a position where it would not necessarily need to borrow funds from the loan. Finance Director Don Elliott explained the revenue funds and the ramifications of how not taking any of the loan funds could negatively impact any future loans that may be needed from the IEPA for significant improvements needed to the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Elliott and City Engineer, Ben Bushman are both concerned the IEPA may not approve a future loan if the funds are not taken at this time. Consensus from Council was to take the loan until the project is completed and pay back the loan at that time.

MISCELLANEOUS  
LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. RLE's:
  - a. Elizabeth Smith-Pearl Lake
2. Flea Market/Thrift Store:
  - a. Roscoe Antique MallCommissioner Redieske made a motion to approve all licenses second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

ADJOURN:

At 7:24 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Fitzgerald second by Commissioner Chambers. Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: