

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall by Mayor Rehl.

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Chambers, Duffy, Fitzgerald, and Mayor Rehl. Commissioner Redieske 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 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 Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shirley Tracy spoke regarding a letter she recently submitted to the Mayor on behalf of the Robert Johnston Apartment residents. Ms. Tracy spoke about emergencies at the apartments and how the residents are concerned with the Fire and Police Departments and rumors of both departments being disbanded. Ms. Tracy said both departments have compassionate and dedicated people working there. Ms. Tracy stated the City should find some way to find other revenues other than disbanding both or either department. Ilah Tinder would possibly like to speak to Item h. under New Business.

Mayor Rehl said the recent Fire Department audit was now available for public viewing. The Council has questions and recommendations, however; no decisions have been made yet. Council is looking at how to maintain the safety of the public and retaining employees. Decisions will be made in the best interest of the City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 16, 2016 and the Special Meeting held on May 18, 2016. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from May 14-June 3, 2016 in the amount of \$299,303.05. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Redieske.

3. Attorney Report:
None

2. Commissioner's Report:
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Chambers
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Jeff Redieske
Public Properties-Commissioner Lori Duffy

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
a. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2217 amending Chapter 102 Division 1 Section 102-58 regarding Recreational Vehicles and Trailers.

Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the amendments Council requested for the Ordinance regarding the length to 35', all campers and RV's would be required to be on a continuous surface, and the number of campers and RV's allowed will be limited to 1. The camper or RV would be allowed in a side or back yard only. Council determined there was no desire to add a seasonal restriction, and grandfathering would not be permitted since they are movable. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Redieske.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2219 approving the issuance of a Class A, E, J, and L Liquor License to Rollie's LLC, 723 South Park Avenue. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Redieske.
- b. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the request from the South Beloit American Legion to move the personnel carrier that is located at the old Legion on Blackhawk Blvd to the City Park by the Veterans Memorial. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- c. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to lift the Temporary Sign Moratorium. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- d. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the referral of the tentative plat of Exit One Plat No. 4 to the Zoning Board of Appeals Commissioner for consideration and approval or disapproval for the property located at 15766 Manchester Road. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- e. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Resolution 5841 approving the appointment of Dennis Conerton to the Police Pension Board for a two-year term set to expire on the second Tuesday in May of 2018. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- f. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to layover Resolution 5842 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Winnebago County Department of Information Technology for IT service for City Hall and the Police Department until a negotiation in the limit of liability is reached. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- g. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Resolution 5843 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services for Employee Benefit Brokerage and Consulting Services. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Redieske.
- h. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5844 authorizing Terracon to award the bid for Environmental Remediation of the Former Primecast Foundry Parcel to Stiles, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$170k. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Ilah Tinder asked how many times the parcel will be cleaned up. Mayor Rehl explained the funds would come from grant money the City already had previously been awarded. Mayor Rehl further explained the cleanup is on the Foundry Parcel, which is different from the Corner Parcel that has been undergoing recent cleanup. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Redieske.
- i. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5845 requesting assistance and participation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for Environmental Investigation of Certain Property. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Mayor Rehl stated the City is requesting the investigation of 420 Blackhawk Boulevard to be done at the expense of Beloit 2020. Voice vote carried the motion.
- j. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2220 ascertaining Prevailing Wage 2016. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- k. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5846 approving a Real Estate Sale and Purchase Agreement regarding the property located at 721 Salmon Avenue. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Redieske.
- l. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5847 approving a Real Estate Sale and Purchase Agreement regarding the property located at 139 Miller

Street. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Redieske.

- m. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5848 approving a Real Estate Sale and Purchase Agreement regarding the property located at 554 S Bluff Street. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- n. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve hiring McKenzie Mazeika for part-time Parks Department. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Redieske.
- o. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve a rate increase from \$9.00 to \$10.00 for the recently hired part-time dispatch employees. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Commissioner Chambers asked why the Council is being asked to do something out of the ordinary. Chief Morse stated the \$10/hr rate was approved by the prior Council. Upon hiring the recent part-time dispatch employees they were told the rate would be \$10/hr. Commissioner Fitzgerald said if the \$10/hr was not approved he would at least like to see the wage increased. Roll call vote showed 3 ayes, 1 nay by Commissioner Chambers, and 1 absent by Commissioner Redieske. Commissioner Chambers added she would like to have been made aware prior to the meeting.
- p. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the issuance of Request for Bids for 2016 Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Sosowski provided information regarding the program that comes from HUD for homes that have been identified by the City to be demolished. The City has identified 30 properties that are abandoned, being mowed by the City and are in various stages of disrepair. The top 6 properties are included in the bid packet. One property is now owned by the City and the remainder of the properties has gone through the court process to distinguish the rights of the property owners which will allow the City to demolish those properties. Once the properties are demolished the City will foreclose on the liens. After the City becomes owner the properties they will be sold. The bid includes demolition, asbestos testing and remediation. If there is insufficient funds in the budget to demolish all 6 properties the bid packet allow the project to be piece mailed as well. Commissioner Chambers stated this can be cost effective group a number of homes together. She and Mayor Rehl have been working with County Board Member, David Boomer to secure funding for assistance from the County for the project.
Mayor Rehl allowed Ilah Tinder to speak regarding the item. Ms. Tinder asked why the meetings with Mr. Boomer have not been posted in order to allow residents to voice their opinions. Ms. Tinder believes the property located at 642 Fairview is able to be rehabbed. Attorney Sosowski stated that all properties on the list have code issues and violations. The Code Enforcement Department has records and pictures of all properties. Properties may appear to be able to be rehabbed on the outside, however; inside may have issues relating to structure issues, mold, or a number of other issues that may not allow the property to be rehabbed. 642 Fairview has been vacant for several years, is abandoned by the property owner, and there has not been any parties interested in paying the back taxes in order to purchase the property. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Redieske.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. Miscellaneous Licenses:
 - a. JK Mart Inc
 - b. La Michoacana Tropical Oasis
 - c. Rollie's LLC
2. Tobacco Dealers:
 - a. JK Mart Inc

Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve all applications second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:16 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion. 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 8:22 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Roll call showed all members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 8:22 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: