

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 1, 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, and 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 Redieske made a motion to amend the agenda to strike Item 1 a. under Unfinished Business second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.  
  
Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the agenda as amended second by Commissioner Chambers. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
Ilah Tinder asked to speak on Items 1 a. and 1 b. under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 18, 2016, and the Special Meeting held on July 13, 2016. Commissioner Chambers 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 July 16-29, 2016 in the amount of \$177,795.77. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.  
  
2. Attorney Report:  
None  
  
3. 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. Stricken from the agenda.  
b. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to reconsider Resolution 5858 A Resolution of the City of South Beloit, Winnebago County, Illinois, Authorizing the City to Execute an Amendment to the Site Agreement Originally Executed August 17, 2004, Between the City of South Beloit and SBA 2012 TC Assets, LLC, Successor by Assignment to SprintCom, Inc., for the Use of a Portion of the Real Property Commonly Known as 15955 South Bluff Street, South Beloit, Illinois 61080, PIN # 04-06-401-020 & 04-06-401-021. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski explained after Resolution 5858 was passed SBA indicated they would like to lease for a longer period of time and is willing to negotiate the lease to include

an inducement payment. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the previous lease agreement with Council. Council would like to consider a longer term depending on the offer of the inducement payment. Voice vote carried the motion.  
Commissioner Redieske made a motion to layover Resolution 5858 until an offer is submitted second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Informational Items:

- a. Mayor Rehl explained the new Ordinance regarding signage. There have been some concerns and complaints regarding the Ordinance specifically relating to temporary signage. Although the prior Ordinance did not allow for any temporary signs, the revised Ordinance allows for temporary signs for a limited number of days 2 times a year. Previously temporary signs have never been dealt with by Code Enforcement even though they were not permitted. The vision is for curb appeal and to find a balance for small businesses and charitable organizations to be able to advertise their business or event. Mayor Rehl stated he has been in several meetings with major developers who have made comments relating to the appearance of the city and how the signage looks. Council briefly discussed some ideas of possibly allowing a longer period of time for temporary signage for new businesses to advertise their opening. A meeting will be held on August 24, 2016 to allow business owners to voice their concerns with the ordinance as well as provide some input. The item will be discussed further at that time.

Ilah Tinder asked if the Street Department was collecting signs that were put out for the Corn Boil. She believes they should have been doing other duties instead of that. Mayor Rehl stated the Street Department was directed to remove the signage.

2. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2222 authorizing the Issuance of a Special Events (EV) Liquor License for Ariva Hospitality, Inc. on August 27, 2016 for the South Beloit Firefighter's Corn Boil. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve a request from the South Beloit Fire Fighter's Association for a donation in the amount of \$5000 to be taken from the Hotel Motel Fund to help support the annual Corn Boil to be held on August 27, 2016. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Commissioner Chambers asked if the request would be appropriate for the Hotel Motel Fund. Attorney Sosnowski stated she had previously reviewed the request for the prior Council and believes the event would qualify for the use of funds.

Ilah Tinder stated she is not in favor of the request and that she disagrees that the use of funds would be appropriate. She does not believe there is any accountability for the funds.

Ashland Markin asked Council to consider allowing signage for the event.

Bill Tinder stated the ordinances hurt the signage for businesses.

Chief Morse stated the Fire Fighter's Association has provided fund information for the event.

Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- c. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the request for a reduction of sewer hook-up fees from the amount of \$10,000 to \$1,500. for the property located at Prairie Hill Road from property owner, Cyrus Lucchesi. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Ralph Skalak was present on behalf of Mr. Lucchesi. Mr. Skalak has been speaking with Public Works Superintendent, Jeff Reiningger in regards to the amount of the hook up fee. Mr. Skalak provided water usage information for an identical location of the same business was provided to show the amount of water that will be used at the location on Prairie Hill Rd. Mr. Lucchesi has incurred additional expenses through the county, and the fee for hookup would cause hardship to start the business. Commissioner Redieske asked Council to layover the item in order to confirm the exact nature of the business. Commissioners Chambers and Fitzgerald withdrew their motions. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to layover the request. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- d. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5860 authorizing the submission of an advisory referendum to the Winnebago County Clerk for the November General Election regarding changing the form of government to the City

of South Beloit, Illinois. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Mayor Rehl stated the late Mayor Duffy had talked with residents in regards to see if there was any interest in changing the form of the city's government. Mayor Rehl had been asked during his campaign and would like to put the item to rest either way. Council discussed the comments that were heard from the 2 previous meetings held regarding the issue. The consensus was to research staggering the terms. Residents as well as Council did not feel there was a need to change its form of government. Roll call vote showed 1 aye and 4 nays by Commissioners Chambers, Duffy, Fitzgerald, and Redieske.

- e. Attorney Sosnowski stated the City previously received 5 responses for the Request for Proposals for the South Beloit Zoning Ordinance Rewrite. The Zoning Board of Appeals and Zoning Official, Jessica Roberts reviewed the responses and Staff would like to know how or if Council would to proceed with the proposals. Consensus from the Council was to wait on the item due to budget concerns and to consider reissuing the Request for Proposals again at a later date.
- f. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Resolution 5861 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Settlement Agreement with Bulldog Investment Group, Inc. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski stated the agreement is for a legal case filed from old sewer bills. The settlement agreement is for \$5000 and would go into the sewer fund. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS  
LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. RLE's:
  - a. Leslie Mahlum-Got Slots
  - b. Patricia Hill-Pearl Lake

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:55 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Fitzgerald second by Commissioner Redieske. 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 7:33 pm. Roll call showed all members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 7:33 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: