

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2016

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Chambers, Duffy, Fitzgerald, and Redieske. Mayor Rehl was absent
City Attorney Aaron Szeto was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Fire Chief Ken Morse
Police Chief Dean Stiegemeier
Public Works Director Jeff Reininger

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

INVOCATION: Pro Tem Mayor Chambers asked for a moment of silence.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Shirley Tracy stated the Robert Johnson Apartments have never had to call the police. She feels like the Police Department does a wonderful job in the City.
Ilah Tinder asked about rumors she's heard regarding the Police Department being in negotiations with Winnebago County for joint services. Commissioner Chambers responded that the budget for 2017 is approaching and the Council is doing their due diligence, as always looking at all departments. Ms. Tinder said the City needs to look at other ways to save money. Commissioner Chambers stated each Commissioner is responsible for looking at possible ways to save money in their department for the City's budget. Budget Meetings will be starting soon and there have not been any definite decisions for any budget items as of yet.
William Tinder does not see how any type of change in the Police Department would be cost effective. This would not be popular with the public. Commissioner Chambers stated most of what residents are hearing is rumors. Mayor Rehl asked Commissioner Chambers to share that if anything becomes a possibility Public Meetings will be held.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 1, 2016. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Rehl.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

- Finance:
Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from July 30-August 12, 2016 in the amount of \$537,631.14. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Rehl.
- Attorney Report:
None
- 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. Attorney Szeto recapped the Cell Tower Lease Agreement. Attorney Szeto stated the City has not heard anything back from US Cellular and recommended laying over the item. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to layover Resolution 5857 A Resolution of the City of South Beloit, Winnebago County, Illinois Authorizing the City to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with USCOC of Central Illinois, LLC, for the Use of a Portion of the Real Property Commonly Known as 400 Winnebago Avenue, South Beloit, Illinois 61080, PIN # 04-08-106-001. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Rehl.
- b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve a request to a reduction of sewer hook-up fees from the amount of \$10,000 to \$1500 for the property located at 146 Prairie Hill Rd from petitioner Cyrus Lucchesi. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Ralph Skalak was present on behalf of Mr. Lucchesi. Commissioner Redieske met with Mr. Lucchesi and Mr. Skalak regarding what the business will be coming in to that location. Jeff Reiningger said the business would fall under a retail store and would have only 1 restroom. Mr. Reiningger said the connection fees are for capacity. He added the business would use less than a residential sewer usage and would recommend a reduction, but not below the residential connection fee. Council discussed the reduction request and determined the fee for connection could be reduced due to the type of business. Other business reductions were discussed as well as the connection fee for a residential connection fee. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to amend the amount of reduction to \$2000. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner made a motion to approve the request for a reduction in sewer hook-up fee from \$10,000 to \$2000. For the property located at 146 Prairie Hill Rd. Commissioner second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Rehl.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Informational Items:

- a. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the request for a block party to be held on Oakland Avenue between Shaw Street and Hayes Avenue on September 10, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- b. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5862 to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Fehr Graham regarding the Confluence Project in the amount of \$7,900. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Attorney Szeto stated the Resolution is regarding the Confluence Project. Attorney Szeto reviewed the project and stated the property has environmental concerns. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) performed Magnetic Testing on the property located at 420 Blackhawk Blvd. at no cost to the City, however; the testing did not give any additional relevant information needed. The IEPA will need to do further testing and drilling. Fehr Graham will need to determine where the IEPA will need to drill and interpret the test results. Attorney Szeto said the main issues are: 1). Storage tanks 2). Petroleum 3). Perk. The City needs to know where the issues are and how bad the soil is before the City accepts the property. Roll call showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Mayor Rehl.

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Miscellaneous Licenses:
 - a. South Bluff MHP, LLC
2. RLE's:
 - a. Sarah Bingham-Got Slots

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:52 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Redieske 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 7:30 pm. Roll call showed all members present at onset of meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Continued discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to layover Resolution 5863 authorizing the Mayor of the City of South Beloit to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Illinois Council of Police. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

ADJURN:

At 7:31 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Fitzgerald second by Commissioner Redieske. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: