

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall by Mayor Rehl.

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Baden, Chambers, Duffy, Fitzgerald, and Mayor Rehl.
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Fire Chief Mike Davenport
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 amend the agenda to move Discuss/Approve Resolution 5916 appointing Michael Davenport as Fire Chief under Commissioner's Report to directly after Public Comment. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5916 appointing Michael Davenport as Fire Chief. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Commissioner Fitzgerald read a statement of approval for the appointment. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

Clerk Patrick administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Davenport.

Chief Davenport made a statement thanking the Council, his family, and the South Beloit as well as several surrounding Fire Departments for their support.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nathan Bryant and Jimsi Kuborn were present from the Rockford Area Economic Development Council to provide an update from RAEDC. Mr. Bryant spoke about how RAEDC can provide assistance to the City. Mr. Bryant provided an information packet to Council and spoke about the ways the RAEDC partners with communities and businesses to identify challenges, create opportunities, and support growth. Mayor Rehl spoke about some of the challenges the City of South Beloit currently has. Mayor Rehl and Mr. Bryant will be meeting in the near future to further discuss the challenges and work together for solutions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Commissioner Baden made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 7, 2017. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:
 - a. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from August 5-18, 2017 in the amount of \$332,933.36. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

2. Attorney Report:

None

3. Commissioner's Report:

Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Linda Chambers
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Lori Duffy
Public Properties-Commissioner Sonya Baden

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and/or Motion Items:

1. a. Commissioner Baden made a motion to approve a request for a fund raiser event from South Beloit American Legion to be held at the corner of Prairie Hill Road and Dorr Road on Saturday September 9, 2017 from 9 am to 3 pm. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- b. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve a request for the 4th Annual Oakland Block Party between Shaw Street and Hayes Avenue to be held on September 16, 2017 from 11 am to 11 pm. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- c. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2286 approving a Class EV Liquor License for Mustang's Bar & Grill for the Annual Corn Boil event to be held on August 26, 2017 from 11 am to 11 pm. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2287 approving a Class EV Liquor License for Jackson 620 LLC d/b/a The Wheel for the Red & White Football Alumni Game to be held on August 24, 2017 at the City Park. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2288 amending Chapter 106, utilities, Division 4 of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances regarding service charges. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Public Works Superintendent Jeff Reininger stated the increase rate schedule was needed in order to show the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency the City will have funds available to repay the debt of the loan the City will be obtaining from the IEPA. The rates are based upon the operation and maintenance estimate. The rates will affect 2 industrial users and residential users; however, the City will need to speak with major companies within the City as well. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2289 Prevailing Wage 2017. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski stated the Illinois Department of Labor sent a letter to the City with a new wage schedule after the City passed the adoption of the Prevailing Wage schedule in June. This Ordinance is an update to the Prevailing Wage passed in June. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. There was discussion of Liquor Licenses. Attorney Sosnowski said Roscoe has a higher annual fee for Liquor License and a lower one-time fee. Council would like to have a breakdown of other communities' liquor fees to compare to the current fees being charged by the City. There was discussion of considering location restrictions. Attorney Sosnowski said Attorney Szeto's research showed that the City does have the authority to restrict locations of liquor license holders. Council discussed the location of Boutique Gaming establishments. Attorney Sosnowski suggested forming a committee to provide recommendations to the Council for how to proceed. Mayor Rehl said the whole liquor code is in need of revision. There was some concern of not wanting a higher income for the City from gaming to be at the expense of the residents. Attorney Sosnowski will provide information and options to the Council for the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:34 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Baden. The purpose of 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 7:09 pm. Roll call vote showed all members present.

ADJOURN:

At 7:09 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Chambers second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: