

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Director 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 Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Chambers. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ilah Tinder asked if the City is negotiating with the Police Department. Mayor Rehl stated the City is looking at the feasibility and obtaining more information. If there are any considerations Public Meetings will be held. The City is also looking at other options. Ms. Tinder stated the City should keep its Police Department considering the funds that were spent to obtain a Police Chief. Ms. Tinder believes the idea puts a mark against the City for protection. She is happy with the South Beloit Police Department. Bill Tinder said if the City is considering Winnebago County Sheriff's Department as an option the item should be put to the voters in the form of a referendum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 15, 2016 and the Special Council Meeting held on August 24, 2016. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:  
1. Finance:  
Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from August 13-September 2, 2016 in the amount of \$84,680.39. 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

Attorney Sosnowski asked the Mayor to return to the Attorney Report to speak to Council regarding a Code Enforcement Case regarding the property located at 6195 Stateline Road, property owner Jesus Acosta. Mr. Acosta was present at the meeting. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the Case regarding the garbage and debris violations on the property. A fine in the amount of \$5000 and costs in the amount of \$500 were assessed for the violations. Mr. Acosta did remediate the violations, however; after the Code Enforcement Hearing process was completed. Mr. Acosta is requesting a reduction in fines and costs assessed for the violation. Council would like to know more details

regarding the cost of the total investment the City has put into the violation prior to responding to the request. Attorney Sosnowski stated she would gather the information for the Council at the next Regular Council Meeting on September 19, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. a. Mayor Rehl read a Proclamation regarding NEA Big Read – proclaiming September 15- October 15, 2016 as Stateline month. South Beloit Librarian, Doreen Dalman was present to speak about the Proclamation and the community-wide reading of the book “Into the Beautiful North”.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Attorney Sosnowski asked that Item a. be laid over until U.S. Cellular responds to the City regarding the ground lease. Commissioner Duffy 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 until a response is submitted by U.S. Cellular. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- b. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve 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. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/and or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2224 amending Chapter 10 Article II – Dogs and Cats of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances adding Section 10 – 26. – Animal Defecation Prohibited. Mayor Rehl read a letter submitted from resident Mike Leitner regarding the issue he has with a person in his neighborhood who allows his dog to defecate in the easement and refuses to clean it up. Mr. Leitner requested that the City consider adopting an ordinance to prohibit the defecation of animals. Council reviewed the proposed ordinance and the violation amount as stated and determined the amount for penalty should be changed from the general penalty provision rate to \$50 for the first offense and double for every offense thereafter. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2224 as amended. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2225 Designating a No Parking Area on Poplar Street and South Harrison Avenue. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Chief Stiegemeier stated the Police Department has received several complaints regarding the area, and is a confirmed hazard. The request is for posting 2 No Parking signs. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Resolution 5864 to ratify emergency purchase for emergency repairs to lift station #8 by Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. pursuant to section 2-491 emergency purchase of 2 Flyght Model NP-3102.095 4” volute Submersible pumps at a cost of \$13,826. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve South Beloit Neighborhood Stabilization 2016 Asbestos Abatement for the properties located at 629 Northwestern Avenue, 642 Fairview Avenue, 327 Burr Oak Avenue, 866 Marvin Street, and 910 Ingersoll Place from N-Trak Group in the amount of \$13,675.00. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to discuss/approve revisions to Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages, Article III Retail Sale, Section 6-82 Classification; scope; number; fees subsection 5 – Class C licenses (request from Everett’s Liquors). Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Council reviewed the request from Everett’s for a change of classification of liquor license to allow the sale of open liquor and package sale of alcohol similar to the Class C license the City currently has. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed options with Council, which included creating a new license class or allow Everett’s to change their current classification at a prorated fee to the Class C. If a new Class is created, Council could limit the number of

licenses that the City would allow. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the pouring vs. carryout licenses. Council directed Attorney Sosnowski to draft a new classification and bring an Ordinance back to Council for review.

f.-m. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve hiring the following as paid on call part time fire fighters:

Anthony Cellitti  
Devin Schrupp  
Max Rude  
Ashley Gunning  
David Phillip  
David Steele  
Aaron Ashley  
Ryan Stelter

Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS  
LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. RLE's:

a. Eric Bohn-Pearl Lake

Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve second by Commissioner Redieske. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:55 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Chambers. Voice vote carried the motion. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act regarding Dwight Johnson v. City of South Beloit and Sandy Messenger v. City of South Beloit
2. Discuss personnel as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO  
OPEN SESSION:

At 7:40 pm. Roll call vote showed all members present at onset of meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 7:40 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: