

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

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, 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 Supervisor 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 Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cindy Cooper spoke regarding her recent request submitted to the Council to remove penalty charges for her sewer account that was denied. She said she has reviewed the ordinances regarding utility billing and feels the ordinances are not clear or specific enough regarding the review and policies required for payment agreements. She does not believe she was given a proper review or options based her review of the City's code. Ms. Cooper is concerned with the penalties that compound. She feels the penalty is excessive and extreme. She would like to open a review of the bill. She would also like to see staff give a courtesy call when the bill is delinquent.
Carol Courethers stated she is considering purchasing a home in South Beloit. She had prepared a list of questions regarding the property. Council recommended she provide the questions to the Clerk for review by the Zoning Official.
Terry Bouray would like to have a fundraiser for a co-workers family who recently experienced a house fire that was a total loss. He would like to put on a fund raiser for the family at his place of business, Got Slots and possibly serve alcohol outside. Attorney Sosnowski suggested Mr. Bouray apply for a Special Event liquor license for any outside alcohol sales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 20, 2015, and the Regular Council Meeting held on August 17, 2015. Commissioner Redieske 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 August 15-September 4, 2015 in the amount of \$289,433.63. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Commissioner's Report:
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Linda Chambers
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Jeff Redieske
Public Properties-Commissioner Lori Duffy

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. a. Mayor Rehl read a Proclamation to Proclaim the week of August 21, 2017 as the City of South Beloit's Centennial Week of Celebration. He also added that there is a

Planning Committee being formed for the celebration. If anyone is interested in serving on the Committee contact the City Clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2159 Abating Property Taxes on Certain Real Property located at 1450 Pate Plaza Drive property owner Ralcorp Holdings Inc. for a period not to exceed ten years. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Informational Items:

- a. Mayor Rehl provided a brief update on the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant. He stated the City had received notification from the state regarding the bids. The bids received were well over \$500k for the reconstruction work to be done. Other options were reviewed and considered; however, those costs were over \$500k also. The City's Engineer was not able to attend the meeting, but will be able to attend the meeting on September 28, 2015. The matter will be discussed further at that time.

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Resolution 5792 authorizing the Mayor of the City of South Beloit to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with ConAgra, Inc. regarding the acceptance and treatment of wastewater discharged by ConAgra, Inc. into the City's wastewater treatment facility. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the request from the South Beloit Historical Society for a donation in the amount of \$8000.00 to be taken from the Hotel/Motel Fund. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on August 19, 2015 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Special Use Permit. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2168 approving a Special Use Permit to allow an open sales lot in the (CG) Commercial General Zoning District for the property located at 414 Dearborn Ave., South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, PIN NOS. 04-05-427-011 and 04-05-427-012 from petitioner Clancy Smith. Zoning Official, Jessica Roberts reviewed the application and recommendations from the Zoning Board. She stated the recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals was contingent on receiving additional documentation needed from the applicant necessary to finish the review, however; not all documents have been submitted yet. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to layover Ordinance 2168 second by Commissioner Chambers. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Redieske made a motion to approve Resolution 5793 Appointing Pam Clifton as Trustee to the Stateline Mass Transit District Board for a term of two years with said term to expire in July 2017. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- e. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve a quote for a new roof for 420 Clark Street from Jose and Dakota Construction Inc. in the amount of \$24,200.00. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. During discussion Commissioner Duffy stated there had been an offer submitted to the City for the purchase of the property. The quote for the roof should not be considered if there would be interest in selling the property. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes. The item failed.
- f. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the quote for tree removal at specific locations within the City of South Beloit from Beaver Tree Service at a cost not to exceed \$3,850.00. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Council discussed the condition of the streets within the city. Commissioner Redieske said he had received several calls regarding the streets being in need of repairs. He stated Rockford has a 1% sales tax for the purpose of repairing and maintaining their streets and would like to entertain the idea for South Beloit then educate voters to possibly consider a question to appear on the ballot for the 2016 General Election. Public Works Supervisor, Jeff Reininger stated they do have a budget for cold patch, but that repairs the streets temporarily. The Motor Fuel Tax Fund is only meant to supplement repairs.

Mayor Rehl asked Commissioner Redieske to look into options the city may have and to report back to Council.

- h. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve hiring Kerry King as part time for the Parks Department. Commissioner Redieske second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- i. Police Chief Stiegemeier spoke of the necessity for having camera systems in squad cars. Council discussed approve the purchase of (2) Watch Guard 4RE digital in-car video camera systems for the Police Department at a cost not to exceed \$9,614.00. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve Ordinance 2169 authorizing the Disposal of Items of Personal Property Owned by the City of South Beloit. The items include miscellaneous Police Department property that is obsolete and of little or no value and no longer necessary or useful to retain. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

- 1. RLE'S:
 - a. Danica Basile-Bravo Pizza
 - b. Nancy Cairns-Bravo Pizza
 - c. Kaelyn Dillenburg-Bravo Pizza
 - d. Kimberly Heuser-Bravo Pizza
 - e. Meghan Maher-Bravo Pizza
 - f. Mollie Rae-Mustangs Bar & Grill
- 1. Miscellaneous License:
 - a. Viking Lanes

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:38 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Chambers second by Commissioner Redieske. 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 7:58 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Redieske. All members showed present at onset of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

At 7:58 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Redieske. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: