

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2018

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Chambers, Duffy, Fitzgerald, Jones, 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 Pat Hoey
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 Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 4, 2018. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Commissioner Chambers abstained from the vote. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
Michael Dunn was present from the Region I Planning Council to speak with Council regarding entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Region I Joint Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Dunn spoke to Council regarding how the program was formed, the benefits to the City by being part of the program, and how the program is funded. As part of the membership, some of the benefits of the program would be able to assist the City in writing grants and provide staff for grant aids. The program could also provide assistance in updating the City's Comprehensive Plan by using the Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP). The program cost would be more reasonable than the current cost the City would incur through hiring consulting firms. The program allows Mayors and Chairman to come together and plan regionally, and assists the needs of the regions for the counties of Winnebago and Boone.

1. Finance:
a. Commissioner Chambers made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from June 2-15, 2018 in the amount of \$318,986.91. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

2. Attorney Report:
None

3. Commissioner's Report:
Accounts & Finance-Finance Director Don Elliott
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Lori Duffy
Public Properties-Commissioner Nick Jones

NEW BUSINESS:
Discussion and/or Motion Items:

1. a. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve a request to waive the fee for pavilion rental at the City Park for a Make a Wish event to be held on August 5, 2018. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Amy Gjerseth was present to speak to Council and provide details regarding the event. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve a request to block off a section of the alley located at 294 Charles for a wedding reception event on July 28th from 2 pm – 10 pm by Kaitlyn Hennerley. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- c. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2357 authorizing the issuance of a Class EV Special Event Liquor License for Jackson 620 LLC d/b/a The Wheel to be held on June 21, 2018. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Ordinance 2358 regarding Small Wireless Facilities Deployment. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski explained the Ordinance was suggested by the Illinois Municipal League to enact proposed regulations and regulates the use of the City's right-of-way. The Ordinance outlines guidelines that cell towers will have to abide by. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2359 amending Chapter 1, Section 1-8 of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski explained the Ordinance states applications and permits submitted to the City will not be processed if the applicant has any outstanding costs owed to the City. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2360 amending Chapter 102, Traffic and Vehicles, adding Section 102-22 Authority of Police to Enforce Fire Lanes on Private Property in the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2361 to approve stop signs at Liston Avenue and Fawn Drive, and Fawn Drive and Hunters Way in the Misty Meadow Subdivision. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Commissioner Fitzgerald stated he has had concerned residents contact him regarding Misty Meadows Subdivision in regards to vehicles speeding through the subdivision. They are concerned with the safety of children at play. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he went to the streets the residents are concerned with. The streets are long and straight. Commissioner Fitzgerald recommended passing the ordinance at hand in an effort to slow down the speeders. Resident, Jessica Tatman said she has lived in Misty Meadows for 12 years and does not believe the issue is with speeding vehicles, but rather parents who do not watch their children to make sure they are not playing in the streets. Superintendent Reininger said stop signs are not meant to be speed control devices and would caution the Council on the decision. Mr. Reininger said he follows a handbook from the state, and does not believe the stop signs will stop drivers from speeding. The cost to add 6 signs with reflective stripes and flashing lights to bring attention to new stop signs would be approximately \$2000. Police Chief Hoey said he is opposed to any stop signs being placed unless there is hard evidence that accidents have occurred. Chief Hoey agreed with Mr. Reininger that stop signs are not to be used as speed control devices, but for an accident deterrent where accidents have occurred. Stop signs should not be installed without documentation and speed studies. Chief Hoey said a better solution instead would be to reduce the speed limit. Council discussed concerns regarding setting a precedent for anyone wanting a stop sign, cost of placing stop signs, and having a study done prior to any stop signs being erected. Roll call vote showed 2 ayes and 3 nays by Commissioners Chambers, Duffy, and Jones. The motion failed.
- h. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Ordinance 2362 Prevailing Wage 2018. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Business Licenses:
 - a. Double EEZ Enterprises
 - b. Synergy Pavement Group/AMS

2. RLE's:
 - a. Brittney Hammill-Mustang's Bar & Grill
 - b. Jordan Hanson-Pearl Lake
 - c. Meghan Martin-Jena's

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:16 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Jones second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

1. To discuss potential purchase of property as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act
2. Discuss collective bargaining issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act
3. Review closed session minutes including semi-annual review of closed session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 7:07 pm

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members present at the onset of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5960 regarding the City's Employee Health Insurance. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Clerk Patrick explained employees and Union Reps from both units met with Gallagher Benefits representatives and reviewed the current Local Government Health Plan (LGHP) with 2018 changes, and a Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) plan. After the original BCBS plan was presented Clerk Patrick spoke to Gallagher the next day, and Gallagher found a better plan than what was presented to employees that included a 0 deductible plan and lower Out of Pocket amounts. The savings aren't as much as the initial plan that was presented, however Clerk Patrick recommended Council approve the 0 deductible plan with BCBS. All other benefits for the BCBS plans were the same as what was presented to employees. Attorney Sosnowski stated the medical portion of the rates for the BCBS plan and the savings that the City will see. Attorney Sosnowski said employees voiced a desire to stay with a 0 deductible plan since most employees try to stay within the tier 1 plan that the LGHP has. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 abstain by Commissioner Fitzgerald.
2. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Resolution 5961 regarding the release and continued hold for confidentiality of Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Chambers second the motion. The review of the minutes showed continued hold for the minutes of the Regular Council Meetings of July 18, 2016, August 1, 2016, August 15, 2016, September 6, 2016, September 19, 2016, October 3, 2016, October 17, 2016, November 21, 2016, and December 19, 2016. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

ADJOURN:

At 7:14 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Chambers second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: