

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2018

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Duffy, Fitzgerald, Jones, and Mayor Rehl. Commissioner Chambers was absent.
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 Duffy made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Jones. 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 May 21, 2018. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
a. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from May 19-June 1, 2018 in the amount of \$216,774.71. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Discussion and/or Motion Items:
1. a. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5951 a Resolution of the City of South Beloit, Illinois authorizing the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Mutual Aid with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, the City of Beloit, Wisconsin Police Department and the Rock County, Wisconsin Sheriff's Office until the Regular Council Meeting on June 4th. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski stated the agreement is similar to the Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS:
Discussion and/or Motion Items:

1. a. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the request for a fishing derby to be held at the City Park on Saturday, June 16th from 7 am to 11 am from the Knights of Columbus Council 8021. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Steve Tallacksen was present to give an overview of the derby. Voice vote carried the motion.
- b. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on May 16, 2018 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Special Use Permit application. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2354 approving a Special Use Permit for a double-sided LED Message Center sign within a new monument sign along Blackhawk Boulevard in the (CR) Commercial Retail Zoning District for the property commonly known as 640 Blackhawk Boulevard, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County with PIN No. 04-06-430-014. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- c. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on May 16, 2018 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Zoning Variance. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2355 approving a Zoning Variance to reduce the required 10' front yard signage setback down to 4' for electronic monument signage in the (CR) Commercial Retail Zoning District for the property commonly known as 640 Blackhawk Boulevard, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No. 04-06-430-014. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski stated the Zoning Board of Appeals felt the applicant met the Findings of Fact. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- d. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on May 16, 2018 a denial recommendation was given regarding a Zoning Variance. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Ordinance 2356 approving a Zoning Variance to increase the maximum allowed 8' signage height limit up to 10' for an electronic monument sign in the (CR) Commercial Retail Zoning District for the property commonly known as 640 Blackhawk Boulevard, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County with PIN No. 04-06-430-014. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Mayor Rehl stated staff and the Zoning Board of Appeals did not recommend approval. After discussion, Council agreed with the Zoning Board of Appeals that the same visibility would be present at 8' or 10' and there was no hardship for the request. Roll call vote showed 4 nays and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers. The motion failed.
- e. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5959 approving a contract with Stenstrom regarding the Oak Grove Project. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- f. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5960 re-appointing trustee to the Police Pension Board for a term of two (2) years with said term to expire on the second Tuesday in May of 2020. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- g. Council discussed the fiscal 2019 Employee Health Insurance and possible change in carriers. Clerk Patrick said staff has looked at other insurance options for the past several years. Staff is working to get final rates for a Blue Cross plan. Information was provided to Council to show the renewal rates for the current plan through the Local Government Health Plan (LGHP) vs. the Blue Cross (BC) plan through Gallagher Benefits. Staff has been looking for more cost effective rates for both the City and employees. Also, Representatives from Gallagher Benefits will meet with employees to review the plan, and Council will vote at the next meeting. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the plans comparison and said there are savings that will benefit both the City and employees if the City chooses to move to BC. Attorney Sosnowski said through the LGHP (state of Illinois) plan some providers have to wait 18-24 months for payment for services. It's difficult to compare due to the LGHP plan having a tiered plan that employees can choose from and the City would not know who was utilizing which tier for certain. Attorney Sosnowski said the Collective Bargaining Units contracts state any insurance must be substantially similar, and explained what that means. Due to the short timeframe if the City selects the BC plan Gallagher will work with employees to get new information as soon as possible.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Business Licenses:
 - a. R.S.V.P. Party Supplies

2. Video Gaming Licenses:

a. Artisan

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

ADJOURN:

At 6:10 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: