

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 16, 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 Aaron Szeto 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 second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 2, 2018. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:  
1. Finance:  
a. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from June 30- July 13, 2018 in the amount of \$299,513.84. Commissioner Jones 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

NEW BUSINESS:  
Discussion and/or Motion Items:  
1. a. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the purchase of Lifepack 15 from Physio Control for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$25,221.05 (this was a budgeted item). Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Fire Chief Davenport explained the current monitor is 10 years old in 1 of the ambulances, and the second ambulance has a model that is only 2 years newer than the one that's 10 years old. The second monitor will be budgeted for in next year's budget. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.  
b. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5959 awarding the 2018 MFT bid for De La Tour to Rock Road Companies in the amount of \$261,834.79. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.  
c. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 5960 approving to ratify the emergency purchase of 9 used Motorola XTL2500 mobiles from Rock

River Service company pursuant to Section 2-491 emergency purchase at a cost of \$20,161.00. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Police Chief Hoey said the struggles are with communication. Particularly in the lower areas of the City where the current mobiles can't reach the nearest towers. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.

- d. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 5961 appointing member to the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:
  - Jennifer Betts Skupien is appointed to fill the unexpired five (5) year term of Margaret Downing with said term to expire in September 2018. In addition, Jennifer Betts Skupien is hereby appointed to serve a five (5) year term thereafter, with said term set to expire in September 2023. Commissioner Jones second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- e. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve a request for a donation in the amount of \$5000 to be taken from the Hotel/Motel Fund to help support the Annual Corn Boil to be held on August 25, 2018 from the South Beloit Firefighter's Association. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Firefighter, Andrew Kitson was present to speak to Council about the request. Last years' Corn Boil left the fund at a deficit of \$1,000. Mr. Kitson said there are several events planned for the Corn Boil. All time worked for the event is donated from the workers. Donations from sponsors are down from previous years. The funds raised go towards training for firefighters. The cost for putting the event on is anywhere from \$10-15k. The goal is to have a successful event this year and to be in a better position for next year. Roll call showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Chambers.
- f. Council discussed the possible demolition of residential homes located at 2205 and 2131 Blackhawk Boulevard. Attorney Szeto reviewed options for Council should they decide to pursue demolition. Option 1-post a demolition notice. Option 2-proceed through the court process. In this process a judge could order the demolition. Family heirs would be contacted. Attorney Szeto recommended Council consider Option 2. A demolition lien would put the City in first place lien. The property is currently boarded up. Commissioner Fitzgerald asked what the hurry is for the property to have taken care of. Attorney Szeto said the property is in a hoarding state, and an eyesore. Both are blighted. Mayor Rehl said if the heirs step up and want to restore the homes that would be great. Attorney Szeto said any step could help determine who the rightful owners are. Chief Hoey said all the known heirs are in disagreement. Attorney Szeto said the home is filled waist high with garbage. Council consensus was to proceed with Option 2.
- g. Council discussed a possible amendment to the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances regarding accessory structures. Attorney Szeto explained accessory structures are anything other than the principal structure. The City's Code is limited to no more than 40% of the rear yards square footage for accessory structures. Would Council want to consider changing the amount to lower than 40% or limiting the number of structures allowed? Council would either hold a public meeting or a hearing for citizens to have input. The challenge would be to define "accessory structure". Council will need to determine if a change is needed or what that change may be. It is not efficient to require staff to check after every structure is built. Mayor Rehl said this is being considered because of a citizen complaint. Staff will bring back any information necessary.
- h. Council discussed the results of the initial neighborhood traffic studies. Chief Hoey reviewed the data from the recent traffic studies that were set up in several areas of the City. The average speed limit showed 25 mph. The studies are continuing to be set up in other areas. Council discussed the issue of speeding in subdivisions. Chief Hoey said the department would get complaints either way if stop signs are installed or people will be rolling through the stop signs. Mayor Rehl said there needs to be consequences either way. The City needs to figure out how to have safe neighborhoods with the manpower the City has. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he would like to consider utilizing the part-time officers to handle traffic control. Chief Hoey said they are trying to determine times in order to enforce violators. More data will come and Chief Hoey will analyze if any action is warranted or needed.

MISCELLANEOUS  
LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Business Licenses:
  - a. Santana Home Furniture, Inc.
  
2. RLE's:
  - a. Virginia DeBlauw-Hollywood Slots
  - b. John Knabe-Hollywood Slots
  - c. Ron Neuschwander-Hollywood Slots
  - d. Judith Salamone-Hollywood Slots
  - e. Jordan Zeller-Hollywood Slots

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

ADJOURN:

At 6:11 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Jones. Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: