

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2019

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Duffy, Fitzgerald, Moore, Teeters, 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 layover item 1 a. under New Business until the Regular Council Meeting on April 15, 2019. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as amended second by Commissioner Teeters. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 18, 2019. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:
Commissioner Teeters made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from March 16-29, 2019 in the amount of \$320,235.08. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Attorney Report:
None
4. Commissioner's Report:
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Moore
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Lori Duffy
Public Properties-Commissioner Angela Teeters

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
 - b. From the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on March 19, 2019 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Variance. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2415 approving a Zoning Variance in the (CR) Commercial Retail Zoning District for the required parking stall width from 9' down to 8'8", and in the front yard corner setback from 25' down to 0' for the property located at 1334 Gardner Street, South Beloit, Illinois Winnebago County, with PIN Nos. 04-05-427-004 and 04-05-427-005. From petitioner Lirje Sula. Commissioner Teeters second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the application. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - c. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve Resolution 6030 authorizing the seventh IEPA Loan Disbursement request in the amount of \$410,819.57. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- d. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 6031 for Maintenance of Streets and Highways under the Illinois Highway Code for the utilization of Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$410,000.00. Commissioner Moore second the motion. City Engineer, Seth Gronewold said the MFT Funds will be used for Thompson St and Clark St. A portion of Thompson St will be a full reconstruction near the intersection of Gardner St to Clark St. It's anticipated there will be mill and overlay from Clark St to Pershing. There will also be continuing crack filling in Wynmere, Prairie Commons, Oakland, Shaw, Fair Oaks, and Liston Ave. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Teeters made a motion to approve Resolution 6032 approving Change Order No. 1 for the South Beloit WWTP project in a cost reduction amount of \$635,191.00. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Mr. Gronewold explained per Council's request there were changes made to the contract that provided a savings reduction in the amount of \$635,191. Mr. Gronewold reviewed the changes that created the savings to the contract. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Teeters made a motion to waive the formal bidding process for the purchase of 1 Lifepak 15 V4 Cardiac Monitor. Commissioner Moore second the motion. Fire Chief Davenport said there is only 1 company that sells this monitor. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve establishing Open Burning from April 2-30, 2019. Commissioner Moore second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
- h. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve hiring Aaron Hosey as paid on call Fire Fighter for the Fire Department. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- i. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve revising the employment offer letter to Public Works Superintendent, Jeff Reininger. Commissioner Teeters second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Council discussed the ITEP Bike Path Grant. Mayor Rehl said the previous Council received a grant for the Bike Path. There have been challenges with the Rail Road. The Rail Road won't give their approval without modifications to the plans regarding the path through the City Park. Mr. Gronewold said the Rail Road is requiring proof of a right-of-way easement which has not been located by the City they would not allow the path to cross under the Rail Road's structure in the Park. The City has been in contact with the Commerce Commission and was told the City could file a petition which could allow the City to install a structure or box culvert to the area in order to provide protection for pedestrians passing under the railway structure to use as a crossing. IDOT recommended the City move in that direction, which would mean additional costs for the project. The funds are due to sunset on April 26, 2019. Mr. Gronewold provided a ball park increase cost in the amount of the cost to continue the project and the process required to obtain approval from the Rail Road. The City will need to first send a letter to IDOT to inform them the City is going to work through the ICC petitioning process to get the box culvert constructed. The box culvert would cost approximately \$250,000. There would be engineering design cost as well as legal cost to go through the ICC petitioning process. The ITEP funds would cover 80% of the \$250,000. Approximate cost of the remaining items would be \$105,000. The other alternative is to forfeit the remaining grant funds and pay back the \$116,000. Mr. Gronewold would like to have direction from Council. Attorney Sosnowski said the City had previously received 2 grants. The original proposal was to construct the path across Wheeler Bridge. Due to the significant cost of the project with the bridge being far more than the grant amount, the former Council determined to wait until after elections at that time. Alternative paths without using the Wheeler bridge were investigated to see if there was a way to still create the bike path at a lower cost. The City could file a petition for access to see if Union Pacific would contest the request. Consensus was to request an extension for the grant and continue on with a petition to Union Pacific Rail Road for access.
- k. Council discussed meeting times and videotaping meetings. Commissioner Teeters said she has had residents' voice concerns regarding the meetings being too early. Commissioner Teeters said for her it's a transparency issue and wants to provide residents the opportunity to come to the meetings if they are held at a later time. Commissioner Fitzgerald said for 3 years prior to being a council member when he attended the meetings at a later time the same few people attended the meetings. At the time the change was discussed consideration was taken regarding the attendance of the public and Department Heads that have to stay longer to wait for the meetings to start. Commissioner Fitzgerald said the time isn't a concern for him to attend,

however, knowing the history of attendance, the only time people attend the meetings is if there is a concern they need Council to address. Commissioner Duffy agreed with Commissioner Fitzgerald and said that if there are people that have an issue they are able to adjust their schedule to attend. Commissioner Moore said he's fine with either way. Commissioner Fitzgerald suggested if any change is made to start at 5:30. Mayor Rehl said at the Meet and Greets that were recently held most constituents were more interested in video conferencing the meetings rather than an earlier meeting time. Mayor Rehl would like to find a way to balance the 2 concerns. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he spoke with Dwight Genin at the sewer plant to see how expensive the cost would be to record the meetings. Commissioner Duffy said microphones are needed. Council agreed to wait and let the next Council determine any changes.

ADJOURN:

At 5:54 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Moore second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: