

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 17, 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, Hedrington, Morse, 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 Adam Truman  
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 Morse made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Item 2. d under the Miscellaneous Licenses RLE's. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.  
Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agenda as amended second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:  
Don Ergen was present to speak regarding being granted permission to have access with his truck to go beyond the No Parking designated area off Shirland Avenue to Turtle Creek and the Rock River. Mr. Ergen said he is disabled and was granted a special handicap access permit in 2018 from former Police Chief Hoey and would like to have a permit again. Mr. Ergen said he has not been able to obtain a permit, but wants the access for fishing purposes. Mr. Ergen said it's the City's responsibility to clean up the area from people who continue to dump garbage and debris back there and doesn't believe the disabled should be punished for others actions. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he discussed the request with former Police Chief Dean Stiegemeier who was not in favor of granting access.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 3, 2019. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

1. Finance:  
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from June 1-14, 2019 in the amount of \$278,542.34. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Attorney Report:  
None
4. Commissioner's Report:  
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Brian Hedrington  
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald  
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Lori Duffy  
Public Properties-Commissioner Ken Morse

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
  - a. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2431 approving a Class EV Liquor License for Jackson 620 d/b/a The Wheel for an event to be held on June 20, 2019. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- b. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Ordinance 2432 approving a Class L Liquor License for Holtz-Hirst Post 288 American Legion d/b/a Holtz-Hirst Post 288 American Legion of South Beloit. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2433 approving an Agreement for the purchase of Real Property located at 704 Salmon Avenue, South Beloit, Illinois in the amount of \$632.11. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2434 approving an Agreement for the purchase of Real Property located at 909 Guetschow Avenue, South Beloit, Illinois in the amount of \$422.16. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 6047 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Winnebago County Circuit Clerk regarding Electronic Citation Program Fees. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6048 appointing member to the Stateline Mass Transit District Board as follows:
  - Phil Samuel is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired one (1) year term of Bernie Bowersock with said term to expire in July 2019. In addition, Phil Samuel is hereby appointed to serve a one (1) year term with said term to expire in July 2020.Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 6049 approving the re-appointment of member to the Stateline Mass Transit District Board as follows:
  - Pam Clifton is hereby reappointed as Trustee for the SMTD for a term of two (2) years with said term to expire in July 2021.Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6050 re-appointing members to the Library Board as follows:
  - Margie Bertholomey, Orland Cruse, and Amber Laue are hereby appointed to a three (3) year term set to expire on July 1, 2022Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- i. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6051 approving the re-appointment of members to the Board of Fire and Police Commission as follows:
  - Tracy Switzer-Cacciapaglia is hereby re-appointed to a term of one (1) year with said term to expire on December 31, 2019.
  - Todd Strasser is hereby re-appointed for a term of two (2) years with said term to expire on December 31, 2020.Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 6052 approving a Towing List Application and Agreement for a Towing Policy for the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Sosnoski said both have been in place for years, however; both need to be revised. Chief Truman said the Police Department has a rotating towing list. The issue is the past agreements have expired. Chief Truman reviewed the changes and stated the new paperwork provides more oversight for the Police Department. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- k. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve a request from the South Beloit Firefighters Association for funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the Annual Corn Boil from the Hotel/Motel Fund. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Andrew Kitson spoke to Council about the event. Firefighter Kitson said the event will be held at Viking Lanes this year due to the park being flooded. The Association tries to keep costs low and does not charge any admission. The venue is being downsized, but not the event itself. Firefighter Kiston said the money raised is used for several donations to other events. The funds will also be used for the Fire Department's Training Center. The event will be August 24, 2019 from 11 am – 11 pm. All firefighters time is donated to the event. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- l. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 for Nature at the confluence from the Hotel/Motel Fund. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Mayor Rehl said the funds will be used for the structure that was presented previously to the Council. Mayor Rehl said last year over 5,600 people visited the Confluence and the events. Over 3,000 of those visitors were from outside the City of South Beloit. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- m. Mayor Rehl suggested he would like to make an initial move to video tape the Regular Council Meetings and make them available for viewing on YouTube. If a

time change is still something Council would like to consider at a later time Council can revisit the item. Commissioner Duffy agreed and stated microphones would be needed for recording meetings to ensure Council members are able to be heard on the recordings. Attorney Sosnowski said this item would fall under Public Properties.

- Commissioner Morse and Mayor Rehl will discuss and start looking into the process.
- n. Commissioner Morse said he has been meeting with a group of citizens who would like to improve the looks of the City. The group has volunteers who would plant and maintain flowers. Commissioner Morse said there is consideration for 3 areas for flower pots, benches, and trash receptacles as well as 1 pet waste station. Council would like to see a map showing where items will be placed. Public Works Superintendent, Jeff Reiningger said the Illinois Department of Transportation would need to give approval for anything along Blackhawk Blvd or Gardner Street as there are state right of ways. Attorney Sosnowski advised Council that prevailing wage would need to be paid if there are any agreements for the project. Commissioner Morse said other comparable prices were looked at for the purchase of the items, but were unsuccessful in finding better prices than the quotes presented. Attorney Sosnowski will bring back a Resolution for the purchase at a future Council Meeting.
  - o. Mayor Rehl said he spoke with Commissioner Fitzgerald regarding the safety and accessibility of City Hall. Commissioner Fitzgerald said there is a need for handicap accessibility and the City should come into compliance with being ADA accessible. Commissioner Fitzgerald presented an idea to Council for renovating the entrance to City Hall that would add a ramp, stairway, and would increase the work area. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he would like to add Plexiglas to the front counter for further safety of employees, and would like to have approval to look at costs. Commissioner Morse asked that Commissioner Fitzgerald continue with to look at the costs involved for his idea presented. Consensus was to look further into costs and designs to bring back to Council for review and consideration.
  - p. Mayor Rehl said the City recently received 2 grants totaling over \$600,000 that include an Illinois Housing Development Assistance Grant for low income owner occupied residents to bring their homes up to code, and a Brownfield Planning Grant. Mayor Rehl said Gardner Street properties need improvement; however, they would not qualify for the home grant due to being in the flood zone. Mayor Rehl would like to look into the City putting together a grant for the 12 residential homes on Gardner Street to make improvements such as siding and landscaping for the properties to be able to improve the aesthetics of the properties. Mayor Rehl suggested adding stipulations to the grant and would like to present a recommendation to Council for approval. Consensus was to bring a recommendation for a grant for those property owners on Gardner Street.

#### MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Business Licenses:
  - a. Tollway Inn
2. RLE's:
  - a. Cynthia Dionysius-Jena's
  - b. Shauna Henning-Mustang's Bar & Grill
  - c. Melinda Vance-Jena's
3. Mobile Food Vendor's:
  - a. The Olive Branch
  - b. Veebo's Pizza

Commissioner Morse made a motion to layover Item 1. a. under Miscellaneous Licenses second by Commissioner Hedrington. Voice vote carried the motion.

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:18 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion. 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 6:43 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

At 6:43 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Fitzgerald.  
Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: