

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 6, 2020

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 Aaron Szeto was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Fire Chief Mike Davenport
Police Chief Adam Truman
Public Works Supervisor Mike Murphy

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 Hedrington made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jessica Tattman stated she was unhappy with the fine amounts for the odd/even parking Ordinance that was passed by Council. Ms. Tattman said the community is poor and the fees are atrocious. Ms. Tattman said the Council's priorities should be with citizens.
Bob Tattman said he is not a resident, but his daughter Jessica is. Mr. Tattman said he is irritated due to his daughter's brake lines being cut after she voiced her opinion about the odd/even parking on social media.
Tim McMahon representing the South Beloit Lion's Club thanked the Police Department for assisting with delivering presents at their event over Christmas.
Brad Perry stated that he was the citizen that started a petition regarding the odd/even parking. Mr. Perry asked Council to re-look at the Ordinance. Mr. Perry does not believe the Ordinance will protect families. The \$500.00 fine amount could be someone's weekly pay. Mr. Perry also stated notices should be mailed to residents.
Margie Bertholomey said she believes the odd/even ordinance was rushed and ill advised. Ms. Bertholomey believes the fines are too high. Ms. Bertholomey said people don't know what Council is doing and asked what Council is doing to get ideas. Ms. Bertholomey asked if the Staff Development Meetings mentioned in Council Meeting Minutes are open to the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 16, 2019. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from December 14, 2019- January 3, 2020 in the amount of \$2,921,147.93. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Attorney Report:
None
4. Commissioner's Report:
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Public Health & Safety-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Streets & Public Improvements-Commissioner Lori Duffy
Public Properties-Commissioner Ken Morse

NEW BUSINESS:

I. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Police Chief Adam Truman provided a brief bio of Daniel Roggenbuck. City Clerk, Tracy Patrick administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Daniel Roggenbuck.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve a request for a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 from the Hotel/Motel fund from the South Beloit Lions Club. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Mayor Rehl said previously these types of requests had not been approved due to issues with giving to organizations from the Hotel/Motel fund and asked the matter be laid over to discuss the item further. Council discussed the requirements of the Hotel/Motel fund and what types of requests can legally be submitted for amounts requested from the fund. Attorney Szeto reviewed the State Statute regarding the legal expenditure of funds for the Hotel/Motel fund. To receive funds from the Hotel/Motel fund the event must promote tourism or conventions that bring in out of towners and overnight stays. Jerry Miller, representing the Lion's Club asked where the funds go or if they just continue to build up. Finance Director, Don Elliott said 20% goes to Beloit 2020 and 20% goes to RACVB for promoting the City. Council determined the Lion's Club would need to submit information that shows how the Lion's Club promotes tourism. The City would also create an application that would be used for any group that would request funds from the Hotel/Motel fund. Commissioner Morse made a motion to layover the item second by Commissioner Duffy. Voice vote carried the motion.
- c. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2490 approving a Class D Liquor License for Pate Gas Mart Inc. d/b/a Pate Gas Mart. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. From the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on December 18, 2019 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Text Amendment. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2491 amending Chapter 118-Zoning of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances to provide for Carport and Car Canopy Regulations. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Mayor Rehl said the City is functioning as it should, utilizing its Ordinances. Several concerns were previously raised from citizens regarding curb appeal. This Ordinance will help do what's best for the City without punishing its citizens. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. From the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on December 18, 2019 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Text Amendment. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2492 amending the City's Sign Ordinance regarding Banners. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Attorney Szeto said previously the Code allowed for a 2-week period for temporary banners. An application was submitted for a permanent banner for a longer period. The amendment allows for permanent banners to remain as long as they are in good condition. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6094 awarding Brownfields Environmental and Engineering Consulting Services to Fehr-Graham for the 2019 Community Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6095 authorizing the sixteenth IEPA Loan Disbursement request in the amount of \$1,283,716.06. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6096 approving the appointment of Finance Director. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Commissioner Hedrington asked if the position had been put out to bid. Mayor Rehl said it had not. Council did not feel the position needed to be put out to bid. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 nay by Commissioner Hedrington.
- i. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6097 re-appointing member to the Board of Police and Fire Commission. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. The appointment is as follows:
 - Tracy Switzer Cacciapaglia is re-appointed to serve a term of one (1) year with said term to expire on December 31, 2020.Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6098 approving an Engagement Letter with Sosnowski Szeto LLP to serve as the City Attorney. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Commissioner Hedrington asked if the position had been put out to bid. Mayor Rehl said the position had not due to the pricing being substantially lower than other Law Firms. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 nay by Commissioner Hedrington.

- k. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 6099 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Northern Illinois Land Bank. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. The agreement allows Northern Illinois Land Bank to use state powers to obtain properties. Roll call showed 5 ayes.
- l. Council discussed the fines for odd/even parking and general parking ticket costs. Council agreed the fines for odd/even parking are too high. Commissioner Fitzgerald said the reason for the recommendation for odd/even parking was due to Department Heads having concerns with snow removal, street sweeping, inoperable vehicles using the street as their own driveway for parking vehicles, and emergency vehicles that can't get vehicles down the streets. Commissioner Fitzgerald provided a comparison to what other municipalities charge for parking tickets. Council discussed the fine for parking violations. Commissioner Fitzgerald said the parking ticket amount of \$100.00 was passed in 2017. Chief Truman said he agreed the fine for the odd/even parking was too high and assured no tickets had been issued for odd/even parking since it was a hot topic. Chief Truman said last year there were 10 parking citations written. Council agreed the odd/even would need to stay in place city wide. The time for odd/even parking would remain from 8 am the first day until 8 am the following day. At that time vehicles would need to be moved to the appropriate side of the street for odd/even parking. Council made recommendations for fine amounts to odd/even parking. Council discussed the collection process for unpaid tickets. Chief Truman said any unpaid tickets would be submitted to the City Attorney's office for traffic court collection. Commissioner Duffy said Gardner Street and Blackhawk Boulevard are state highways and would not be subject to the odd/even parking restrictions. It was determined that Commissioner Fitzgerald would provide a recommendation to Attorney Szeto for proposed changes to the Code regarding fine amounts.
- m. Council discussed the Liquor Code regarding opening hours. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he spoke with some liquor holders who are unsure what time their opening hours are. Commissioner Fitzgerald recommended changing opening hours on Sundays to be at 10 am for all liquor holders. Council agreed amending the code to make all hours the same for all liquor holders.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. RLE's:
 - a. Sarah Baxter-Bordertown Gaming
 - b. Tanya Cash-Artisan
 - c. Matthew Cotone-Everett's
 - d. Kristen Kline-Artisan
 - e. Tonya Lovell-Road Ranger
 - f. Tabby Lynn-Pilot Travel Centers
 - g. Beth Meinheit-Dominick's Bar
 - h. Arvindkumar Patel-Hometown Food & Liquor
 - i. Brody Richardson-Pilot Travel Centers
 - j. Sandra Romanowski-Bordertown Gaming

Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve all licenses second by Commissioner Hedrington. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:23 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Duffy second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss pending or probable litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 6:35 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

At 6:35 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Morse second by Commissioner Hedrington. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: