

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 3, 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 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 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 Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Vicky Hines was present to speak to Council regarding the odd/even parking on Perry Avenue. Ms. Hines said the street is a one-way street with 1 side of the street being posted as No Parking. Police Chief Truman said there were most likely some streets that would need to be exempt from the odd/even parking, and further no citations have been issued.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to lay over the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 21, 2020. Commissioner Morse 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 January 18-31, 2020 in the amount of \$1,803,720.65. Commissioner Duffy 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:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
 - a. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6106 approving a contract for Engineering Services with Fehr-Graham. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - b. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 6107 authorizing the seventeenth IEPA Loan Disbursement request in the amount of \$1,320,263.12. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6108 appointing member to the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:
 - Angela Teeters is re-appointed for a five (5) year term with said term to expire in September 2024.

- Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6109 approving an agreement with Tolemi regarding Code Enforcement Software. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - e. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve bid letting for renovations to City Hall. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he was asked by Commissioner Morse to handle the City Hall renovations. Commissioner Fitzgerald said City Hall is not ADA accessible. Commissioner Fitzgerald worked with staff for layout and changes. The renovation will provide ADA compliance, as well as provide additional office space and security for City Hall. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
 - f. Commissioner Morse made a motion to discuss potentially hiring an additional Police Officer. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Mayor Rehl said he met with Commissioner Hedrington and Police Chief Truman regarding hiring an additional Police Officer. The department currently has 2 officers out. Commissioner Hedrington said the department had \$90,000 in over-time in 2019. An additional hire would help overtime expenses. Chief Truman said the department is short-staffed. Historically, the department has had 14-16 officers. Chief Truman recommended no less than 3 officers per shift to help with safety issues for officers as well as the community. Commissioner Morse said all departments need to look at what's needed for the next 5 years; not for day to day, but above those situations. Mayor Rehl said the City needs to look at planning and how to fund the need. Commissioner Fitzgerald said all departments need more, however; the first 4 years Council had to lay off employees. Council needs to ensure any hire is financially feasible, and agrees that cannabis sales will bring in funding, but also more problems. Mayor Rehl would like to build up support and be able to help all departments.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. Business Licenses:
 - a. LHC Properties LLC
 - b. Stateline CBD & Kraton Inc.
2. RLE's:
 - a. Eric Cook-Fas Mart-5232
 - b. Marsha Misslich-American Legion
 - c. Karissa Pierrot-Got Slots
3. Tobacco Dealer's Licenses:
 - a. Stateline CBD & Kratom Inc

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:45 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Morse second by Commissioner Hedrington. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss the purchase or lease of real property as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
2. Discuss potential litigation as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION:

At 6:15 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:15 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Morse second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: