

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
May 18, 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  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Reininger  
Street Superintendent 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 Duffy made a motion to approve the agenda as second by Commissioner Hedrington. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 4, 2020. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:  
1. Finance:  
Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from May 2-15, 2020 in the amount of \$191,998.74. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.  
2. Attorney Report:  
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

CORRESPONDENCE:  
1. a. Attorney Sosnowski provided an update regarding the progress of the Downstate Stabilization Grant. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the process of how businesses were contacted that would be eligible for the grant. There were some businesses that were disqualified due to the business being in a flood zone, or for the number of years they have been in operation. Three businesses submitted paperwork for the grant and are on this agenda. Commissioner Fitzgerald asked if the grant has to be paid back. Attorney Goscik said the grant would not be repayable if the applicant meets the factors for being open for 60 days. Attorney Goscik said the funds are required to be used for future expenses, not for items already expended. Attorney Goscik reviewed what the grant funds can be used for.

NEW BUSINESS:  
1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:  
a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2521 amending various provisions of Chapter 86-Streets, Sidewalks, and other Public Places of the City Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed staff recommendations for the proposed amendments with Council. Commissioner Fitzgerald had several questions for a number of items in the proposed Ordinance including the required

sidewalk width, soil condition requirements, and cost of the permits, as well as width requirements. After discussion Commissioners Morse and Fitzgerald withdrew their motions. Commissioner Morse made a motion to layover Ordinance 2521 until the next Council Meeting so that the City Engineer could be present to discuss and respond to Council's questions. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2522 amending Article II, Stopping, Standing, and Parking, Section 102-58 – Parking, Locating, and Storage of Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles, and Trailers in Residential Districts in the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the current code has conflicting language. The amendment is to clarify some portions of the current sections of Article II and Section 102-58. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the changes. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6130 supporting the application to the State of Illinois for a Community Development Block Grant regarding Bean Shoe Service. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6131 supporting the application to the State of Illinois for a Community Development Block Grant regarding Captain's Galley. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6132 supporting the application to the State of Illinois for a Community Development Block Grant regarding Koop's, Inc. d/b/a Coral Cove Family Fun Center. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6133 retroactively approving a Settlement Agreement with Monica Weiskopf. Commissioner Duffy second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said this was for a Code Enforcement Case with the settlement amount being \$8,998.50. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 6134 approving a Settlement Agreement with Jeremy Lindstrom. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said this was for a Code Enforcement Case with the Settlement amount being \$1,250.00, which has been paid in full. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6135 appointing member to the Police Pension Board as follows:
  - Dennis Connerton is hereby appointed as Trustee for the Police Pension Board for a term of two (2) years with said term to expire on the second Tuesday in May of 2022.Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- i. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 6136 approving member to the Library Board as follows:
  - Emily Sager is hereby appointed to a three (3) year term to expire on July 1, 2023.Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 6137 authorizing the twenty-first IEPA Loan Disbursement request in the amount of \$1,832,350.83. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- k. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve the purchase of a new submersible pump at the corner of Prairie Hill and De La Tour at a cost not to exceed \$10,765.42. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, Jeff Reininger recommended the quote from Flow Technics Inc for the Sulzer pump XFP100E-CB1.5-PE2/4 from the quotes provided at a cost of \$6,787.00. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- l. Commissioner Duffy made a motion to approve installing fiberoptic cable at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost not to exceed \$4,050.00 for a one-time installation fee and \$736.00 monthly with Spectrum Enterprise. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Superintendent Reininger said this is for the new treatment plant where there will need to be specific download and upload speeds. Superintendent Reininger said he looked at other options but was not sure how reliable they would be for the specific needs for the plant operations. Superintendent Reininger said he would look at other options at a later date as well. Roll call showed 5 ayes.
- m. Council discussed re-opening City Hall and resuming in person Council Meetings. It was determined that City Hall would re-open on Monday, June 1 to the general public. For the Council Meetings Staff could continue to remotely attend meetings due to the Governors limitations of no more than 10 people at a time.
- n. Council discussed the eventual re-opening of businesses. Mayor Rehl said everyone knows some business that has been suffering. The timeline is unknown, however, when it does re-

open it will be under strict guidelines. Mayor Rehl said he has been in discussions with Beloit's City Manager who said Beloit will most likely be opening soon, and that the National Guard will be coming in to do Covid testing. Mayor Rehl added Beloit's opening will be an added scenario, so there are additional pressures for the City. Attorney Sosnowski said at Mayor McNamara's press conference today he announced he is working with South Beloit and other Winnebago County Mayors to open restaurants, childcare, youth care centers, and faith centers by June 1. Mayor Rehl said although we are enthusiastic, we need to be realist as well. Council discussed this issue of not knowing how many cases are actually in the City limits of South Beloit since the reporting is for the zip code of 61080, which includes a larger area beyond City limits. Mayor Rehl said when he spoke with Dr. Sandra Martell he was told he may get the information at some time in the future. Commissioner Fitzgerald informed Council that a grant awarded to the City 5 years ago for the Fire Department that was on hold for the remainder of funds in the amount of \$12,000 was now open again for the remaining funds to be spent. Funds have to be used for specific purposes. Fire Chief, Mike Davenport said he has been in contact with Grant Administrator, Tammy Scott who said there is a short timeframe to use the funds, however; if need be, the City could file for an extension for the grant. Chief Davenport is obtaining quotes to utilize the funds as quickly as possible.

ADJOURN:

At 6:05 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Fitzgerald second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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