

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 17, 2020

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Fitzgerald, Hedrington, Morse, and Mayor Rehl.
City Attorney Wiktor Goscik was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Fire Chief Mike Davenport
Police Chief Adam Truman
Waste Water 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 Adleman made a motion to amend the agenda to add Executive Session for Personnel reasons. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the agenda as amended second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Fitzgerald spoke about Shirland Avenue being a mess and a hazard with the barrels that are in the street for the traffic around the new ball park area. Commissioner Fitzgerald said the construction area should have been better engineered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 3, 2020. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to pay the claims to be paid from August 1-14, 2020 in the amount of \$278,626.18. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Attorney Report:
4. Commissioner's Report:
Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Ryan Adleman
Public Properties-Commissioner Ken Morse

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2495 An Ordinance of the City of South Beloit Amending Various Provisions of Chapter 1 – General Provisions, Chapter 62 – Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, and Chapter 102 – Traffic and Vehicles of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Commissioners Fitzgerald and Adleman reviewed their suggested changes. Council determined the changes would be acceptable. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
a. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Ordinance 2545 An Ordinance of the City of South Beloit, Illinois Amending Article IV Hotel Operator's Use Tax and approving the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund Application and establishing a Review Committee. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Commissioner Fitzgerald said there always seems to be issues when

groups come to the City asking for funds from the Hotel/Motel Fund. Commissioner Fitzgerald said there are always questions regarding if the request actually qualifies for funds, and Council has to determine how much should be given. Commissioner Fitzgerald asked if the group uses the City's logo does it make the City liable for anything? Attorney Goscik said any group that is able to get funding from the City must sign a Waiver and Release form that releases the City from any responsibility. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2546 Amending Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Beverages, Article III, Retail License, Section 6-82 of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Attorney Gosik said at the last meeting there was discussion regarding increasing the fee for the Bar Boutique (BG) liquor license from \$5,450.00 annually to \$7,500.00 annually since the licenses are now unlimited. There was a consensus for the fee increase, however; there was no clear timeline. Attorney Goscik suggested in the prepared ordinance that the increase could be split to increase in the amount of \$1,025.00 effective January 1, 2021, and \$1,025.00 effective January 1, 2022. Mayor Rehl said the Covid-19 pandemic has had an effect on all businesses including the entertainment businesses. The goal of the increase is to get there. Commissioner Fitzgerald said these types of licenses have no sales products. The issue he has is regarding how much the City gets from the gaming. Commissioner Fitzgerald reviewed the state gaming amounts from 2019 and said the City only receives 5% of the amount. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he wrote to the Illinois Municipal League (IML) and received a response that said there was no support of changing any of the distribution amounts from the Governor. Commissioner Fitzgerald added that most owners of the BG licenses do not reside in the City, so, the money leaves the City and does not come back. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6151 correcting previously assigned Resolution 2533. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Attorney Goscik said the issue was due to a numbering error. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes
- d. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6152 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a Right of Entry and Access License Agreement with Riverbend Stadium Authority, Inc. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6153 authorizing request for approval of Change of Plans and Final Payment Estimates regarding roadway repairs to sections of Illinois Route 2. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Commissioner Hedrington asked how much was coming from the City. Finance Director, Don Elliot said \$5,000-10,000 would come from the City. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6154 appointing Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:
 - Margaret Downing is hereby appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired five (5) year term of Ryan Adleman with said term to expire in September 2022.Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6155 appointing member to the Library Board as follows:
 - Duane E. Farnsworth is hereby appointed as a Director of the Library Board to fill the un-expired three (3) year term of Glenn Lineman set to expire on July 1, 2023.
- h. Commissioner Morse made a motion to hire Seth Guetschow as paid on call Firefighter for the Fire Department. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- i. Commissioner Morse made a motion to hire Lorianne Lynch as paid on call Firefighter for the Fire Department. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to hire Jason Price as paid on call Firefighter for the Fire Department. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- k. Council discussed sidewalk issues and repairs. Commissioner Fitzgerald received an email regarding concern for trip hazards from algae and garden hoses laying across sidewalks from residents with sump pumps and dewatering and asked how this could be alleviated. Council discussed what the homeowner would have to do to have the issues fixed as well as what the cost could be to homeowners. Commissioner Morse said residents have been pumping in to the storm system for years and asked if a buried pipe could be run directly into the storm sewer. Commissioner Morse said sometimes it's impossible to have the basement waterproofed due to the pressure under the basement that could cause basements to have cracking issues. WWTP Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said with proper inspection the water could be put into the storm system, however; it is not recommended. The storm system is for storm water, and not for dewatering. Commissioner Adleman said he did some research, and found there are companies

that waterproof basements. Commissioner Adleman asked if there was any way to redistribute water across the homeowner's yard and not into the streets. Commissioner Fitzgerald said residents have been pumping into the streets for years, however; with the recent concern, the City can't allow residents to cause issues that the City would be liable for. Commissioner Adleman said he looked at several areas in the City and due to the severity of the issue something needs to be done. Commissioner Adleman said the City cannot condone hoses and algae. Council agreed there needs to be a solution to the issue. Commissioner Morse said in many locations the water from sump pumps already goes into the storm system and he believes the City should keep it that way somehow. Mr. Reininger said if the City determines to continue to have the water going to the storm sewer system there would be additional requirements for inspections that would cost the City money. Mayor Rehl asked Commissioner Adleman to contact the City's Engineer to see what other communities with this issue are doing to help with the issue.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. RLE's:
 - a. Mikayla Gustafson-Jena's
 - b. Thelma Moore-Jena's
 - c. Hallie Powell-Fas Mart # 5232

2. Tattoo Artist Licenses:
 - a. Cody Steele

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. At 6:08 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Hedrington second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. 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 6:54 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:54 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Hedrington second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: