

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 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:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Fire Chief Administrator Dan Zerfass
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 layover the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting held on November 9, 2020. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the agenda as amended second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 16, 2020, the minutes of the Public Hearing regarding the 2020 Supplemental Budget Ordinance held on November 23, 2020, and the minutes of the Public Hearing regarding the 2021 Tentative Budget held on November 23, 2020. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from November 14 – December 4, 2020 in the amount of \$661,438.71. Commissioner Morse 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

NEW BUSINESS:
1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:
a. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2571 approving the 2020 Supplemental Budget. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2572 adopting the 2021 Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2573 adopting the 2020 Tax Levy. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
d. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on November 18, 2020 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Variance. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to

approve Ordinance 2574 approving a variance in the (R1) Residential One Family Zoning District for a fence in the front yard from the maximum allowed of 4' up to 6' in height for the property located at 5798 Belden Dr., South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, with PIN No. 04-16-275-001. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he saw staff recommended denial based on the front yard, however; the Zoning Board recommended approval. Council discussed what is considered as the front yard. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he visited the property and did not see an issue with the fence. Council discussed the lot being on a corner. Clerk Patrick said Zoning Official, Jessica Roberts will make her recommendations based on what is in the City's Code. Ms. Roberts did not find a hardship for the fence, and if her recommendation was to approve the fence, it would constitute a special privilege. Council determined they would consider a revision to the front yard being determined for fences when there is a corner lot similar to the same as the driveway ordinance that was recently changed. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- e. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2575 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 Ordinance. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Commissioner Adleman said he would prefer to change the length from 35' to 25' to stay in line with Rockton, which is 22', and Machesney Park, which is 25'. Council discussed the amendment that states there is no parking allowed within the first five feet of the required front yard adjacent to the right-of-way and determined that provision would be satisfactory rather than reducing the size. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 nay by Commissioner Hedrington.
- f. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2576 amending Chapter 34 – Environment, Article IX Abatement of Chronic Nuisance Properties of the City Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Goscik reviewed the ordinance and said this ordinance will help with problem properties. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2577 approving and authorizing the City to lease additional vehicles under a Master Lease Agreement and related documents thereto with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Finance Director, Don Elliott explained this will be the third vehicle through this program. Technically, the vehicles are a 1 payment lease. After 6 months the vehicles are traded in and sold for a profit. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2578 temporarily providing an extension to the 2020 Liquor License for Class AA – Bar/Restaurant and Class A Bar Only establishments. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes. After item u. Attorney Goscik verified with Council fees would not be prorated also. Council confirmed there would be no proration of fees.
- i. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2579 Establishing the 2021 Meeting Schedules for the City and the 2021 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6180 approving the renewal of the City's Risk Management Insurance Policy. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Attorney Goscik said there were only a couple minor changes. There was a slight increase of 6% to the premium. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- k. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6181 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Winnebago County Health Department. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Goscik explained the program is for rapid testing for Covid-19 at no cost for the public that the City deals with, and for employees of the City. Those being tested must be having symptoms. Attorney Goscik reviewed the process. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- l. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6182 approving the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects and Illinois Housing Development Authority Funds. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- m. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6183 approving Change Order No. 1 from Rock Road Companies, Inc. regarding the restriping of the City Hall parking lot in the amount of \$885.00. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- n. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6184 approving Change Order No. 1 regarding repairs to the Fire Department parking lot by Rock Roads Companies Inc. in the amount of \$3,995.00. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs was present. Mr. Boggs explained additional top soil has been added, and all of the area has been seeded. The straw blanket would be for erosion control. Chief Zerfass said the area

was looked at again today. Most of the seed that was put down has already been embedded, and does not believe that the blanket will help. Chief Zerfass said he believes staff can take care of the area in the spring, and does not believe the blanket will be necessary for the area. Roll call vote showed 5 nays. The motion failed.

- o. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6185 approving Pay Application No. 1 regarding the City's ADA Improvements Project at City Hall. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Commissioner Fitzgerald advised there would be another Pay Application upcoming for the flagpoles that will need to be reinstalled. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- p. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6186 of the City of South Beloit approving Change Order No. 1 from Macqueen Emergency for the purchase of a Fire Truck for the Fire Department in the amount of \$4,906.00. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Fire Chief Dan Zerfass said the additional cost is for additional lighting and other safety items for personnel on the new Fire Truck. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- q. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6187 approving Change Order No. 6 from Larson & Larson Builders, Inc. regarding the repairs to the Fire Department Roof in the amount of \$2,662.00 for the purchase and installation of snow guards. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- r. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6188 approving the twenty-seventh IEPS Loan Disbursement in the amount of \$358,044.35. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- s. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6189 re-appointing member to the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:
 - Glenn Lineman is hereby re-appointed as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term with said term to expire in September 2025.Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- t. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6190 re-appointing member to the Fire Pension Board as follows:
 - Tracy Patrick is hereby re-appointed as a Trustee of the Fire Pension Board for a term of three (3) years with said term to expire in September 2023.Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- u. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve hiring Matthew Redieske as part time employee for the Street Department. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- v. Council discussed the possibility of a Utility Assistance Program related to Covid 19 relief. Mayor Rehl said Covid 19 has caused a dangerous threat to the restaurants and owners, and there is no assistance. Mayor Rehl said he spoke with Commissioner Adleman regarding possibly giving a 1-time assistance of something (to be determined) to businesses as a token of the City efforts to help based on criteria. Commissioner Fitzgerald said Rockford has been able to provide assistance to businesses. Mayor Rehl said Rockford has access to funding that the City does not have access to. Mayor Rehl said he spoke with Rock Energy, however; because they are a co-op they are not able to provide any assistance. WWTP Superintendent, Jeff Reininger advised Council to consider not possibly jeopardizing the low-interest loan the City has for the new sewer plant by providing any waiver of fees from the monthly sewer billing. Mayor Rehl assured Mr. Reininger that nothing would be done regarding the sewer billing. Commissioner Adleman agreed with Mr. Reininger and said he did not feel that giving a check or cash from the sewer fund is the answer, and would only be a temporary fix, and would not want the City to give assistance from the sewer fund as well. Commissioner Fitzgerald suggested the City purchasing gift cards from restaurants within the City and finding a way to give the certificates to residents. Mayor Rehl said he would look at other small communities to see ways they may be helping their businesses. Clerk Patrick suggested Council consider looking in to the fund that has \$24,000 in it that the Finance Director is unable to find what the funds were to be used for. Possibly those funds could be used in some way. Commissioner Adleman suggested looking in to the Visit Beloit and the Rockford Area Convention Visitors Bureau's funding. Mayor Rehl said those groups do not have access to federal funding. Mayor Rehl said he would look into options the City could pursue.
- w. There was no need for discussion regarding the Liquor Licenses.

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES:

1. Business License's:
 - a. Best Buy Auto Sales

- b. CP's Lawn Service
 - c. GWS Tool Group
2. RLE's:
- a. Kayla Dunkel-Bordertown Gaming
 - b. Anna Hawthorne-Vegas Magic
 - c. Sharon Muellner-Vegas Magic
 - d. Chantel Pagano-Bordertown Gaming
 - e. Kathrine Scharlau-Bordertown Gaming

Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the license second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

ADJOURN:

At 6:18 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: