

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 21, 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 Roxanne Sosnowski 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 Morse made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Hedrington. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Emergency Council Meeting held on November 9, 2020, and the Regular Council Meeting held on December 7, 2020. Commissioner Adleman 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 December 5-18, 2020 in the amount of \$451,319.73. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Attorney Report:
Attorney Sosnowski said the City was awarded the Local Cures Grant. Mayor Rehl said the grant was a very quick 9-day turn around for approval, and added there were 10 applicants. Commissioner Fitzgerald said some businesses who applied had already received aid from other grants. The City wants to be fair regarding awarding the funds to businesses.
3. 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 Hedrington made a motion to approve Ordinance 2580 approving a Class BG Liquor License for Magic Slots Inc, d/b/a Magic Slots. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
b. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2581 approving 2020 Budget Transfers. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Finance Director, Don Elliott explained the Budget Transfers are similar to the Appropriations Ordinance. If the City overspends on a budget line item the ordinance allows for transfers from 1 line item to another. This takes care of negative balances through tonight's payments. There will be 1 more payroll that will go in to the 2020 cash basis. Mr. Elliott explained what amounts will go against the 2020 budget. Mr.

Elliott further explained the process for making adjustments to the modified accrual basis. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- c. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on December 16, 2020, a positive recommendation was given regarding a Text Amendment. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2582 amending Chapter 118, Zoning, Article VIII, Signs for the City's Zoning Code. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the amendment clarifies what constitutes durable materials that can be used for signs. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2583 authorizing the disposal of personal property owned by the City of South Beloit (2014 Ford Taurus). Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2584 amending the City's Employee Handbook. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the amendments to the handbook. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6191 to approve Local CURES Economic Support Grant Program. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6192 approving Pay Application No. 2 regarding the City's MFT Street Project, City Hall Parking Lot Project, and the City Fire Department Parking Lot Project. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6193 approving Change Order No. 5 to Sjostrom & Sons for City Hall project at a cost not to exceed \$5,600.75. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Commissioner Fitzgerald said the change order was for the work done for the flagpoles in front of City Hall. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- i. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6194 approving the twenty-eighth IEPA Loan Disbursement in the amount of \$504,099.45. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- j. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6195 authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement for Engineering Service with Fehr Graham for a Lift Station & Force Main Replacement Under River Feasibility Study. Commissioner Morse second the motion. WWTP Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said last year there was a blockage in the force main that brings sewage from the west side of town under the river. After the blockage was opened up, the City obtained a proposal from Michaels to clean, televise, and survey the force main. After the proposal was obtained, and due to significant rainfall, the river rose up until August. Mr. Reininger explained when the force mains vaults are flooded, they are difficult to get to. After discussion with City Engineer, Seth Gronewold consideration was given to look at a new bigger force main and lift station in across the river. Fehr Graham prepared a proposal to show what would be needed for the project and to account for future expansion. The cost of the lift station isn't huge, however; the construction for the project is. Mr. Reininger said the lift station is older according to records, and was last updated in the 80's. The study would be similar to what was proposed by Michaels, and would answer any questions, and help determine where to put the force main as well as prepare the City for any grant opportunities for the project. Mr. Gronewold said the feasibility study would help look at options regarding the location as well as possibly combining 2 lift stations in to 1. The study would also look at relocating the force main to the south, to have a straight shot across the river. Mr. Gronewold added, the study would not include design engineering for the improvements, only options for the project. Commissioner Fitzgerald asked what the estimate cost would be for the project. Mr. Gronewold said it would depend on what option the City determined after the study was complete, but would most likely be several hundred thousand dollars. Commissioner Hedrington asked what size the main was. Mr. Reininger said it was 4", and his recommendation would be to put a casing in to allow for growth as needed. The project would also need to go under the railroad. The City needs to plan for the future and know what's needed. Commissioner Fitzgerald said he has concerns over what the cost would be. Mr. Gronewold said the study would provide options, and give the City a good idea for what the cost will be. Commissioner Adleman said the force mail is failing or past its life. The City needs to have options and know what the City is looking at. Mayor Rehl agreed with Commissioner Fitzgerald, and said something needs to be done. The community needs to know as well. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- k. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6196 approving and ratifying the Emergency purchase of additional repairs to lift station #4 by Mid-State Equipment pursuant to 2-491 of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances not to exceed \$11,950.58. Commissioner Morse second the motion. WWTP Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said there are 2 emergency

repairs that need approved and revised due to confusion on the agenda for what repairs were done by each company. Attorney Sosnowski recommended the item be laid over until the next meeting so the items can be corrected. Commissioners Adleman and Morse withdrew their motions. Commissioner Morse made a motion to layover Resolution 6196 second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.

- l. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6197 regarding pay raises for certain employees of the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- m. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the authorization to order a 2021 Police Interceptor. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Finance Director, Don Elliott explained that Police Chief Truman has decided to remove the purchase of a squad through the Enterprise Contract due to issues with not receiving the vehicle in a timely manner. Mr. Elliott said the Police squad is the only vehicle being pulled from the contract. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- n. Council discussed the extension of sewer on Blackhawk Boulevard. Mayor Rehl said the resident next to Catch the Wave Swim Club who is building a large building that will include toilets. Per the Health Department this would require connection to hook in to the City's sewer service due to the current septic being too small. Mayor Rehl said in other cities the lateral is paid by the property owner, however; the sewer main is generally paid for by the City, and asked if the extension should be the City's responsibility and require the property owner to pay to hook in to the extension. Attorney Sosnowski said the City currently has a pending Code Enforcement Case regarding several other items, but is unrelated to the building. Attorney Sosnowski said she spoke with WWTP Superintendent, Jeff Reiningger who provided a map of the location and said he put numbers together with options for Council to consider. Mr. Reiningger reviewed the map and costs associated for a proposed sewer extension. Mayor Rehl said if the City were to pay for the main, it would take a very long time to recoup the funds spent on the extension. Mr. Reiningger said the requirement to hook in to the City's sewer system in the event of a septic failure is if there is available sewer within 300 feet of the property. Mr. Reiningger said there are 11 properties that could also hook in to the extension. Mr. Reiningger said there could be potential for annexing those properties in to the City, however; most property owners aren't interested in annexing in to the City unless they have a situation that forces them to annex in. Mr. Reiningger added the life span for septic fields are approximately 30-40 years. Commissioner Fitzgerald asked if the extension would be for just 1 property owner. Mayor Rehl said there would be others, and said he was looking at it as a level of responsibility of the City to get its services to the residents. City Engineer, Seth Gronewold cautioned Council that if the City extends sewer at the request of a residential user, the City would be setting a precedent for developers. Attorney Sosnowski said there are times when extending sewer can be justified for reasons, for example when retaining a business such as Axium Foods. Attorney Sosnowski said at the last Code Enforcement Hearing, the owner of the business requesting the extension remarked that if the extension did not include some assistance by the City, he would not be able to afford the extension, and would have to sell his property. Commissioner Morse said in the past the City put sewer extensions in that bought more people in to the City and lessens the resistance for property owners to annex in to the City. Commissioner Fitzgerald said when Mayor Pierce was in office the sewer was extended on Gardner Street to I-90, and businesses came in. Mayor Rehl said he would speak further with Commissioner Adleman and Mr. Reiningger to look further in to the matter.

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES:

1. Business Licenses:
 - a. 3DP
 - b. PBC Linear

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

2. RLE Licenses:
 - a. Michael Abraham-Mitchell-Road Ranger
 - b. Gurkaran Bhatia-Pate Gas Mart
 - c. Anthony McCurty Bowman-Fasmart #5156
 - d. Eva McCurty Bowman-Fasmart #5156
 - e. Dontrell Brown-Fasmart #5232
 - f. Cassie Busse-Flying J
 - g. Lily Chronister-Flying J

- h. Whitney Daughhetee-Road Ranger
- i. Jaquala Dumas-Fasmart #5156
- j. Nicole Gordon-Fasmart #5232
- k. Bobby Hungerford-Pate Gas Mart
- l. Keith Ingram-Viking Lanes
- m. Brett Kelly-Fasmart #5156
- n. Brett Kelly-Fasmart #5232
- o. George Kutschma-Flying J
- p. Steve Locke-Everett's
- q. Jacqueline Lowery-Road Ranger
- r. Robert McAuthur-Fasmart #5232
- s. Kishan Patel-Quick N Save
- t. Nirav Patel-Quick N Save
- u. Raj Patel-Quick N Save
- v. Melinda Pourchot-Road Ranger
- w. Charanjit Samra-Pate Gas Mart
- x. George Sims-Fasmart #5232
- y. Michael Smith-Flying J
- z. Tika Thomas-Fasmart #5232
- aa. Samira Vidales-Hollywood Slots
- bb. Julie Walters-Road Ranger

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:02 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. The purpose for Executive Session is to:

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 6:44 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:44 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Morse second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: