

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 15, 2021

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 Wiktorina Goscik was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Interim Fire Chief Gary Brown
Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jeff Reininger
Street Superintendent Steve Haas

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 approve the agenda. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Randy Peterson spoke to Council regarding the sprinkler meters being discontinued. Mr. Peterson said he doesn't understand why and believes people who use the meters correctly should not have to pay for others who do not. Mr. Peterson believes the system should be fixed. Mr. Peterson said the sprinkler meters are an added benefit to living in South Beloit. Mayor Rehl said Council knows the system is broken and is not serving the citizens. Mayor Rehl said the City has to find a better way and a system that works. City Administrator Hoppes said the original intent of the sprinkler meters is not how the meters are being used. Commissioner Fitzgerald said the City is getting reads all year long from some residents, however, they are not intended to be used all year round. Kevin Kalas said he does not get much money back from his sprinkler meter. Mr. Kalas said his neighbors like to keep up their yards, and added he believes it's unfair to pay for water not going into the sewer system. Mr. Kalas said he ordered parts for his meter online to fix it. Commissioner Adleman said the meters are not uniform. Mayor Rehl said the City had to do a hard stop in order to get it right. Commissioner Fitzgerald said very few are using the meters right. The program needs to be researched.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 1, 2021. Commissioner Adleman 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 October 30 – November 12, 2021 in the amount of \$306,536.71. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Reports:
Staff Report-City Administrator, Sonya Hoppes

Accounts & Finance-Commissioner Tom Fitzgerald
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Ryan Adleman
Public Properties-Commissioner Ken Morse
Mayor-Ted Rehl

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to amend the 2022 Budget Timetable. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2663 surplus items to be destroyed. (3 Hoffman Blowers). Commissioner Morse second the motion. Wastewater Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said the items are not to be destroyed, but to be sold on Wisconsin Surplus. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to amend the agenda for the items to be sold, not destroyed. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2663 for the sale of 3 Hoffman Blowers. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6277 authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Illinois State Police and Live Scan Fingerprint Vendor. Council discussed the cost of the machine. Attorney Goscik reviewed the fee schedule. Chief Truman said the maintenance would be approximately \$2,000.00/year. Commissioner Adleman asked if the City's fees should be amended to match the cost of the State's Fee Schedule. Chief Truman said he will compare fees and bring back recommendations to Council. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6278 authorizing the Thirty-fourth IEPA Loan Disbursement in the amount of \$1,109,213.36. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve an offer to purchase City owned property at 866 Marvin Street in the amount of \$5,001.00 contingent upon receiving zoning approval to convert the land into a parking lot from Fellowship Baptist Church. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Pastor Bob Bisconti was present and told Council the parking lot would be permitted to be used by other people, the City, and City park users when not in use by the Church. Attorney Goscik advised the parking lot would need to have a Special Use Permit. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Administrator Hoppes said Council was provided a Memo regarding the City's employee health insurance. The City's carrier, Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS) allows the City to determine when a dependent would lose coverage. Administrator Hoppes said some employees are provided an agreement that would specify when they will lose insurance. Council needs to determine when coverage would end. Attorney Goscik said the City's previous insurance through the State of Illinois's program dictated coverage would end the month of the event. Administrator Hoppes said when an event occurs Cobra is available. Council discussed options. Consensus from Council determined coverage would end the day of the qualifying event. Commissioner Hedrington said he did not agree, and said he believes coverage should end the last day of the month of the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:50 pm on a motion from Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse the Council approved going in to Executive Session. 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 6:08 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members at the reconvening of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:08 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Fitzgerald second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: