

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 20, 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, and Mayor Rehl. Commissioner Morse was absent.
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski 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 Hedrington made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 6, 2021, the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 6, 2021, the Minutes of the Public Hearing regarding the 2022 Tentative Budget held on November 29, 2021, and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 29, 2021. Commissioner Hedrington 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 December 4-17, 2021 in the amount of \$1,387,263.50. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
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
Mayor Rehl asked Attorney Sosnowski for an update on the Garden Hotel. Attorney Sosnowski spoke about the court process for the City's foreclosure case. The foreclosure has been pending since February 2020. On the eve of the Motion for Summary, the property owners redeemed the taxes in the amount of \$140,000. The property owner's attorney filed a Motion to Continue, which was approved for January 6th. Through the property owner's attorney, the City was asked if it would be willing to accept \$40,000. to

drop the case. Attorney Sosnowski explained there will be a new judge will hear the case, and will determine what the new date will be for the Motion for Summary. Attorney Sosnowski said they City's Attorney handling the case has informed the owners the City is not only looking to recoup the City's expenses, but is also looking for revitalization for the property as well as a performance bond. Attorney Sosnowski will keep Council apprised of the court proceedings.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Bryan Ramirez was sworn in as Police Officer by Clerk Patrick
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2670 approving the 2021 Combined Supplemental Budget and Budget Transfer Ordinance. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- c. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2671 approving the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Community Development Fund. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2672 an Ordinance of the City of South Beloit approving the repayment of the Loan to aid in the formation of the Gardner/Blackhawk TIF. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- e. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Ordinance 2673 amending the 2022 Meeting Schedules and 2022 Holiday Schedules. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- f. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Ordinance 2674 approving an Agreement for the sale of the real property located at 866 Marvin Street. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- g. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2675 providing a Liquor License for the premises located at 812 Ingersoll Place. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- h. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6281 approving additional cost of the emergency purchase of sludge removal services in the amount of \$18,600.00. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- i. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6282 approving the purchase of a centralized surveillance security system from Montel Technologies at an amount not to exceed \$24,344.00. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent from Commissioner Morse.
- j. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6283 approving an Agreement with Juser Abatement, LTD for Asbestos Abatement Services at a cost not to exceed \$3,050.00. Commissioner Fitzgerald second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- k. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve Resolution 6284 authorizing the Thirty-fifth IEPA Loan Disbursement in the amount of \$228,687.45. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- l. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6285 regarding pay raises for certain employees of the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.
- m. Council discussed Class BG and G Liquor License suspension. Council was provided a map and list of current license holders for each of the two classes. Mayor Rehl asked

- Finance Director, Don Elliott if the revenues from video gaming reflect the number of licenses granted. Mr. Elliott said it's unknown due to Covid, however; revenue has increased. Mayor Rehl asked if the increased revenue is worth having an unlimited number of gaming locations. Commissioner Fitzgerald said Roscoe has 10 more locations than South Beloit, and believes that if South Beloit doesn't offer gaming locations, there will be options in other towns. Commissioner Fitzgerald said in 11 months the city made \$441,000.00. Commissioner Adleman said he believes the licenses should be opened up and let businesses recoup money. Commissioner Hedrington agreed. Consensus was to take no further action. Resolution 6286 was not needed extending the suspension of the Class BG and G Liquor Licenses.
- n. Commissioner Fitzgerald made a motion to approve hiring Melissa Loescher as Assistant Finance Director at a rate of \$18.70. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Morse.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. **Business Licenses:**
 - a. Virbac Corp

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

2. **RLE License's 2021:**
 - Artisan**
 - a. MaKenna Larsen
 - b. Stephanie Parker
 - c. Alissa Schunck

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

- GPM Midwest, LLC**
 - a. Brittany Beard5232
 - b. Mary Ann Blair-5156
 - c. Katasha Foat-5232
 - d. Tyler Geffers-5232
 - e. Chris Manson-5156
 - f. Ciarra Rice-5232
 - g. Audrienne Thomas-5156
 - h. Victoria Varanai-5156
 - i. Brendon Vozzella5232

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

3. **RLE License's 2022:**
 - Anna Maria's**
 - a. Antonio G Bilardello
 - b. Yosly Burke
 - c. John Washko
 - Bordertown Gaming**
 - a. Kim Bruno
 - b. Tracy Miller
 - Bravo Pizza**
 - a. Katelyn Dillenburg
 - b. Brittany Geng

- c. Audryana Joohnson
- d. Desiree Kail
- e. Giuseppina Ocello
- f. Shelby Welitschinsky

Everett's Liquor:

- a. Jenna Costanza
- b. Jennifer Huneke

Hollywood Slots:

- a. Ronald Carroll

Flying J:

- a. Nealandra Jackson

Mustang's Bar & Grill:

- a. Kirstie Davenport
- b. Liana Muaremi

Palpable of Beloit:

- a. Elizabeth Mitchell
- b. Malery Willard
- c. Ragnar Wolf

Quick N Save:

- a. Kishan Patel

Road Ranger #205:

- a. Jacob Burd
- b. Chelsea Duran

South Beloit Food & Liquor:

- a. Deepkumar Patel
- b. Monaben Patel

Betsy's Slots:

- a. Elizabeth Amundson
- b. Jessy Bennett
- c. Jovahn Hatchett
- d. Maria LaRosa
- e. Valerie Vance

Victory Slots:

- a. Melissa Anderson
- b. Barbara Farlay
- c. Tina Laney

Viking Lanes:

- a. Hunter Trullinger

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

ADJOURN:

At 5:55 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Fitzgerald. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: