

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 17, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Hedrington, Morse, Prentice, and Mayor Fitzgerald.
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
WWTP Superintendent Jeff Reiningger
Street Superintendent Steve Haas
Police Chief Adam Truman
Fire Chief Jason Griffin
Community Development Director Shawna Henthorn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Fitzgerald and recited by all members present.

INVOCATION: Police and Fire Chaplin, Dan Herman delivered the invocation.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kevin Numbers said he previously had issues with a former Mayor who wouldn't let him in to a City meeting. Mr. Numbers said the City needs to leave the doors open and listen to those who want to come into meetings to speak.
Mayor Fitzgerald addressed the recent issue regarding an explosion at Alter Metal Recycling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 3, 2023. 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 31-January 13, 2023 in the amount of \$521,840.14. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Attorney Report:
3. Reports:
City Administrator Report and Staff Report
Accounts and Finance-Commissioner Ryan Adleman
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Ken Morse
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Brian Hedrington
Public Properties-Commissioner Courtney Prentice
Mayor-Tom Fitzgerald

ORDINANCES-FIRST READ:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2725 amending Section 14-101 Adopting the 2021 version of the International Property Maintenance Code. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve the first read of Ordinance 2726 approving a Zoning Variation in the side yard setback from the required 5' setback down to 0', and the required 30' front yard setback down to 25' in the (RM) Residential Multi-family Zoning District for the property located at 15528 Lucena Court, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County, PIN No. 04-04-377-011. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski asked the item be moved to the 2nd read since the item went to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in November. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to waive and move the item to the second read. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the ordinance is for the front yard setback only, not the side yard setback. The side yard setback was postponed by the ZBA until the parcel is split. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Ordinance 2726 second by Commissioner Prentice. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6405 approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign a Joint Engineering Contract between the Village of Roscoe, the City of South Beloit and Fehr Graham. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6406 in support of Tax Increment Financing. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6407 retroactively approving a Indemnification Agreement with Sauk Valley Community College Police Academy for Stephen Hogan to attend the Police Academy. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6408 approving a Uniform Grant Agreement (UGA) with the Illinois State Police for the Violent Crime Intelligent Task Force. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6409 authorizing the purchase of a 2024 Ford Horton Ambulance at a cost of \$361,053.00. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Fire Chief Griffin said the price is only for the ambulance, which does not include a new cot, radios, and other equipment. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to amend Resolution 6410 amount from \$99,000.00 to \$99,010.00. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6410 to award an Annual Audit Contract to Lauterbach & Amen, LLP to perform the Annual Audit for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and 2024 not to exceed \$99,010.00. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve appointing Joanna Harris as FOIA Officer for the Police Department. Commissioner Hedrington seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve hiring Becky Strasser as Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$20.00/hour. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring Martin Williamson as paid-on call firefighter at a rate of \$13.00/hour. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve hiring Blaze Akins as paid-on call firefighter at a rate of \$13.00/hour. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS
LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. RLEs:
 - a. Sirena Arvizu-Mustang's
 - b. Matthew Freeman-FasMart #5156
 - c. Whitney Madru-FasMart #5156
 - d. Chante Smith-Jena's

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

ADJOURN:

At 6:01 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: