

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 5:02 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 Reininger
Police Chief Adam Truman
Street Superintendent Steve Haas
Fire Chief Jason Griffin
Community Development Director Shawna Henthorn

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

INVOCATION: Finance Director, Don Elliott delivered the invocation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Fitzgerald explained the portion of Video Gaming that the City receives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 7, 2023, and the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on August 7, 2023. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims paid from August 4 – August 18, 2023 in the amount of \$251,381.09. Commissioner Prentice 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

CORRESPONDENCE: City Engineer, Seth Gronewold was present and provided an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Gronewold said the plant is all in operation. A number of items that were on the punch list have been addressed after multiple meetings to discuss and review the remaining items to be completed by the contractor. Mr. Gronewold reminded Council that the City kept a retainage amount. Several items were contingent on electrical and

plumbing permits being approved and having the occupancy permit issued. Mr. Gronewold said the plant is largely complete. There are just a few minor items remaining. The biggest issue will be if the contractor agrees to fix the remaining items or not. WWTP Superintendent, Jeff Reininger said some of the costs could have been lowered if they had been taken care of over the last 30 years. Mr. Reininger also added that if the project had been delayed another 2 years the cost would have been significantly higher. The city should prepare to update every 7 years.

ORDINANCES-FIRST READ:

- a. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on August 16, 2023 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Special Use Permit in the Light Industrial (IL) Zoning District to allow for personal storage of motor vehicles, lawn equipment, recreational vehicles, tools and furniture at the property of 14492 Dorr Rd., South Beloit, IL 61080, with PIN No. 04-18-226-019. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2756 approving a Special Use Permit in the Light Industrial (IL) Zoning District to allow for personal storage of motor vehicles, lawn equipment, recreational vehicles, tools and furniture at the property of 14492 Dorr Rd., South Beloit, IL 61080, with PIN No. 04-18-226-019. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Adleman made a motion approve Ordinance 2756 approving a Special Use Permit in the Light Industrial (IL) Zoning District to allow for personal storage of motor vehicles, lawn equipment, recreational vehicles, tools and furniture at the property of 14492 Dorr Rd., South Beloit, IL 61080, with PIN No. 04-18-226-019. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2757 authorizing the sale of personal property owned by the City. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6463 regarding a Pay Schedule for Part Time Fire Department Employees. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Commissioner Morse said the city needs to retain employees. The department experiencing the same critical issues staffing as many other departments. Administrator Hoppes said the numbers are based on the recommendation from Chief Griffin from his comparisons with other departments. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the authorization to submit Sales Application to Union Pacific Railroad in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said a potential developer came to the city for Shirland Avenue. The parcel owned by the railroad is less than 1 acre and landlocked. The amount is a minimum value offer for the railroad to even consider. Commissioner Prentice said the city should offer to purchase the parcel. The parcel is in the floodplain and is contaminated. Mr. Gronewold advised Council if the intent for the parcel is to use as a brownfield, a phase 1 will need to be completed before the purchase.
- b. Council discussed implementing a Disc Course at the City Park. Commissioner Prentice said the idea came from the Parks & Rec Board. Commissioner Prentice said he's met with a designer who said few disc courses have water (such as Lake Victoria). Commissioner Prentice reviewed the costs. The low end would be \$2,000 per hole. High end would be \$4,000 per hole without obtaining any donations. Timing for the course would be next spring. Administrator Hoppes said the city needs to find things outside of the baseball fields which can't be maintained any

longer. Commissioner Prentice added the goal is to have an 18 hole course with electronic scoring and a practice hole. Commissioner Prentice recommended fund raising and try to spend \$3,000 per hole and said things can be added along the way. Administer Hoppes said the city could apply to be part of Tree City USA to have the ability to get more trees for the park. An Advisory Board could be created with residents. Consensus from Council was to allow an amount of up to \$50,000.

LICENSES & PERMITS:

1. Miscellaneous Licenses:
 - a. Allied Games Inc.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:00 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss personnel issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
2. Discuss Pending Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 6:40 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:40 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: