

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2023

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Hedrington, Morse, Prentice, and Mayor Fitzgerald. Commissioner Adleman 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:
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 Prentice made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 20, 2023. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims paid from November 18 – December 1, 2023 in the amount of \$429,628.63. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
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 Prentice made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2771 Adopting the 2024 Budget. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2771 Adopting the 2024 Budget. Commissioner

Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.

- b. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to waive the first read and move to the second read Ordinance 2772 Adopting the 2023 Tax Levy. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2772 Adopting the 2023 Tax Levy. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2773 amending the City's Employee Handbook. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the Illinois Department of Labor regulations are changing regarding the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. There was an update to the Act. Attorney Sosnowski said the Ordinance will be amended and come back to council with the amendments for the second reading. Roll call showed 3 ayes, 1 nay by Commissioner Prentice, and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to amend the Resolution in the council packet to read Resolution 6481 instead of 6480. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6481 approving an Interagency Agreement with Youth Services Network, Inc. and the City of South Beloit. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 absent by Commissioner Adleman.
- b. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6482 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Snow Removal Services Contract for 2023-2024. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said there was only 1 bid submitted. Roll call vote showed 3 ayes, 1 nay by Commissioner Hedrington, and 1 absent by Commissioner Hedrington.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Council discussed the Street Study 5-year plan. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs was present. Mr. Boggs provided council with a report and maps of city roads. Mr. Boggs reviewed the ratings for streets and said the ratings were based on field deterioration. Mr. Boggs said the study was simply an update to the 2016 report. Council discussed the timeline for determining what streets would be repaired or replaced with Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. Finance Director, Don Elliott provided Council with a total amount of funds between the MFT funds and what the City will be able to put in from the General Fund, which was \$600,000.00 from each for a total amount of \$1,200,000.00. Council discussed completing 3 blocks of Hayes Avenue where the sewer needs replaced, Forest Park Blvd, Perry Avenue, and Marvin Street as the streets most likely to be completed. Mr. Boggs will bring back a recommendation for council at the next Regular Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:37 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Morse the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss the purchase of real property as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) 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 5:58 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 5:58 pm on a motion by Commissioner Prentice second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: