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BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 4, 2021

Convened in the Belvidere Council Chambers, 401 Whitney Blvd, Belvidere Illinois at 7:00 p.m.

Call to order by Mayor Chamberlain.

(1) Roll Call: Present: R. Brereton, M. Fleury, W. Frank, M. Freeman (by teleconference), M. McGee (by teleconference) T. Porter, T. Ratcliffe (by teleconference), D. Snow (by teleconference), and C. Stevens.

Absent: D. Arevalo.

Other staff members in attendance:

Budget and Finance Director Becky Tobin, Public Works Director Brent Anderson, Police Chief Shane Woody, Fire Chief Al Hyser, Director of Buildings Kip Countryman (by teleconference), Community Development Planner Gina DelRose, City Attorney Mike Drella and City Clerk Sarah Turnipseed.

- (2) Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation:
- (3) Public Comment:
- 1) Ald. Freeman spoke as an opponent on Library Tax Levy Increase and the Special Meeting of December 28, 2020.
- 2)Ald. Brereton spoke as an opponent on the Library Tax Levy Increase and the Special Meeting of December 28, 2020.
- 3)Ald. Frank spoke as an opponent on the Library Tax Levy Increase and the Special Meeting of December 28, 2020.
- 4)Clint Morris spoke as an opponent on the Library Tax Levy Increase.
- (4) Approval of Minutes:
 - (A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 21, 2020; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Porter, 2nd by Ald. Fleury to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 21, 2020. Discussion took place. Ald. Snow

requested adding (Increasing Video Gaming Location Permits to 40) to the title of Ordinance #515H without objection it was approved. Roll Call Vote: 8/1 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens. Nays: Brereton. Motion carried.

(B) Approval of minutes of the special meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 28, 2020, as presented.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Fleury to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 28, 2020. Roll Call Vote: 6/3 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens. Nays: Frank, Freeman and Brereton. Motion carried.

- (5) Public Hearing: None.
- (6) Special Messages and Proclamations: None.
- (7) Approval of Expenditures: None.
- (8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:
 - (A) Minutes of Committee of the Whole Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of December 28, 2020; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2nd by Ald. Porter to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of December 28, 2020. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (9) Unfinished Business:
 - (A) Ord. #516H 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment (Video Gaming) within the CB, Central Business District (120 Buchanan Street).

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Snow to pass Ordinance #516H. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Ord. #517H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Abandoned Properties to the Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority.

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2nd by Ald. Fleury to pass Ordinance #517H. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 8/1 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Fleury, Frank and Freeman. Nays: Brereton. Motion carried.

(C) Ord. #518H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Temporarily Abating Abandonment of Liquor Licenses and Video Gaming Licenses within the City of Belvidere.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Porter to pass ordinance #518H. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of December 28, 2020.

(A) Motion to accept the donation from the Women of the Moose of Belvidere Chapter #1052 in the amount of \$100.00 for the Feed the Need Food Drive. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee and Porter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Mike Chamberlain commented on Increase of Tax Levy for Library. Discussion took place.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2nd by Ald. Fleury to adjourn meeting at 8:04 p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk