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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: March 20, 2023

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

Call to order by Mayor Morris.

(1) Roll Call: Present: R. Brereton, M. Fleury, M. Freeman, W. Frank, M. McGee,  
N. Mulhall, T. Porter, S. Prather, D. Snow and C. Stevens.

Absent: None.

Other staff members in attendance:

Public Works Director Brent Anderson, Fire Chief Shawn Schadle, Police Chief Shane  
Woody, Community Development Planner Gina DelRose, Budget and Finance Officer  
Shannon Hansen, City Attorney Mike Drella and City Clerk Sarah Turnipseed.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Mayor Morris.

(3) Public Comment: Ron Underwood opponent of proposed license fee for Mobile Food  
Trucks.

Public Works Director Brent Anderson reported the 2023  
Branch Pickup Schedule is available.

Police Chief Shane Woody reported the convicted man of the  
2017 bank robbery of Midland States Bank was sentenced to ten  
years in Federal Prison and thanked Belvidere Police Detective  
Delavan for all his hard work on this case.

Mayor Morris with City Council consent moved Agenda Items 10 (K) and (L) forward to  
6 (D) and (E).

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of  
March 6, 2023; as presented.

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Motion by Ald. Prather, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Fleury to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of March 6, 2023. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing: None.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

- (A) Report of Growth Dimensions by Executive Director Pam Lopez-Fettes.
- (B) Report of Ida Public Library by Director Mindy Long.
- (C) Mayor Morris announced Letter of Support for the COSSAP Grant Renewal Application.
- (D) Waive Section 2-88 of the Belvidere Municipal Code with respect to Letter of Support for Project Yukon Enterprise Zone Amendment.

Mike Eickhoff with Grant Thornton LLP presented Project Yukon - fresh food distribution. Discussion took place concerning Enterprise Zone Amendment.

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Snow to Waive Section 2-88 of the Belvidere Municipal Code with respect to Letter of Support for Project Yukon Enterprise Zone Amendment. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (E) Motion to approve the Mayor's March 20, 2023, correspondence in support of an Enterprise Zone Amendment for Project Yukon.

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Fleury to approve the Mayor's March 20, 2023 correspondence in support of an Enterprise Zone Amendment for Project Yukon. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: General & Special Fund Expenditures: \$1,386,778.36  
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$ 422,512.20

Motion by Ald. Prather, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,386,778.36. Discussion took place concerning payables. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Prather to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$422,512.20. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Monthly Report of Belvidere Police Department Overtime Pay for February 2023.



- (B) Monthly Report of Belvidere Fire Department Overtime Pay for February 2023.
- (C) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for February 2023.
- (D) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits, Commercial Permits and Case Reports for February 2023.
- (E) Monthly General Fund Report for February 2023.
- (F) Monthly Water/Sewer Fund Report February 2023.
- (G) Monthly CD Investments for February 2023.
- (H) Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission March 14, 2023.

Let the record show these reports were placed on file.

- (I) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of March 13, 2023.

Motion by Ald. Mulhall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of March 13, 2023. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #617H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-452 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code Video Gaming Under Annexation Agreements.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Prather to pass Ord. #617H. Discussion took place concerning number of video gaming establishments. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Freeman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

- (A) Ord. #618H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment Within the PB, Planned Business District (1946 Gateway Center Drive).
- (B) Ord. #619H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 150, Zoning Ordinance, of the Municipal Code (Sections 150.706 Exterior Storage Standards for Residential, Office and Commercial Districts, 150.712 Fencing Standards and 150.1008 Changeable Copy Signs).
- (C) Ord. #620H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment within the CB, Central Business District (132 N. State Street).
- (D) Ord. #621H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow In-Vehicle Sales or Service (Automatic Car Wash) and Indoor Commercial Entertainment (Video Gaming) Within the GB, General Business District (1125 North State Street).

- (E) Ord. #622H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Budgeting for all corporate purposes for the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024.
- (F) Ord. #623H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Amending Article VIII of Chapter 26 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code Relating to Mobile Food Vehicles.
- (G) Ord. #624H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 98-12(a)(3) Sidewalk Cafés of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code.
- (H) Ord. #625H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 46, Fire Prevention and Protection of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code to Add a New Article III, Ambulance Services.

Let the record show that Ordinances #618H, #619H, #620H, #621H, #622H, #623H, #624H, #625H were placed on file for first reading.

- (I) Res. #2023-5 – A Resolution Directing the Planning Department to Publish the Zoning Map of the City of Belvidere.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Prather to adopt Res. #2023-5. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (J) Res. #2023-11 – A Resolution Establishing Ambulance Billing Policies for the City of Belvidere.

Motion by Ald. Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Stevens to adopt Res. #2023-11. Discussion took place concerning Ambulance Billing Policies. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee and Mulhall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (K) Waive Section 2-88 of the Belvidere Municipal Code with respect to Letter of Support for Project Yukon Enterprise Zone Amendment.

Agenda item moved forward to 6(D).

- (L) Motion to approve the Mayor's March 20, 2023, correspondence in support of an Enterprise Zone Amendment for Project Yukon.

Agenda item moved forward to 6(E).

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of March 13, 2023.

- (A) Motion to establish a Section 125 FSA plan allowing expenditures for medical benefits, dentals benefits, vision benefits, Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts and dependent care and to authorize the Mayor to execute the



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Envision New Group Set-up and any other documents in conformance with the March 9, 2023 memo. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Mulhall and Porter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Motion for ongoing authorization for the Fire Chief to sign the Standard Acquired Structure Training Agreement as necessary. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Mulhall, Porter and Prather. Nays: None. Motion carried.

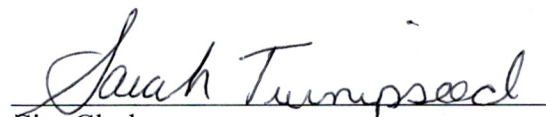
(C) Motion to waive the anticipated permit fees of \$23,963.75 for the Rock Valley College Advanced Technology Center (ATC) Phase II Projects. Alderman Porter left council chambers during the discussion and roll call vote. Discussion took place concerning waiving anticipated permit fees. Roll Call Vote: 3/6 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Mulhall and Snow. Nays: Stevens, Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee and Prather. Absent: Porter. Motion lost.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to adjourn meeting at 8:31p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk