

State of Illinois) SS  
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: April 19, 2021

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

Call to order by City Clerk Sarah Turnipseed.

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

Absent: None.

Other staff members in attendance:

Public Works Director Brent Anderson, Fire Chief Al Hyser, Police Chief Shane Woody,  
Director of Buildings Kip Countryman, Community Development Planner Gina DelRose,  
City Attorney Mike Drella and City Clerk Sarah Turnipseed.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Election of Temporary Chair:

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to elect Ald. Stevens to chair the meeting of  
April 19, 2021. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank,  
Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Invocation: Ald. Fleury.

(3) Public Comment: None.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of  
April 5, 2021; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting  
of the Belvidere City Council of April 5, 2021. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes:  
Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens and Arevalo.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing: None.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

- (A) Report of Growth Dimensions by Executive Director Pam Lopez-Fettes.  
Discussion followed.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: General & Special Fund Expenditures: \$1,759,842.63  
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$ 396,146.15

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Arevalo to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,759,842.63. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$396,146.15. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Monthly Report of Belvidere Police Department Overtime for March 2021.
- (B) Monthly Report of Belvidere Fire Department Overtime for March 2021.
- (C) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for March 2021.
- (D) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits, Commercial Permits and Case Reports for March 2021.
- (E) Monthly General Fund Report for March 2021.
- (F) Monthly Water/Sewer Fund Report March 2021.
- (G) Monthly Financial Report for March 2021.
- (H) Monthly CD Investments March 2021.
- (I) Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission April 13, 2021.

Let the record show these reports were placed on file.

- (J) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of April 12, 2021.

Motion by Ald. Arevalo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Frank to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of April 12, 2021. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #524H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment (Video Gaming) with the NB, Neighborhood Business District (600 Logan Avenue).

Tabled March 1, 2021.

(10) New Business:

- (A) Ord. #531H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Establishing Recapture of Tripp Road Reconstruction between Crystal Parkway and Corporate Parkway in the City of Belvidere, Illinois.
- (B) Ord. #532H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment (Video Gaming) within the PB, Planned Business District (884 Belvidere Road).
- (C) Ord. #533H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Providing for Temporary Relief from the Full Requirements of Section 98-12(a)(3) of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code for Fiscal Year 2022 (5/1/2021-04/30/2022).

Let the record show that Ordinances #531H - #533H were placed on file for first reading.

- (D) Res. #2021-6 – 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. Fleury to adopt Resolution #2021-6. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Freeman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (E) Res. #2021-7 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Easement Agreement for the Expansion of General Mills Park.

Discussion took place. Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Frank to have a Phase I completed on the Easement for the Expansion of General Mills Park. Further discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to table Resolution #2021-7 to the next City Council Meeting. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee and Porter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of April 12, 2021.

- (A) Motion to reimburse Jim Kanabay at 816 Willow Street for a sewer backup that occurred March 25, 2021 in the amount of \$3,700.00 subject to the homeowner installing a sewer backup prevention system acceptable to the Public Works Department with reimbursement by the City of Belvidere in accordance with city policy. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 9/1 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter and Ratcliffe. Nays: Brereton. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to approve the 2021 Outdoor Warning Siren System annual preventive maintenance agreement with Braniff Communications in the amount of \$5,580.00. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe and Snow. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to approve the agreement with Lakeland Biologists for the 2021 Farmington Ponds Maintenance Program at an estimated cost of \$16,000.00. This work will be paid for from the Farming Ponds Special Service Areas. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to approve the 2021 MFT Street Maintenance Program. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens and Arevalo. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (E) Motion to approve the Audit Agreement Letter including Appendix A for additional services up to \$15,000.00 dated April 7, 2021, with Sikich LLP. Discussion took place. Clint Morris spoke from the audience. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (F) Motion to accept the grant from General Mills in the amount of \$25,000.00 for additional improvements to General Mills Park. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.


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(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Arevalo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to adjourn meeting at 8:02 p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk