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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: December 18, 2023

Convened in the Belvidere Council Chambers, 401 Whitney Blvd, Belvidere Illinois
at 6:00 p.m.

Call to order by Mayor Morris.

(1) Roll Call: Present: J. Albertini, R. Brereton, M. Fleury, W. Frank, M. Freeman,
S. Gramkowski, M. McGee, N. Mulhall and D. Snow.

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, Director of Buildings Kip
Countryman, Budget and Finance Officer Shannon Hansen, City Attorney Mike Drella
and City Clerk Sarah Turnipseed.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Mayor Morris.

Mayor Morris reminded everyone that the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December
26, 2023, has been cancelled and there will be a Special City Council meeting on
December 29, 2023, at 10:00a.m.

Mayor Morris with City Council consent moved Agenda Item 10(C) from Motions of the
Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of
December 11, 2023, forward.

10(C) Motion to consent to the appointment of Sandra Stevens as Alderperson of the 1st
Ward to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Alderperson Porter of the
remainder of the term.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Snow to consent to the appointment of Sandra Stevens
as Alderperson of the 1st Ward to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of
Alderperson Porter of the remainder of the term. Roll Call Vote: 4/5/1 in favor. Ayes:
Fleury, Freeman, Mulhall and Snow. Nays: Brereton, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee and
Mayor Morris. Abstain: Albertini. Motion Lost.

In accordance with 65ILCS 5/3.1-10-50e, The Mayor appointed Clayton Stevens as a
temporary appointment as Ward 1 Alderperson filling the vacancy created by
Alderperson Tom Porter's Resignation.

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City Clerk Sarah Turnipseed swore in Clayton Stevens to the duties of Alderperson.

(3) Public Comment:

Public Comment on Tax Levy Ordinance:

Charles McDougall
Robert Camp
Ron Underwood
Paula Rieghns
Steven Edenburn
Ald. John Albertini
Ald. Marsha Freeman

Public Comment on Library/ Tax Levy Ordinance:

Wendy LaFauce

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 4, 2023; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Mulhall, 2nd by Ald. Frank to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 4, 2023. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing:

(A) Proposed Property Tax Levy.

Mayor Morris opened the public hearing at 6:50p.m. and stated the publication for the Proposed Property Tax Levy appeared in the Boone County Journal on December 7, 2023. Mayor Morris asked if there was anyone present to address the public hearing.

Audience members whom spoke at Public Hearing for Tax Levy:

Steven Edenburn
Mindy Long
Paul McCaffrey
Mayor Morris
Ald. Albertini

Mayor Morris closed public hearing at 7:12p.m.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

(A) Report of Growth Dimension by Executive Director Pam Lopez-Fettes.

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(B) Report of IDA Public Library by Director Mindy Long and Board President James Lee.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: General & Special Fund Expenditures: \$2,582,378.80
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$ 476,788.18

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2nd by Ald. McGee to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$2,582,378.80. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Snow, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. McGee, 2nd by Ald. Mulhall to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$476,788.18. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Snow, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Monthly Report of Belvidere Police Department Overtime Pay for November 2023.
- (B) Monthly Report of Belvidere Fire Department Overtime Pay for November 2023.
- (C) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for November 2023.
- (D) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits, Commercial Permits for November 2023.
- (E) Monthly General Fund Report for November 2023.
- (F) Monthly Water/Sewer Fund Report November 2023.
- (G) Monthly CD Investments for November 2023.

Let the record show these reports were placed on file.

(H) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 11, 2023.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Fleury to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 11, 2023. Ald. Freeman requested her public comment on December 11, 2023, be changed to Ald. Freeman gave an informational public comment pertaining to the November 27th Tax Levy discussion. Mayor Morris noted request. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #651H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Levying Taxes 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.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Mulhall to pass Ord. #651H. Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to amend Ord. #651H to change the tax levy from \$7,038,812 to \$6,407,498. Discussion took place concerning tax levy. Roll Call Vote to Amend: 7/3 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: Freeman, Snow and Fleury. Motion to amend carried. Further discussion took place concerning tax levy. Roll Call Vote to pass Ordinance #651H as amended: 7/3 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Frank. Nays: Freeman, Snow and Fleury. Motion carried.

(B) Ord. #652H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Making a Levy and Providing for a Special Service Area #2 Tax in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Gramkowski to pass Ord. #652H. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Snow, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Freeman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Ord. #653H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Making a Levy and Providing for a Special Service Area #3 Tax in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Mulhall to pass Ord. #653H. Discussion took place concerning Special Service Areas. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Mulhall, Snow, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(D) Ord. #654H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Pre-Annexation Agreement Between the City of Belvidere and Rock Road Companies, Inc. Relating to a Quarry East of Irene Road and South of Graham Road in Boone County Illinois.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Albertini to postpone 2nd Reading of Ord. #654H to Special City Council Meeting on December 29, 2023 at 10:00a.m. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Mulhall, Snow, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(E) Ord. #655H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 110-91, Stop Streets, of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code to Add Union Avenue at West 6th Street as a Four-Way Stop Intersection.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Gramkowski to pass Ord. #655H. Discussion took place concerning IDOT recommendations. Roll Call Vote: 7/3 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: Freeman, McGee and Mulhall. Motion carried.

- (F) Ord. #656H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-152 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code to Increase the Number of Video Gaming Location Permits and Provide for Non-Abandonment of Licenses Pending State Approval.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #656H. Discussion took place concerning ordinance. Roll Call Vote: 6/5 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Albertini, McGee, Mulhall, Snow and Mayor Morris. Nays: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and Gramkowski. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

- (A) Waive Sec. 2-88, Referral to Committees, with respect to approval of the Bid Tabulation for Well #11 Drilling.

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2nd by Ald. Mulhall to Waive Sec. 2-88, Referral to Committees, with respect to approval of Bid Tabulation for Well #11 Drilling. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Snow and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (B) Motion to approve the low bid from Municipal Well & Pump, in the amount of \$1,380,138.00, to complete the drilling of Well #11. This work will be paid for from the IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program.

Motion by Ald. Mulhall, 2nd by Ald. Snow to approve the low bid from Municipal Well & Pump, in the amount of \$1,380,138.00, to complete the drilling of Well #11. This work will be paid for from the IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program. Discussion took place concerning bids. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Snow, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 11, 2023.

- (A) Motion to purchase a 2023 John Deere 624P end-loader from West Side Tractor Sales, in the amount of \$242,600.00. The end loader will be paid for from Depreciation Line Item #61-1790. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Snow, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to purchase a 2.5-yard capacity salt spreader from Automotive Solutions, in the amount of \$7,900.00, to be installed on Street Department Truck #2019. The Salt Spreader will be paid for from Capital Line Item #41-5-752-8200. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Snow, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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(C) Agenda Items was moved forward.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Gramkowski to adjourn meeting at 8:31p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



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Mayor

Attest:



Handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah Turnipseed", written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk