

**CITY OF BELVIDERE
SPECIAL MEETING OF
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
Minutes
Monday, July 24, 2023
City Council Chambers,
401 Whitney Boulevard
5:00 PM**

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Paul Engelman, Vice Chairman
Alissa Maher
Dan Druckrey
Art Hyland

Staff Present:

Gina DelRose, Community Development Planner
Kimberly Whitt, Administrative Assistant

Ex-Officio:

Clinton Morris, Mayor
Sarah Turnipseed, City Clerk

Members Absent:

Carl Gnewuch, Chairman
Bob Cantrell
Brad Anderson

City Council Members Present:

Dan Snow
Marsha Freeman
Matt Fleury
Wendy Frank
Sandra Gramkowski
Mike McGree
John Albertini

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Houseal Lavigne Associates led planning exercise for the Belvidere Comprehensive Plan regarding issues and opportunities in the community- Gina DelRose provided a summary of the City's current comprehensive plan and reasons why it needs to be updated.

Nik Davis provided a background on how comprehensive plans are utilized. Mr. Davis explained the process Houseal Lavigne intends to follow to create and adopt the City's new comprehensive plan.

Nik Davis and Jacob Moser led the Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission along with the Belvidere City Council in a planning exercise in an effort to determine goals and objectives for the comprehensive plan.

John Albertini arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Arty Hyland left at 6:00 p.m.

Paul Engelman arrived at 6:00 p.m.

The regularly scheduled Belvidere Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call was conducted.

The Belvidere Police Department recognized three officers for their work in apprehending burglary suspects and saving the life of a resident.

Presentation by Houseal Lavigne Associates regarding the Belvidere Comprehensive Plan- Nik Davis gave a presentation which included an introduction of Houseal Lavigne (planning consultant), the purposes of a comprehensive plan, the planning process for creating a new comprehensive plan and the City's next steps in the process.

Alderman Matt Fluery questioned when the final draft would be ready for review and adoption.

Nik Davis stated that the goal is to have a draft ready in 6-9 months depending on the ability to schedule vision workshops during the holiday season.

Wendy Frank questioned what other entities would be contacted.

Nik Davis stated that they will be reaching out to a large amount of community stakeholders during the process.

Mayor Clinton Morris stated that the community has underwent several changes since the last comprehensive plan such as the recession, Covid-19 and passenger creating a need for a new plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting was moved and seconded (Druckrey/Maher). The motion carried with a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Recorded by:


Gina DelRose
Community Development Planner