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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: March 4, 2024

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

Call to order by Mayor Clinton Morris.

(1) Roll Call: Present: J. Albertini, M. Fleury, W. Frank, M. Freeman, S. Gramkowski,
M. McGee, D. Snow and C. Stevens.

Absent: R. Brereton and N. Mulhall.

Other staff members in attendance:

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

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Mayor Morris.

(3) Public Comment: Executive Director of Growth Dimensions Pam Lopez Fettes
shared what economic development does for a community.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of
February 19, 2024; as presented.

Motion by Ald. McGee, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to approve the minutes of the regular
meeting of the Belvidere City Council of February 19, 2024. Aye voice vote carried.
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) Approval of the Minutes of the special meeting of the Committee of the Whole – Budget Retreat of February 17, 2024; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2nd by Ald. McGee to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Committee of the Whole – Budget Retreat of February 17, 2024. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

- (B) Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of February 26, 2024; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of February 26, 2024. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #661H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment with the GB, General Business District (1217 Logan Avenue).

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2nd by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #661H. Discussion took place including Mary Gifford on behalf of Concordia Lanes from the audience regarding saturation of video gaming establishments. Roll Call Vote: 6/2 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Fleury, Freeman, McGee and Snow. Gramkowski (through abstaining votes with the majority). Nays: Frank and Stevens. Motion carried.

- (B) Ord. #662H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow-In-Vehicle Sales or Service as an Accessory Use Within the CB, Central Business District (600 South State Street).

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #662H. Discussion took place regarding parking. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Snow, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (C) Ord. #663H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow a Planned Development Within the HI, Heavy Industrial District (1245 Irene Road).

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Frank to pass Ord. #663H. Discussion took place regarding City of Belvidere applying for grant on behalf of Midwest Refrigerated Services. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Snow Stevens, Albertini and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

- (A) Ord. #664H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 114-231 and Appendix A of the Belvidere Municipal Code to Modify Water and Sewer Rates.

Let the record show Ordinance #664H, was placed on file for first reading.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of February 26, 2024.

- (A) Motion to purchase 68 dual band radios and associated equipment from Rock River Service for \$584,847.84. The AFG Grant will cover \$526,363.06 of the radio expenditure and the remaining balance of \$58,484.78 will be shared as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding including City of Belvidere Fire Department, Boone County Fire District #1, Boone County Fire District #2 and North Boone Fire District #3. City of Belvidere share will be \$12,069.10. Discussion took place regarding cost share. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Snow, Stevens, Albertini, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to approve the Special Olympic Athlete's parade permit request from Belvidere Township Park District for May 2, 2024. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, McGee, Snow, Stevens, Albertini, Fleury, Frank and Freeman. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to approve the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce street closure request for 2024 Buchanan Street Markets as outlined in their letter January 22, 2024. Discussion took place regarding cost to city for street closure. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Snow, Stevens, Albertini, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to approve the street closure request for State Street from Lincoln Avenue to 1st Street, as well as Logan Avenue between State and Main Street on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, between 3:00p.m. and 7:30p.m. for Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treat Event. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Stevens, Albertini, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (E) Motion to authorize waiving the building and zoning fees for Habitat for Humanity project at 1115 Garfield Avenue. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Albertini, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee and Snow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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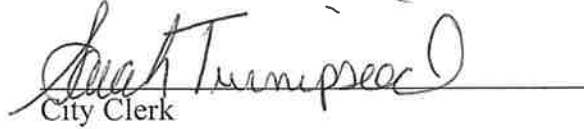
(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Albertini to adjourn meeting at 7:03p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk