

State of Illinois) SS
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: August 19, 2024

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 C. Stevens.

Absent: None.

Other staff members in attendance:

Public Works Director Brent Anderson, Fire Chief Shawn Schadle, Police Chief Shane
Woody, 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.

(3) Public Comment:

1. Rory Peterson spoke regarding the Appointment for Ward 2 Alderperson.
2. Gary Kamholtz spoke regarding the Appointment for Ward 2 Alderperson.
3. Lanette Kamholtz spoke regarding the Appointment for Ward 2 Alderperson.
4. Jim McCann Jr. thanked the Mayor and Department Heads for their service to
the City.
5. Mayor Morris spoke regarding the Appointment of Ward 2 Adperson.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of
August 5, 2024; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Fleury to approve the minutes of the regular meeting
of the Belvidere City Council of August 5, 2024. Aye voice vote carried. Motion
carried.

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(5) Public Hearing: None.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

(A) Mayor Morris stated the Proclamation for Constitution Week on tonight's agenda will be rescheduled.

(B) Report of IDA Public Library by Board President Brenda Obilade.

(C) Mayor Morris stated Pam Lopez-Fettes with Growth Dimensions was unable to attend tonight's meeting and left a report for council members and reminded council of Growth Dimensions Annual Reception on August 29, 2024.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: General & Special Fund Expenditures: \$2,027,842.08
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$1,234,994.36

Motion by Ald. Mulhall, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$2,027,842.08. Discussion took place regarding expenditures. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,234,994.36. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

(A) Monthly Report of Belvidere Police Department Overtime Pay for July 2024.

(B) Monthly Report of Belvidere Fire Department Overtime Pay for July 2024.

(C) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for July 2024.

(D) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits, Commercial Permits and Case Reports for July 2024.

(E) Monthly General Fund Report for July 2024.

(F) Monthly Water/Sewer Fund Report July 2024.

(G) Monthly CD Investments for July 2024.

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 August 12, 2024.

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Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2nd by Ald. McGee to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of August 12, 2024. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #691H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 114-231 and Appendix A of the Belvidere Municipal Code to Modify Water and Sewer Rates.

Motion by Ald. McGee, 2nd by Ald. Frank to pass Ord. #691H. Discussion took place regarding ramifications of not passing rate increases. Roll Call Vote: 7/2 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Mulhall, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: Gramkowski and Brereton. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of August 12, 2024.

- (A) Motion to consent to and approve the appointment of Paul Engelman to serve as Chairperson of the Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission for a one-year term ending May 2025. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to approve the IDOT Request for Approval of Change in Plans form, in the amount \$15,209.00, for the Irene Road Realignment Project. This work will be paid for from grant funds. Roll Call Vote: 8/1 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Stevens, Albertini, Fleury and Frank. Nays: Brereton. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to consent to and approve the appointment of Rory Peterson as Alderperson of the 2nd Ward to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Alderperson Dan Snow. Discussion took place regarding appointment. Roll Call Vote: 4/5 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, McGee, Stevens and Frank. Nays: Mulhall, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Freeman. Motion lost.

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(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. McGee, 2nd by Ald. Gramkowski to adjourn meeting at 6:57p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



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Mayor

Attest:



Handwritten signature of the City Clerk in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk