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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: November 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, R. Brereton, W. Frank, S. Gramkowski,
M. McGee, R. Peterson and C. Stevens.

Absent: M. Fleury, M. Freeman and N. Mulhall.

Other staff members in attendance:

Public Works Director Brent Anderson, Budget and Finance Officer Sarah Turnipseed,
Director of Buildings Kip Countryman, Community Development Planner Gina DelRose,
Police Chief Shane Woody, Fire Lieutenant Dan Drall, City Attorney Mike Drella and
City Clerk Erica Bluege.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:
Invocation: Mayor Morris.

(3) Public Comment: None.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of
October 21, 2024; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Albertini to approve the minutes of the regular
meeting of the Belvidere City Council of October 21, 2024. Aye voice vote carried.
Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing:

Mayor Morris opened the Public Hearing at 6:04p.m. and stated the publication for the
Public Hearing on Annexation Agreement relating to real property generally located at
the Northwest corner of Beaver Valley Road and U.S. Bus. Route 20 that appeared in the
Boone County Journal on October 17, 2024, and asked if there was anyone here to
address the public hearing, there being none the public hearing closed at 6:05p.m.

(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 Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of October 28, 2024; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of October 28, 2024. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

(A) Ord. #694H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement Agreement Between the City of Belvidere and Deer Hills LLC and Landmark Development Inc.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to pass Ord. #694H. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Ord. #695H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement Between the City of Belvidere and Deer Hills LLC.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #695H. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Mayor Morris. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Ord. #696H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Appendix A of the Belvidere Municipal Code to Modify Sewer Rates.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #696H. Roll Call Vote: 6/1 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: Brereton. Motion carried.

(D) Ord. #697H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 2-38 Compensation and Expenses of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to pass Ord. #697H. Discussion took place with alderpersons expressing their opinion of the proposed ordinance. Roll Call Vote: 4/3 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, Peterson, Stevens and Frank. Nays: McGee, Albertini and Brereton. Motion lost.

- (E) Ord. #698H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Article IX of Chapter 98 Small Wireless Facilities Deployment of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #698H. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (F) Ord. #699H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 43-43 Nepotism Prohibited of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #699H. Discussion took place. Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to amend the end of subsection (d) of Section 43-43 to “and each of the aboves’ spouses.” Roll Call Vote on the amendment: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Frank, Gramkowski and McGee. Nays: None. Motion on amendment carried. Discussion took place in regards to how this could help in the hiring of future police officers. Roll Call Vote to pass Ord. #699H as amended. 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee and Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (G) Ord. #700H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Granting A Zoning District Change from SR-6, Single Family Residential -6 District to CB, Central Business District (155 E. Hurlbut Avenue).

Motion by Ald. McGee, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to pass Ord. #700H. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (H) Ord. #701H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 150, Zoning Ordinance of the Municipal Code.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to pass Ord. #701H. Community Development Planner DelRose explained this should make it more user friendly for residents. Discussion took place in regards to how it impacts garages and this will be for all new permits. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (I) Ord. #702H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment within the GB, General Business District (1253 Logan Avenue).

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to pass Ord. #702H. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

- (A) Ord. #703H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Amending Sections 22-31, 22-32, 22-33, 22-34, 22-67, 22-500, 22-501, and 22-502 of the Belvidere Municipal Code Adopting and Amending the 2021 International Building Code, the 2021 International Residential Code, the 2021 International Fire Code, the 2021 International Mechanical Code, the 2021 International Fuel Gas Code, Portions of the 2024 International Fire Code, NFPA 855-2023 and the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code.

Let the record show Ordinance #703H was placed on file for first reading.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of October 28, 2024.

- (A) Motion to accept the \$650 donation from Dairy Queen of Belvidere and authorize its use for the Belvidere Fire Department's public outreach and education initiatives. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to accept and approve the audit as presented by Sikich for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to approve the 2025 IML Risk Management Association Annual Renewal in the amount of \$757,910.54. Roll Call Vote: 6/1 in favor. Ayes: Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Frank, Gramkowski and McGee. Nays: Brereton. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to approve the renewal with United Health Care for medical and self-funding dental for CY2025. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee and Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (E) Motion to approve the estimated tax levy of \$6,716,682.00 as announced by the Finance Director. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (F) Motion to approve the proposal from Testing Service Corporation, in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,750.00, to complete the geotechnical services for the Well #11 facility. This work will be paid for from the IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (G) Motion to approve the low bid from Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc., in an amount not-to-exceed \$240,000.00 for the Manhole Adjustment Project per the

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bid addendum. This work will be paid for from Capital Funds. Roll Call Vote:
7/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini,
Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.


(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Albertini to adjourn meeting at 6:44p.m. Aye voice
vote carried. Motion carried.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk