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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: December 2, 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, M. Fleury, W. Frank, S. Gramkowski,  
M. McGee, N. Mulhall, R. Peterson and C. Stevens.

Absent: M. Freeman.

Other staff members in attendance:

Public Works Director Brent Anderson, Budget and Finance Officer Sarah Turnipseed,  
Community Development Planner Gina DelRose, Police Chief Shane Woody, Fire Chief  
Shawn Schadle, 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  
November 18, 2024; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to approve the minutes of the regular  
meeting of the Belvidere City Council of November 18, 2024. Aye voice vote carried.  
Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing:

(A) Mayor Morris opened the Public Hearing at 6:03p.m. and stated the  
publication for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy  
appeared in the Belvidere Republican on November 21, 2024, and asked if  
there was anyone here to address the public hearing, there being none the  
public hearing closed at 6:04p.m.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

(A) Report of Ida Public Library by Library Director Mindy Long.

(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 November 25, 2024; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Albertini to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of November 25, 2024. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

(A) Ord. #704H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An ordinance levying taxes for all corporate purposes for the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #704H. Discussion took place in regards to the raising of the tax levy. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Ord. #705H – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to pass Ord. #705H. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Ord. #706H – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025.

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to pass Ord. #706H. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Motion carried.

(D) Ord. #707H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Approving a Replat Titled Re-Subdivision of Lots 5 and 6 of the Final Plat of Deer Woods II.

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Motion by Ald. McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to pass Ord. #707H. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(E) Ord. #708H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow a Planned Development Within The SR-3, Single-Family Residential -3 District (707/5098 Tuneberg).

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #708H. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business: None.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of November 25, 2024.

- (A) Motion to declare an emergency with respect to repairing the bay floor at Station 1 pursuant to Section 2-700(b) of the City's Code. Discussion took place as to why an emergency is being declared. It was noted that it is due to the floor being structurally unsafe for apparatus to park on and the weather. Repair time is estimated to be 2 to 4 weeks. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to approve the Scandrol scope of work and authorize the repair of the Station 1 apparatus floor as set forth in the proposal dated November 11, 2024. The Mayor is authorized to execute the appropriate agreements subject to legal review. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to approve CGI Digital to display banners of local businesses in Downtown Belvidere. A letter from the Belvidere Chamber of Commerce in support of the banners was read. It was noted that there will be no cost to the City. An example of the hardware used to display the banners was shown. Discussion took place as to how businesses apply and how often banners are replaced. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee and Mulhall. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to approve the purchase of the 2025 International 5-yard dump truck from Ascendance Trucks Central in the amount of \$203,459.50. The truck will be paid for from the remaining budgeted Street Department Capital Funds in the amount of \$46,213.19 with the balance of \$157,246.31 from General Fund Reserve. Roll

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Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall and Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(E) Motion to approve the purchase of the 2016 Elgin Pelican NP Street Sweeper, in the amount of \$172,173.00, Standard Equipment Company. This vehicle will be paid for from insurance funds. CCMSI will be responsible for salvage of the 2012 TYMCO Sweeper. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.


(F) Motion to approve that the Belvidere Retail Subdivision original letter-of-credit in the amount of \$1,822,540.00 be reduced to \$814,400.00. It was noted that enough work has been completed to warrant the reduction. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Gramkowski to adjourn meeting at 6:45p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

  
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Clerk