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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: April 5, 2021

Convened in the Belvidere Council Chambers, 401 Whitney Blvd, Belvidere Illinois  
at 7:00 p.m.

Call to order by Mayor Chamberlain.

(1) Roll Call: Present: D. Arevalo, R. Brereton (by teleconference), M. Fleury,  
W. Frank, M. Freeman (by teleconference), M. McGee (by teleconference)  
T. Porter, T. Ratcliffe (by teleconference), D. Snow, and C. Stevens.

Absent: None.

Other staff members in attendance:

Budget and Finance Director Becky Tobin, Public Works Director Brent Anderson,  
Police Chief Shane Woody, Fire Chief Al Hyser, Community Development Planner Gina  
DelRose, City Attorney Mike Drella and City Clerk Sarah Turnipseed.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:  
Invocation:

(3) Public Comment: None.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of  
March 15, 2021; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting  
of the Belvidere City Council of March 15, 2021. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes:  
Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing: Annual Budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Mayor Chamberlain opened the public hearing at 7:12p.m. and read the publication that  
appeared in the Belvidere Republican on March 18, 2021, and asked if there was anyone  
here to address the public hearing, there being none the public hearing closed at 7:13p.m.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

- (A) Proclamation Honoring National Fair Housing Month presented to Neeley Erickson, Illinois Realtors, Connor Brown, Rockford Area Realtors, Ginger Sreenan, Realtor and Connie Kelly, Realtor.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: None.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Minutes of Committee of the Whole -- Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of March 22, 2021; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Arevalo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Frank to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole -- Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of March 22, 2021. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, and Arevalo. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #524H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment (Video Gaming) within the NB, Neighborhood Business District (600 Logan Avenue).

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- (B) Ord. #529H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Budgeting for all corporate purposes for the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Fleury to pass Ordinance #529H. Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Snow to amend Exhibit B of the budget ordinance by replacing it with the revised Exhibit B prepared by the Finance Director reducing nonunion raises from 3% across the board to 2% and reducing the starting salary for the Deputy Clerk to \$45,000 and an additional increase for the Assistant Clerk position in the amount of \$2,392.00. Discussion took place. Motion by Ald. Brereton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Stevens to table Ordinance #529H. Roll Call vote on Motion to Table: 5/6 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: Fleury, Frank, Ratcliffe, Snow, Arvelo and Mayor Chamberlain. Motion lost. Discussion continued. Motion by Ald. Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Freeman to amend the amended motion by amending Exhibit B of the budget ordinance by replacing it with the revised Exhibit B prepared by the Finance Director reducing nonunion raises from 3% across the board to 2% and reducing the starting salary for the Deputy Clerk to \$45,000 and remove the additional increase for the Assistant Clerk position in the amount of \$2,392.00. Roll Call vote to amend the amended motion: 6/4 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: Ratcliffe, Snow, Arevalo and Fleury. Motion to amend the amended motion carried. Roll Call vote on original amendment as amended: 9/1 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: Arevalo. Motion

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carried. Roll call Vote on Original Motion to pass ordinance #529H as amended: 7/3 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Arevalo, Fleury and Frank. Nays: Stevens, Brereton and Freeman. Motion carried.

(C) Ord.#530H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Amending Sections 26-80 and 26-82, of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code to Eliminate Expiration of a Business Registration License.

Motion by Ald. Arevalo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Snow to pass Ordinance #530H. Discussion took place. Motion by Ald. Freeman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Stevens to Repeal and Reserve Article 3 of Chapter 26 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code. Roll Call Vote: 3/7 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Brereton and Freeman. Nays: McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Arevalo, Fleury and Frank. Motion lost. Discussion took place. Roll call vote to pass Ordinance #530H: 9/1 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe, Snow, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee and Porter. Nays: Stevens. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of March 22, 2021.

(A) Motion to accept the donation of \$100.00 from Paul and Dorothy Hale for a purchase to be determined at a later date. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter and Ratcliffe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(11) Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



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Mayor

Attest:



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City Clerk