

State of Illinois) SS  
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: October 4, 2021

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

Call to order by Mayor Clinton Morris.

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

Absent: N. Mulhall.

Other staff members in attendance:

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

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Mayor Clinton Morris.

(3) Public Comment: None.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of  
September 20, 2021; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Prather, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting  
of the Belvidere City Council of September 20, 2021. 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:

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(A) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of September 27, 2021; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Snow to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of September 27, 2021. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

(A) Ord.#549H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow a Mural within the CB, Central Business District (216 South State Street).

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to pass Ord. #549H. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Prather, Snow and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Ord. #550H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment within the NB, Neighborhood Business District (1746 South State Street).

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to pass Ord.#550H. Discussion took place. Debbie Willis and James Willis spoke from the audience as opponents for Ordinance #550H. Rosa Moscato spoke from the audience as a proponent for Ordinance #550H. Roll Call Vote: 5/5 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, McGee, Prather, Snow and Stevens. Nays: Frank, Freeman, Porter, Brereton and Mayor Morris. Motion lost.

(10) New Business:

Res.# 2021-17 – A Resolution Urging the State of Illinois to Provide Appropriate Incentives for Stellantis NV and Electric Vehicle Manufacturing.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to adopt Res.#2021-17. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of September 27, 2021.

(A) Motion to accept the American Rescue Plan Act Funds in the amount of \$3,418,045.26. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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- (B) Motion authorizing the City of Belvidere to join the Northern Illinois Council of Governments (NORTHCOG) with an initial contribution of \$5,000.00 for FY22; the Mayor, or his designee, to serve as a Director of NORTHCOG and for the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate membership in NORTHCOG. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Freeman. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to approve the street closure at State Street between Pleasant Street and Logan Avenue, as well as Logan Avenue between State Street and Main Street for the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce Downtown Business Trick or Treat Event on October 27, 2021 from 3:00p.m. – 7:30p.m. Voice Vote carried. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to consent to the appointment of Daniel L. Druckrey to the Planning and Zoning Commission filling the unexpired term of Natalie Mulhall through April 30, 2026. Voice vote carried. Motion carried.
- (E) Motion to approve the construction services proposal from ARC Design Resources, in an amount not-to-exceed \$116,000.00, for the Logan Avenue Rehabilitation Project. This work will be paid for from Line Item #10-5-310-8021. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (F) Motion to proceed with the natural bottom option and approve the proposal from CES in the amount of \$36,500.00 for final engineering and stream and wetlands permitting for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Channel Drainage Improvement Project. This work will be paid for from Line Item #01-5-751-8058. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee and Porter. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (G) Motion to approve engineering services proposal from ARC Design Resources, in an amount not-to-exceed \$28,800.00, for the Florence Court Water & Sewer Project. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter and Prather. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brief recess at 8:05p.m. to 8:06p.m.

Mayor Morris restated his vote on Ordinance #550H as a nay vote and declared Ordinance #550H lost.

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(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to adjourn meeting at 8:08p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk