

State of Illinois SS
Belvidere, Illinois

**Belvidere City Council
Regular Session
Minutes**

Date: October 7, 2019

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

Call to order by Mayor Chamberlain.

- (1) Roll Call: Present: R. Brereton W. Frank, M. Freeman, M. McGee, T. Porter,
T. Ratcliffe, D. Snow and C. Stevens.
Absent: M. Borowicz and G. Crawford.

Other staff members in attendance:

Budget and Finance Director Becky Tobin, Director of Buildings Kip Countryman, City Treasurer Thornton, Street/Water/Sewer Superintendent Danny Anderson, Community Development Planner Gina DelRose, Fire Chief Hyser, Police Chief Woody, City Attorney Drella and City Clerk Arco.

- (2) Pledge of Allegiance:
Invocation:

- (3) Public Comment:

- (4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of September 16, 2019; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Porter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of September 16, 2019. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor.
Ayes: Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens.
Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (5) Public Hearing: None.

- (6) Special Messages:

Mayor Chamberlain reported on weekend activities of Mural unveiling, Emergency Responders Statue unveiling, Buchanan Street Stroll and two ribbon cuttings.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: None.

(8) Committee Reports & Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Belvidere Police Department Overtime Report of September 10, 2019 through September 23, 2019.
- (B) Belvidere Fire Department Overtime Report of September 11, 2019 through September 24, 2019.
- (C) Minutes of City-County Coordinating Committee of August 14, 2019.

Let the record show these reports and minutes were placed on file.

- (D) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of September 23, 2019.

Motion by Ald. Ratcliffe, 2nd by Ald. Brereton to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of September 23, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #468H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 118-34, Dangerous Dead or Diseased Trees of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code.

Motion by Ald. Porter, 2nd by Ald. Snow to amend (b) from 30 days to 90 days.

Roll Call Vote: 3/5 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, Porter and Snow. Nays: McGee, Ratcliffe, Stevens, Brereton and Frank. Motion lost.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Ratcliffe to pass Ord. #468H. Roll Call Vote: 2/6 in favor. Ayes: Porter and Snow. Nays: McGee, Ratcliffe, Stevens, Brereton, Frank and Freeman. Motion lost.

(10) New Business:

- (A) Ord. #470H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 110-91, Stop Streets, of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code to add Garfield Avenue at West 5th Street as a Two Way Stop.

Ordinance #470H was placed on file for first reading.

Motions forwarded from City-County Coordinating Committee of August 14, 2019.

- (A) Motion to pay invoice #I9378823 (PDC Laboratories) in the amount of \$7,931.81 with a 50/50 split between the city and the county. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Frank, Freeman and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of September 23, 2019.

- (A) Motion to authorize approval of entering into an agreement with Brycer Compliance Engine. Roll Call Vote: 7/1 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Frank, Freeman, McGee and Porter. Nays: Brereton. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to accept from General Mills Foundation Hometown Grantmaking Program a check in the amount of \$15,000. This check will be utilized for hazmat monitoring equipment – equipment budget 01-5-220-8200. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter and Ratcliffe. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to approve the city attorney drafting an ordinance for gas use tax and an agreement with NICOR to collect tax. Motion by Ald. Brereton, 2nd by Ald. Porter to table. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to accept the donation from First United Methodist Church in the amount of \$9,778.94 for General Mills Park Project. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe and Snow. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (E) Motion to approve waiving a new special use application fee of \$700 for the property at 300 S. Main Street (fee already paid for a different project). Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Ratcliffe, 2nd by Ald. McGee to adjourn meeting at 7:39 p.m.
Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.


_____ Mayor

Attest:


_____ City Clerk