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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: December 2, 2019

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: R. Brereton, W. Frank, M. Freeman, M. McGee
T. Porter, T. Ratcliffe and C. Stevens.
Absent: G. Crawford and D. Snow.

Other staff members in attendance:

Budget and Finance Director Becky Tobin, Director of Buildings Kip Countryman,
City Treasurer Thornton, Public Works Director Brent Anderson, Fire Chief Hyser,
Police Chief Woody, City Attorney Drella and City Clerk Arco.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:
Invocation:

(3) Public Comment:

- (A) Alderman Marsha Freeman spoke on the tax levy.
- (B) Angela Bennett spoke on behalf of the library concerning the tax levy.
- (C) Leah Hotchkiss spoke on behalf of the library concerning the tax levy.
- (D) Jennifer Johansson spoke on behalf of the library concerning the tax levy.
- (E) Renee Keeney spoke on behalf of the library concerning the tax levy.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of
November 18, 2019; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Porter, 2nd by Ald. McGee to approve the minutes of the regular meeting
of the Belvidere City Council of November 18, 2019. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes:
Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion
carried.

(5) Public Hearing:

(A) Amendment to an Annexation Agreement between the City of Belvidere and
the Hardeman Company.

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Mayor Chamberlain opened the public hearing at 7:20p.m. and read the notice that appeared in the Boone County Journal on November 15, 2019. Mayor Chamberlain asked if there was anyone who wished to address the public hearing, there being none the public hearing closed at 7:22p.m.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations: None.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: None.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

(A) Belvidere Police Department Overtime Reports of November 5, 2019 through November 18, 2019 and November 19, 2019 through November 22, 2019.

(B) Belvidere Fire Department Overtime Reports of November 6, 2019 through November 19, 2019 and November 20, 2019 through November 22, 2019.

(C) Minutes of City-County Coordinating Committee of October 9, 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 November 25, 2019.

Motion by Ald. Brereton, 2nd by Ald. Frank to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of November 25, 2019. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

(A) Ord. #473H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to an Annexation Agreement between the City of Belvidere and the Hardeman Company, Frank M. Shappert (Trustee), Margaret W. Shappert (Trustee) and Patrick B. Mattison (Trustee).

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Ratcliffe to pass Ord. #473H. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Stevens, Brereton, Frank and Mayor Chamberlain. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Ord. #474H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 43-29, Drug Free Workplace, of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code.

Motion by Ald. McGee, 2nd by Ald. Porter to pass Ord. #474H. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Stevens, Brereton, Frank and Freeman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Motion to approve city attorney drafting an ordinance for gas use tax and an agreement with NICOR to collect tax. Tabled October 7, 2019

(10) New Business:

- (A) Ord. #475H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020.
- (B) Ord. #476H – 1st 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, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020.
- (C) Ord. #477H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Making a Levy and Providing for a Special Area #3 Tax in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020.

Let the record show Ord. #475H, #476H and #477H were placed on file for first reading.

Motions forwarded from City-County Coordinating Committee of October 9, 2019.

- (A) Motion to approve the landfill invoices as presented (split 50/50 between the County and City). TRC Invoice #377488 for \$3213.55; Nijman Franzetti LLP Invoice #16957 for \$210.00; Wilson Electric Invoice #73481 for \$1,040; and Van Ert Invoice #34819 for \$1,174.60. Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Porter, Ratcliffe, Stevens, Brereton, Frank, Freeman and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to approve the TRC change order in the amount of \$5,000 (split 50/50 between the County and City). Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe, Stevens, Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee and Porter. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to award the Groundwater Monitoring Bid to PDC Laboratories in the amount of \$60,698.32 (split 50/50 between the County and City). Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter and Ratcliffe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motions forwarded from Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of November 25, 2019.

- (A) Motion to approve accepting the \$2,700 donation from Perryville Pet Hospital and use the funds for the purchase of: Kimono Police & Military K-9 Bite Suit at a cost of \$1,555; 2 Ballistic K-9 Vests at a cost of \$940; 2 K-9 Training Trackers at a cost of \$144). Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to accept the 2019 Tax Levy request from the Belvidere Fire Pension Fund (this request will be levied as part of the 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance).

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Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Motion to accept the 2019 Tax Levy request from the Belvidere Police Pension Fund (this request will be levied as part of the 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance). Roll Call Vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Stevens, Brereton and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(D) Motion to direct City Attorney to draft an ordinance imposing a 3% tax on the sale of cannabis products and direct the City Attorney and City Planner to process a text amendment restricting cannabis dispensaries/sales to the general business and planned business districts as a special use and license growers of cannabis to an appropriate industrial zoning district. These ordinances will come to the full City Council in early 2020. Motion by Ald. Brereton, 2nd by Ald. McGee to Table. Roll Call Vote: 6/1 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Porter, Stevens, Brereton, Frank and McGee. Nays: Ratcliffe. Motion carried.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. McGee, 2nd by Ald. Frank to adjourn meeting at 7:41p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk