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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: December 16, 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, G. Crawford, W. Frank, M. Freeman,
M. McGee, T. Porter, T. Ratcliffe, D. Snow and C. Stevens.
Absent: None.

Other staff members in attendance:

Budget and Finance Director Becky Tobin, Director of Buildings Kip Countryman,
City Treasurer Thornton, Community Development Planner Gina DelRose, Public Works
Director Brent Anderson, Fire Chief Hyser, Police Chief Woody, City Attorney Drella
and Assistant City Clerk Sarah Turnipseed.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:
Invocation:

(3) Public Comment:
(A) Mindy Long spoke on behalf of the library concerning the tax levy.
(B) Loretta Swanson 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
December 2, 2019; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Porter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of
the Belvidere City Council of December 2, 2019. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes:
Brereton, Crawford, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens. Nays:
None. Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing:

(A) Proposed Property Tax Levy Increase.

Mayor Chamberlain opened the public hearing at 7:14p.m. and read the notice that
appeared in the Belvidere Republican on December 5, 2019. Mayor Chamberlain asked
if there was anyone who wished to address the public hearing, there being none the public
hearing closed at 7:17p.m.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

Mayor reported on attending the IML Winter Meeting.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: General & Special Fund Expenditures: \$1,871,813.52
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$ 644,063.65

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Ratcliffe to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,871,813.52. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Crawford, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Crawford, 2nd by Ald. Snow to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$644,063.65. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton and Crawford. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Belvidere Police Department Overtime Report of November 20, 2019.
- (B) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for November 2019.
- (C) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits and Case Reports for November 2019.
- (D) Monthly General Fund Report for November 2019.
- (E) Monthly Water/Sewer Fund Report for November 2019.
- (F) Monthly Treasurer Report for November 2019.
- (G) Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission of December 10, 2019.

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

- (H) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 9, 2019.

Motion by Ald. Crawford, 2nd by Ald. Brereton to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 9, 2019. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Crawford and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #475H – 2nd 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.

Motion by Ald. Crawford, 2nd by Ald. Snow to pass Ordinance #475H.

Motion to amend by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Crawford to increase the Library portion of the tax levy by an additional \$15,000.00. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote to amend: 3/6 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe, Snow and Crawford. Nays: McGee, Porter, Stevens, Brereton, Frank and Freeman. Motion to amend failed.

Motion to amend by Ald. Brereton, 2nd by Ald. McGee to reduce the entire levy to reflect a 0% increase over prior levy to be \$5,694,873.00. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote to amend: 5/4 in favor. Ayes: Porter, Stevens, Brereton, Freeman and McGee. Nays: Ratcliffe, Snow, Crawford and Frank. Motion to amend carried.

Motion to amend by Ald. Stevens, 2nd by Ald. Porter to amend the library portion of the tax levy to increase by 2.15% over the previous year to \$726, 224.00. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote to amend: 6/3 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Crawford, Frank and Porter. Nays: Brereton, Freeman and McGee. Motion to amend carried.

Further discussion took place on Ordinance #475H as amended. Roll Call Vote on the Motion to Pass Ordinance #475H as amended: 7/2 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Crawford, Frank, Porter and Ratcliffe. Nays: Freeman and McGee. Motion carried.

- (B) Ord. #476H – 2nd 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.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Ratcliffe to pass Ordinance #476H. Roll Call Vote: 8/1 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, and Snow. Nays: Crawford. Motion carried.

- (C) Ord. #477H – 2nd 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.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. McGee to pass Ordinance #477H. Roll Call Vote: 8/1 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens. Nays: Crawford. Motion carried.

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

Tabled December 2, 2019

Motion by Ald. Brereton, 2nd by Ald. Freeman to take off the table. Without objection removed from table.

Discussion took place. Motion by Alderman Freeman, 2nd by Ald. Brereton to amend and modify direction to City Attorney and City Planner to draft an ordinance to impose a 3% tax on cannabis sales and for the City Attorney and City Planner to draft a text amendment restricting cannabis sales to the general business, planned business and central business districts. Roll Call Vote: 5/4 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: Crawford, Porter, Ratcliffe and Snow. Motion to amend carried.

Roll Call Vote on the Motion as amended: 5/4 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: Crawford, Porter, Ratcliffe and Snow. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

- (A) Ord. #478H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment (Bar with Video Gaming) within the GB, General Business District (1500 North State Street).
- (B) Ord. #479H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Approving a Replat Titled GCZ Corner Subdivision.
- (C) Ord. #480H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Amend a Planned Development within the PI, Planned Industrial District (1050 ECS Way).

Let the record show Ord. #478H, #479H and #480H were placed on file for first reading.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 9, 2019.

- (A) Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority and City of Belvidere. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Crawford and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to waive Section 2-88 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code as it relates to an appointment to fill the vacancy for Ward 2 Alderman. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Crawford, Frank and Freeman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Motion by Ald. Snow, 2nd by Ald. Ratcliffe to Appoint Natalie Mulhall for Ward #2 Alderman. Roll Call Vote: 2/7 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe and Snow. Nays: Porter, Stevens, Brereton, Crawford, Frank, Freeman and McGee. Motion failed.

(D) Swearing in of appointment to Ward 2, if approved. – N/A

(E) Motion to approve the appointment of Laurie Mann to the Ida Public Library Board of Trustees. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Crawford, Frank, Freeman, McGee and Porter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(F) Motion to approve a new telephone system (Telecomm) with the county at a purchase price not to exceed \$29,161.02. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Crawford, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, and Ratcliffe. Nays: None. Motion carried.

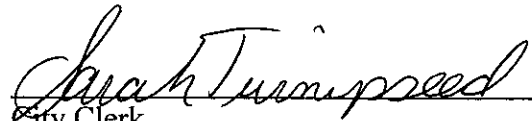
(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Crawford, 2nd by Ald. Ratcliffe to adjourn meeting at 8:38p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk