

State of Illinois) SS  
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: December 19, 2022

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

Call to order by Mayor Morris.

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

Absent: M. Fleury and M. Freeman.

Other staff members in attendance:

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

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Mayor Morris.

(3) Public Comment:

- 1) John Albertini thanked the City Council and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- 2) Mayor Morris reminded everyone that the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 27, 2022 has been cancelled and the next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023.
- 3) Mayor Morris thanked the Department Heads, City Clerk and staff, and all employees of the City of Belvidere and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 5, 2022; as presented.

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Motion by Ald. Mulhall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Snow to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 5, 2022. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing:

(A) Proposed Property Tax Levy.

Mayor Morris opened the public hearing at 7:08p.m. and stated the publication for the Proposed Property Tax Levy appeared in the Boone County Journal on December 8, 2022. Mayor Morris asked if there was anyone present to address the public hearing there being none the public hearing closed at 7:09p.m.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

- (A) Report of Growth Dimension by Business Enterprise Manager Heather Wick.
- (B) Report of IDA Public Library by Director Mindy Long.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: General & Special Fund Expenditures: \$3,466,677.64  
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$ 517,892.94

Motion by Ald. Porter 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$3,466,677.64. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Frank, McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$517,892.94. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Monthly Report of Belvidere Police Department Overtime Pay for November 2022.
- (B) Monthly Report of Belvidere Fire Department Overtime Pay for November 2022.
- (C) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for November 2022.
- (D) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits, Commercial Permits and Case Reports for November 2022.
- (E) Monthly General Fund Report for November 2022.
- (F) Monthly Water/Sewer Fund Report November 2022.
- (G) Monthly CD Investments for November 2022.
- (H) Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission of December 13, 2022.

Let the record show these reports were placed on file.

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(I) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 12, 2022.

Motion by Ald. Prather, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Snow to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 12, 2022. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

(A) Ord. #603H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Mulhall to pass Ord. #603H. Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Prather to amend Ord. #603H to change the library portion of the tax levy from \$807,494 to \$773,503. Roll Call Vote to Amend: 6/2 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow and Stevens. Nays: Brereton and Frank. Motion carried. Discussion took place concerning tax levy. Motion by Ald. Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to amend Ord. #603H to change the city portion of the tax levy from \$5,367,696 to \$5,233,131. Further discussion took place concerning tax levy options. Roll Call Vote to Amend: 5/4 in favor. Ayes: Porter, Brereton, Frank, McGee and Mayor Morris. Nays: Mulhall, Prather, Snow and Stevens. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote to pass Ordinance #603H as amended: 7/1 in favor. Ayes: Porter, Prather, Snow, Brereton, Frank, McGee and Mulhall. Nays: Stevens. Motion carried.

(B) Ord. #604H – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Frank to pass Ord. #604H. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Frank, McGee, Mulhall and Porter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Ord. #605H – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to pass Ord. #605H. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Stevens, Brereton, Frank, McGee, Mulhall, Porter and Prather. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

(A) Waive Sec. 2-88, Referral to Committees, with respect to approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement for a Plumbing Inspector.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Prather to Waive Sec. 2-88, Referral to Committees, with respect to approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement for a Plumbing

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

(B) Res. #2022-26 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Independent Contractor Agreement for Plumbing Inspection Services.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Prather to adopt Res. #2022-26. Discussion took place concerning Agreement for Plumbing Inspection Services. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Frank, McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Ord. #606H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow Indoor Sales or Service within the NO, Neighborhood Office District (1550 Pearl Street).

Let the record show that Ordinance #606H was placed on file for first reading.

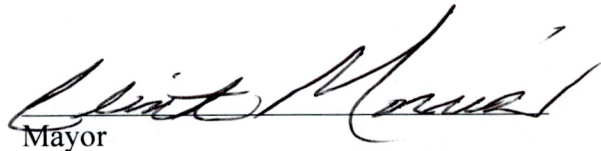
Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 12, 2022

(A) Motion to approve the Frontier North utility easement across Municipal Parking Lot #7. Discussion took place concerning easement. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

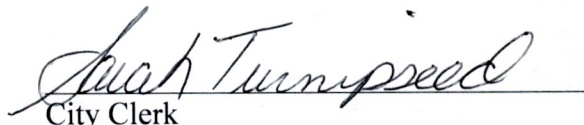
(B) Motion to execute the memorandum of understanding to apply for the FY 2022 AFG Regional Communications Grant. Roll Call Vote: 8/0 in favor. McGee, Mulhall, Porter, Prather, Snow, Stevens, Brereton and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Prather to adjourn meeting at 8:17p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

  
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Clerk