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Belvidere, Illinois)

**BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

Date: February 17, 2025

Convened in the Belvidere Council Chambers, 401 Whitney Blvd, Belvidere, Illinois  
at 6:00 p.m.

Call to order by Mayor Morris.

(1) Roll Call: Present: J. Albertini, R. Brereton, M. Fleury, W. Frank, M. Freeman,  
S. Gramkowski, M. McGee, R. Peterson and C. Stevens.

Absent: N. Mulhall.

Other staff members in attendance:

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

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:  
Invocation: Mayor Morris.

(3) Public Comment: None.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of  
February 3, 2025 as presented.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Fleury to approve the minutes of the regular  
meeting of the Belvidere City Council of February 3, 2025. Aye voice vote carried.  
Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing: None.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations: None.

- (7) Approval of Expenditures: General & Special Fund Expenditures: \$1,689,456.17  
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$ 562,373.85

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,689,456.17. Discussion took place about the Stellantis re-opening ad that appeared in the Boone County Shopper and Boone County Journal and whether or not it was proper use of tax payer money. Motion by Ald. Brereton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Freeman to remove those two ads from the expenditures. Roll call vote to remove those two ads: 2/7 in favor. Ayes: Brereton and Freeman. Nays: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson and Stevens. Abstain: Albertini. Motion failed. Roll call vote to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,689,456.17: 8/9 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: Freeman. Abstain: Brereton and Albertini. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$562,373.85. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Monthly Report of Belvidere Police Department Overtime Pay for December 2024.
- (B) Monthly Report of Belvidere Fire Department Overtime Pay for December 2024.
- (C) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for December 2024.
- (D) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits, Commercial Permits and Case Reports for December 2024.
- (E) Monthly General Fund Report for December 2024.
- (F) Monthly Water/Sewer Fund Report December 2024.
- (G) Monthly CD Investments for December 2024.
- (H) Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission of January 14, 2024.

Let the record show these reports were placed on file.

- (I) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of February 10, 2025.

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of February 10, 2025. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business: None.

(10) New Business:

- (A) Ord. #715H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow a Mural within the CB, Central Business District (323 South State Street).

Let the record show Ordinance #715H was placed on file for first reading.

- (B) Res. #2025-2: A Resolution Changing the Appointment of IMRF Authorized Agent.

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to approve Res. #2025-2. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (C) Res. #2025-3: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract for the Purchase of Electricity from the Lowest Cost of Electricity Provider for the Purposes of Street Lighting and Commercial Accounts through the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative Bid Process.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Albertini to approve Res. #2025-3. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of February 10, 2025.

- (A) Motion to approve the Irene Road portion of Kelly Farms Subdivision original bond (#14249122) in the amount of \$1,454,070.00 be reduced to \$700,000.00. The reduced amount must remain in place until all of the public improvements have been completed and accepted by the City. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Freeman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (B) Motion to accept the IEPA GIGO Grant in the sum of \$742,952.00 and authorize the Mayor or his designee to execute all documents necessary to receive the grant funding including, but not limited to, the grant agreement. Discussion took place regarding concerns about the grant if it involves Federal funds due to the spending freezes being imposed by the Federal Government. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor: Ayes: McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Motion to approve the proposal from CES, Inc. to complete the design engineering and bidding documents for all the Allen Street Regional Retention and Infiltration Basin Project, in the amount of \$58,750.00, contingent on the receipt of a fully-executed Grant agreement with the IEPA. This work will be paid for from Capital Funds. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, Gramkowski, and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Gramkowski to adjourn meeting at 6:37p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

  
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Clerk