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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: March 3, 2025

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

Call to order by Mayor Clinton Morris.

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

Absent: M. Freeman.

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 Clinton Morris.

(3) Public Comment: None.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of
February 17, 2025; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. McGee to approve the minutes of the regular
meeting of the Belvidere City Council of February 17, 2025. Aye voice vote carried.
Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing: None.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

(A) Report of Growth Dimensions by Pamela Lopez-Fettes. Growth Dimensions
is requesting a contribution of \$35,000 from the City of Belvidere in 2025.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: None.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

(A) Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Committee of the Whole – Budget Retreat of February 15, 2025; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Committee of the Whole – Budget Retreat of February 15, 2025. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(B) Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of February 24, 2025; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of February 24, 2025. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

(A) Ord. #715H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow a Mural within the CB, Central Business District (323 South State Street).

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to pass Ord. #715H. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

(A) Ord. #716H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property (Fire Department Vehicle).

Let the record show that Ordinance #716H was placed on file for first reading.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of February 24, 2025.

(A) Motion to authorize the purchase of replacement bulletproof glass for the armored SWAT vehicle from SWATMOD at a cost of \$12,492.00 to be paid from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Account. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.


- (B) Motion to approve the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce street closure request of Buchanan Street from State Street to Main Street, as well as Whitney Boulevard from the west Municipal parking lot entrance to the lot west of Buchanan Street Pub on May 30th, June 20th and July 25th, 2025, between 4:00p.m. and 9:30p.m. for Buchanan Street Markets. Roll Call Vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to approve the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce street closure request of State Street from Lincoln Avenue to 1st Street, as well as Logan Avenue between State and Main Street on October 29, 2025, between 3:00p.m. and 7:30p.m. for Downtown Trick or Treat. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to approve the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce street closure request of State Street from Lincoln Avenue to 1st Street, as well as Logan Avenue from State Street to Main Street and 1st Street from State Street to Garfield Avenue on Friday December 5th, 2025, between 3:00p.m. and 9:30p.m. for Hometown Christmas. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (E) Motion to retain Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle with respect to Landmark Development litigation. Discussion took place regarding postponing retaining Zurkowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle. Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Gramkowski to generally postpone retaining Zukowski, Rogers, Flood & McArdle with respect to Landmark Development litigation. Roll call vote: 6/3 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Mulhall, Peterson, Stevens, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Motion carried.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to adjourn meeting at 6:23p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.


Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk