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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: April 7, 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, M. Fleury, W. Frank, S. Gramkowski, M. McGee,
R. Peterson and C. Stevens.

Absent: R. Brereton, M. Freeman and 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 Clinton Morris.

(3) Public Comment:

(A) Pamela Lopez-Fettes, Director of Growth Dimensions requested a
contribution increase from the City of Belvidere.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

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

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

(5) Public Hearing:

(A) Annual Budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Mayor Morris opened the public hearing at 6:05p.m. and stated the publication for the Public Hearing for the Annual Budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year appeared in the Belvidere Republican on March 27, 2025, and asked if there was anyone here to address the public hearing. There being none the public hearing closed at 6:06p.m.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

(A) Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Proclamation.

Mayor Morris presented Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation to Judge C. Robert Tobin III.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: None.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

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

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

(9) Unfinished Business:

(A) Ord. #717H – 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 118-34 and 118-35 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to pass Ord. #717H. Roll call vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Ord. 718H – 2nd Reading: FY26 Budget Ordinance.

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to pass Ord. #718H. Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to amend line item #01-5-610-6840 Economic & Business Development and reduce the Growth Dimensions pledge from \$20,000 to \$0.00. Discussion took place with Alderpersons and Mayor giving their opinions. Roll call vote on amendment to Ord. #718H: 3/4 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: Fleury, Frank, McGee and Albertini. Motion failed. Roll call vote to pass Ord.

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#718H: 7/0 in favor. Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

(A) Motion to waive the two-week layover requirement as provided by Section 2-87(g) of the City's Code with respect to Ord. #719H.

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to waive the two-week layover requirement as provided by Section 2-87(g) of the City's Code with respect to Ord. #719H. Discussion took place in regards to the purpose of the waiver. Chief Woody noted that it is so it can make it into the current fiscal year. Roll call vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens Albertini, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Ord. #719H – 1st & 2nd Reading: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property (Police Department Side Arms).

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Fleury to pass Ord. #719H. Discussion took place in regards to using a local business to buy/sell the firearms. It was noted that the ordinance was worded in such a way as to give authority to Chief Woody to sell the firearms locally. Discussion took place in regards to correcting the scrivener's error in Section 3 to December 9, 2025. Roll call vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Fleury, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Ord. #720H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Illinois Public Water Supply Loan Program.

Let the record show that Ordinance #720H was placed on file for first reading.

(D) Res. #2025-6: A Resolution Authorizing a City Representative to Sign Loan Documents.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Gramkowski to pass Res. #2025-6. Roll call vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(E) Res. #2025-7: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and the Clerk to Attest the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Metro Paramedic Services, Inc. for EMS Response and Transport Services.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. McGee to pass Res. #2025-7. Roll call vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Albertini, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee and Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

(A) Motion to approve the 2025 MFT Street Maintenance Program as stated in the memo dated 1/28/2025. Roll call vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

(A) Motion to approve the Corpus Christi Procession Parade Permit Request from St. James Catholic Church for June 22, 2025. Roll call vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Motion to approve the Block Party Request to close Cloverdale Way from Huntington Dr. to Fairfield Trl. on May 25, 2025 from 2:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Roll call vote: 7/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.


(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. McGee to adjourn meeting at 6:37p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk