

State of Illinois) SS
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: November 3, 2025

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

Call to order by Alderperson Rory Peterson.

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

Absent: C. Montalbano

Other staff members in attendance:

Public Works Director Brent Anderson, Budget and Finance Officer Sarah Turnipseed,
Director of Buildings Kip Countryman, Police Chief Shane Woody, Fire Chief Shawn
Schadle, City Attorney Mike Drella, City Treasurer Mary Volkey and City Clerk Erica
Bluege.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Alderperson Rory Peterson.

(3) Public Comment:

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of
October 20, 2025; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2nd by Ald. Albertini to approve the minutes of the regular
meeting of the Belvidere City Council of October 20, 2025. Voice vote carried. Motion
carried.

(5) Public Hearing: None.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

(A) Announcement of Estimated Tax Levy for Tax Year 2025.

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2nd by Ald. Frank to approve the estimated tax levy of \$6,607,973.00 as presented by the Finance Director. Discussion took place regarding the announcement being the first step in the tax levy process to inform the public of the expected tax levy. It was noted there will be discussion and final vote at a later meeting. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(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 October 27, 2025; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2nd by Ald. McGee to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of October 27, 2025. Voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

(A) Ord. #743H: 2nd Reading – An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow In-Vehicle Sales or Service (Automatic Car Wash) and Indoor Commercial Entertainment (Bar with Video Gaming) within the GB, General Business District (1125 North State Street).

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2nd by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #743H. Discussion took place regarding the special use and the number of times it has been reissued. It was noted it meets all the planning and zoning requirements and was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business: None.

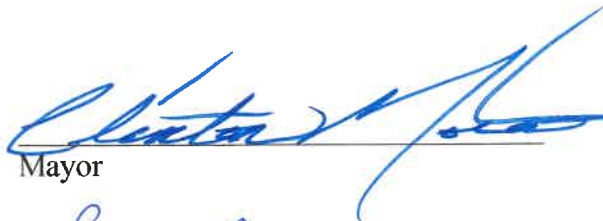
Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of October 27, 2025.


- (A) Motion to accept \$21,600.00 from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant agreement between the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System and the Belvidere Police Department. Discussion took place regarding additional expenses that could incur in the future as Axon, going forward, is requiring a licensing fee for each officer who uses their product. If accepted, the grant does not commit the City to the licensing fee, only to the buying of the tasers. Roll call vote 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to accept \$58,114.00 from the State of Illinois and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant agreement HS-26-0074 between the Illinois Department of Transportation and City of Belvidere for FY26. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to approve the Service Proposal from Sikich for FY26 & FY27 Auditing Services. The cost of this work shall be paid for from line item 01-5-130-6100 Accounting and Auditing Services in the amount of \$43,835.00 for FY26 and \$45,605.00 for FY27. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to consent to and approve the appointment of Paul Engelman to serve as Chairperson of the Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission for a one-year term ending May 2026. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(11) Other: None.

(12) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2nd by Ald. Hoiness to adjourn meeting at 6:20p.m. Voice vote carried. Motion carried.


Mayor


City Clerk

Attest: