

State of Illinois) SS
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: December 1, 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
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, 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:

Mayor Morris informed City Council there will be a Belvidere Passenger Rail Stakeholder Meeting on December 4, 2025, at 3:00pm at the Boone County Historical Museum.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

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

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2nd by Ald. Hoiness to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of November 17, 2025. Voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing: None.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations: None.

(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 November 24, 2025; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of November 24, 2025. Voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business: None.

(10) New Business:

(A) Ord. #744H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for All Corporate Purposes for the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026.

(B) Ord. #745H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Making a Levy and Providing for a Special Service Area #2 Tax in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026.

(C) Ord. #746H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Making a Levy and Providing for a Special Service Area #3 Tax in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026.

(D) Ord. #747H: 1st Reading – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property (1967 Joy Air Compressor).

Let the record show Ordinances #744H, #745H, #746H, #747H were placed on file for first reading.

(E) Res. #2025-22: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Belvidere and Axon Enterprises Inc.

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Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Hoiness to adopt Res. #2025-22. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(F) Res. #2025-23: A Resolution Appointing Joe Hamblock as a Trustee to the Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority.

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to adopt Res. #2025-23. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Aye: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(G) Res. #2025-24: A Resolution Accepting Certain Public Improvements for Plat 1 of Wycliff Subdivision (Detention Pond).

Motion by Ald. Hoiness, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to adopt Res. #2025-24. Discussion took place regarding the fact that the City will end up having to maintain the detention pond whether or not the resolution passes. This resolution will at least give the City \$6500.00 to help with maintenance costs. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

(A) Motion to renew the City's health insurance plan with United Healthcare insurance company and authorize the Mayor to sign and the Clerk to attest all contract and documents necessary to effectuate said renewal. Discussion took place regarding employee opinions on United Healthcare. Discussion took place regarding it being a 1-year renewal. Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Hoiness to amend the motion to include the preliminary premium cost of \$2,350,319.00. Roll call vote on motion to amend the motion: 8/1 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: Stevens. Motion carried. Roll call vote on amended motion to renew the City's health insurance plan with United Healthcare insurance company and authorize the Mayor to sign and the Clerk to attest all contract and documents necessary to effectuate said renewal for the preliminary premium cost of \$2,350,319.00: 8/1 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: Stevens. Motion carried.

(B) Motion to accept donations in the amount of \$4,600, as outlined in the memo dated November 17, 2025, for the Eagle Scout Project – Santa Claus House. Discussion took place regarding an additional \$500 collected since the drafting of the memo. Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to amend the motion to \$5100. Roll call on motion to amend the motion: 9/0 in favor:

Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion took place in regards to the Santa Claus House being ready for this year. Roll call vote on amended motion to accept donations in the amount of \$5100, as outlined in the memo dated November 17, 2025 and the amended motion for the Eagle Scout Project – Santa Claus House: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski and Hoiness. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (C) Motion to waive the bidding requirement pursuant to Section 2-700 of the Belvidere Municipal Code as it relates to the Sanitary Sewer Main Lining Project. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to approve the proposal from Hoerr Construction, to complete the lining of 1,694 lineal feet of 15" sanitary sewer main for a total cost of \$124,142.00. This work will be paid for from sewer depreciation line item #61-1790. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee and Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (E) Motion to approve the change order from N-Trak Group LLC in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,330.00, for additional clay excavation and sand placement for the Allen Street Regional Retention and Infiltration Basin Project. This work will be paid for from Capital Funds. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (F) Motion to approve N-Trak Group salvaging 39 sections of the existing 72" storm sewer pipe at the rate of \$175.00 per pipe section. The total cost of \$6,825.00 will be paid for from Capital Funds. Discussion took place regarding the current location of the pipe. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (G) Motion to approve the cost of the NBIS biennial bridge inspections and BCR update on a time and material basis, not-to-exceed \$19,000. This work will be paid for from Public Benefit Line Item #41-5-110-7900. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton.

(11) Other: None.

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Mayor Morris thanked the VFW, BPD, State's Attorney Smith for last Wednesday's dinner for the less fortunate.

Alderperson Fleury thanked the Public Works Department for their work in clearing up the streets after the first snowfall of the season.

(12) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to adjourn meeting at 6:32p.m. Voice vote carried. Motion carried.



Mayor

Attest:



Eric Bluege

City Clerk