

State of Illinois) SS  
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: December 15, 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, S. Gramkowski, J. Hoiness, M. McGee, C. Montalbano, R. Peterson and C. Stevens.

Absent: None.

Other staff members in attendance:

Assistant Public Works Director Jordan Keck, 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, City Treasurer Mary Volkey and City Clerk Erica Bluege.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Mayor Morris.

(3) Public Comment:

Mayor Morris thanked the Belvidere Police Department and Walmart for having the Shop with a Cop event. Chief Woody added his thanks to Crime Stoppers for donating the money for the event.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 1, 2025, as presented.

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Hoiness to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 1, 2025. Voice vote carried. Motion carried.

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(5) Public Hearing:

(A) Proposed Property Tax Levy.

Mayor Morris opened the Public Hearing at 6:04p.m. and stated the publication for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy appeared in the Belvidere Republican on December 4, 2025, and asked if there was anyone here to address the public hearing, there being none the public hearing closed at 6:05p.m.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

(A) Ida Public Library Report given by Director Mindy Long.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: General & Special Fund Expenditures: \$2,487,560.32  
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$1,029,384.18

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Stevens to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$2,487,560.32. Discussion took place regarding Ida Public Library's health insurance. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Hoiness, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,029,384.18. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Monthly Report of Belvidere Police Department Overtime Pay for November 2025.
- (B) Monthly Report of Belvidere Fire Department Overtime Pay for November 2025.
- (C) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for November 2025.
- (D) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits, Commercial Permits and Case Reports for November 2025.
- (E) Monthly Financial Report for November 2025.
- (F) Monthly General Fund Report for November 2025.
- (G) Monthly Water/Sewer Report for November 2025.
- (H) Donations Report for November 2025.
- (I) Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission for December 9, 2025.

Let the record show these reports were placed on file.

(9) Unfinished Business:

(A) Ord. #744H – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Stevens to pass Ord. #744H. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Ord. #745H – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #745H. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Ord. #746H – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Hoiness to pass Ord. #746H. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(D) Ord. #747H: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Personal Property (1967 Joy Air Compressor).

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to pass Ord. #747H. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

(A) Ord. #748H: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Ordinance Approving a Replat Titled Re-Subdivision of Lots 5 and 6 of the Final Plat of Deer Woods II.

(B) Ord. #749H: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – An Ordinance Approving a Replat Titled Re-Subdivision of Lots 34 and 35 of the Final Plat of Deer Woods II.

Let the record show Ordinances #748H and #749H were placed on file for first reading.

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(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to adjourn meeting at 6:34p.m. Voice vote carried. Motion carried.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Eric Bluge  
City Clerk