

State of Illinois) SS  
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: January 20, 2026

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, J. Hoiness,  
M. McGee, C. Montalbano and R. Peterson

Absent: S. Gramkowski and C. Stevens.

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  
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(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Mayor Morris.

(3) Public Comment:

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of  
January 5, 2026, as presented.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Fleury to approve the minutes of the regular  
meeting of the Belvidere City Council of January 5, 2026. Aye voice vote carried.  
Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing: None.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations: None.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: General & Special Fund Expenditures: \$2,439,672.46  
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$1,213,453.35

Motion by Ald. Hoiness, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$2,439,672.46. Discussion took place regarding a purchase from Dinges Fire Company. It was noted that it was for one set of turnout gear, which the City is required to provide to fire fighters when it becomes damaged, worn out or older than 10 years. Roll call vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano and Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Montalbano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. McGee to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,213,453.35. Roll call vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Monthly Report of Belvidere Police Department Overtime Pay for December 2025.
- (B) Monthly Report of Belvidere Fire Department Overtime Pay for December 2025.
- (C) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for December 2025.
- (D) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits, Commercial Permits and Case Reports for December 2025.
- (E) Annual Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits and Case Reports for CY2025.
- (F) Monthly Financial Report for December 2025.
- (G) Monthly General Fund Report for December 2025.
- (H) Monthly Water/Sewer Report for December 2025.
- (I) Donations Report for December 2025.

Let the record show these reports were placed on file.

- (J) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of January 12, 2026.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Albertini to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of January 12, 2026. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #750H – 2<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Revising the FY 2026 Budget Adopted by Ordinance #718H.

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Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Albertini to pass Ord. #750H. Roll call vote: 9/0 in favor: Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Albertini, Brereton and Mayor Morris. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of January 12, 2026.

(A) Motion to consent to and approve the appointment of Mr. Carl Swanson to the Belvidere Historic Preservation Commission for a vacated three-year term, ending on April 30, 2028. Roll call vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Motion to approve Grant Agreement No. 25-203029 with the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and authorize the Mayor to sign all required documents to receive this grant. Discussion took place regarding the grant being in the amount of \$100,000 and will be used for the Kishwaukee Riverfront Path Extension Project. Roll call vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Motion to approve Grant Agreement No. 25-203097 with the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and authorize the Mayor to sign all required documents to receive this grant. Discussion took place regarding the grant being in the amount of \$180,000 and will be used for the Kishwaukee Riverfront Path Extension Project. Roll call vote: 8/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Hoiness. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Frank to adjourn meeting at 6:14p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



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Mayor

Attest:



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City Clerk