

State of Illinois) SS
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: February 2, 2026

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, C. Montalbano, R. Peterson and
C. Stevens.

Absent: None.

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, City
Treasurer Mary Volkey and City Clerk Erica Bluege.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Alderperson Rory Peterson.

(3) Public Comment:

(A) Mitch McAuley – 1747 Pearl St spoke in favor of there being a public service
announcement and/or plan in place to notify residents if ICE comes to the City
of Belvidere.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of
January 20, 2026; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2nd by Ald. Fleury to approve the minutes of the regular
meeting of the Belvidere City Council of January 20, 2026. Aye voice vote carried.
Motion carried.

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(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 January 26, 2026; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Hoiness, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of January 26, 2026. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business: None.

(10) New Business:

(A) Ord. #751H – 1st Reading: An Ordinance Amending Sections 34-1, 34-2, 34-3, 34-4, and 34-5 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code Describing the City's Wards.

Let the record show Ordinance #751H was placed on file for first reading.

(A) Res. #2026-1: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract for the Purchase of Electricity from the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider for the Purposes of Street Lighting and Commercial Accounts through the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative Bid Process.

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Hoiness to adopt Res. #2026-1. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Res. #2026-2: A Resolution Authorizing Certain Annual Parades for 2026.

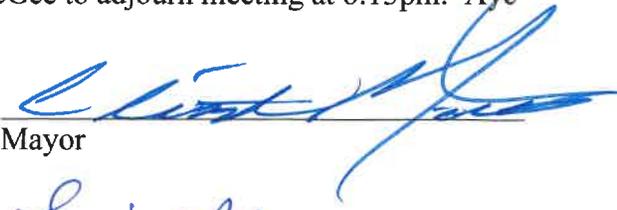
Motion by Ald. Hoiness, 2nd by Ald. Montalbano to adopt Res. #2026-2. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (A) Motion to authorize termination of the Brycer Compliance Engine agreement and authorization to enter an agreement with First Due for compliance reporting services. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to accept donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Midwest Refrigerated Services, Inc., for the Eagle Scout Project – Santa Claus House. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Aye: Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to approve the grant agreement from the Federal Railroad Administration, in the amount of \$1,666,279.00, for phase I engineering and environmental review of the Appleton Road Grade Separation Project, and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents required for the grant award. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to approve the low bid from Fisher Excavating, in the amount of \$1,380,432.25, to complete the Parking Lot #7 and Kishwaukee Overlook Project and concur with IDOT on the award of this project to Fisher Excavating. This work will be paid for from grant funds and capital funds. Roll call vote: 9/1 in favor. Ayes: Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Fleury, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: Brereton. Motion carried.

(11) Other: None.

(12) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2nd by Ald. McGee to adjourn meeting at 6:13pm. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk