

State of Illinois) SS
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Date: February 16, 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, 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 and
City Clerk Erica Bluege.

(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
February 2, 2026 as presented.

Motion by Ald. McGee, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular
meeting of the Belvidere City Council of February 2, 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: \$4,780,265.46
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$ 605,730.77

Motion by Ald. Montalbano, 2nd by Ald. Hoiness to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$4,780,265.46. 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, 2nd by Ald. Gramkowski to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$605,730.77. 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 January 2026.
- (B) Monthly Report of Belvidere Fire Department Overtime Pay for January 2026.
- (C) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for January 2026.
- (D) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits, Commercial Permits and Case Reports for January 2026.
- (E) Monthly Financial Report for January 2026.
- (F) Monthly General Fund Report for January 2026.
- (G) Monthly Water/Sewer Report for January 2026.
- (H) Donations Report for January 2026.

Let the record show these reports were placed on file.

- (I) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of February 9, 2026.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Gramkowski to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of February 9, 2026. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #751H – 2st 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.

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Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Fleury to pass Ord. #751H. 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 reject the proposals from Petry Design, Entre Solutions and Sundog for IT and VOIP phone services.

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to reject the proposals from Petry Design, Entre Solutions and Sundog for IT and VOIP phone services. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Res. #2026-3: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement between the City of Belvidere and Boone County for the Provision of IT and VOIP Services.

Motion by Ald. Montalbano, 2nd by Ald. Hoiness to adopt Res. #2026-3. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

(A) Res. #2026-4: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement Between the City of Belvidere and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Motion by Ald. Hoiness, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to adopt Res. #2026-4. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Res. #2026-5: A Resolution Accepting Certain Public Improvements of the MH Subdivision.

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2nd by Ald. Peterson to adopt Res. #2026-5. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski and Hoiness. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Res. #2026-6: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Belvidere Township Park District for Police Services.

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2nd by a Ald. Gramkowski to adopt Res. #2026-6. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(D) Res. #2026-7: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Winnebago-Boone County Investigative Cooperative Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Montalbano to adopt Res. #2026-7. Discussion took place in regards to postponing until March 16, 2026. Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2nd by Ald. Stevens to postpone until March 16, 2026. Roll call vote on motion to postpone: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee and Montalbano. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of February 9, 2026.

(A) Motion to approve the concept of a redevelopment agreement with Dairy Farmers of America with final agreement to be presented at a later date. Discussion took place in regards to including the TIF amount in the motion. It was noted this is not the final agreement and the amount could change. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano and Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Rick Menge to the City of Belvidere Fire and Police Commission for the remainder of Mr. Tim Rathburn's term ending April 30, 2027. A letter from Rick Menge was read. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson and Stevens.

(C) Motion to approve the Chief of Police to sign the consultant services agreement between the Belvidere, Illinois Police Department and Dr. Christina Warden, Glenwood Center for Better Mental Health as presented. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Morris reminded City Council and Staff about the Budget Retreat to be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 8:30a.m.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2nd by Ald. Hoiness to adjourn meeting at 6:24p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

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Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk