

State of Illinois) SS  
Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: March 2, 2026

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, 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 Lieutenant Dan Drall, City Attorney Mike Drella, City  
Treasurer Mary Volkey and City Clerk Erica Bluege.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Mayor Clinton Morris.

(3) Public Comment: None.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

(A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of  
February 16, 2026; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Montalbano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Albertini to approve the minutes of the regular  
meeting of the Belvidere City Council of February 16, 2026. Aye 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 Minutes of the special Committee of the Whole – Budget Retreat of February 21, 2026; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to approve minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Budget Retreat of February 21, 2026. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(B) Approval of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of February 23, 2026; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Hoiness to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole – Public Safety and Finance and Personnel of February 23, 2026. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business: None.

(10) New Business:

(A) Ord. #752H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 110-198 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code Handicap Parking Space Garden Drive.

Let the record show Ordinance #752H was placed on file for first reading.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Public Safety, Finance & Personnel of February 23, 2026.

(A) Motion to approve the Mayor to sign the license agreement between the City of Belvidere and Franklin Display Group, Inc. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(B) Motion to award the contract for the Station 2 Apparatus Bay Floor Refinishing Project to TSR Concrete Coatings in the amount of \$34,390, with funds to be paid from the Capital Fund. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (C) Motion to approve the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce Temporary Street Closure Request for Buchanan Street Markets on May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 from 5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (D) Motion to approve the closure of Buchanan Street from State Street to Main Street, as well as Whitney Boulevard from the west Municipal parking lot entrance to the lot west of Buchanan Street Pub between 4:00p.m. and 9:30p.m. on Buchanan Street Markets event days. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (E) Motion to approve the use of large trash receptacles at several locations, as marked with green squares on the map, for Buchanan Street Markets. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (F) Motion to approve the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce Temporary Street Closure Request for Downtown Business Trick or Treat on Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (G) Motion to approve the closure of State Street from Lincoln Avenue to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, as well as Logan Avenue between State and Main Street on October 28, 2026, between 3:00p.m. and 7:30p.m. for Downtown Business Trick or Treat. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski and Hoiness. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (H) Motion to approve the placement of large trash receptacles at six locations, as marked with green squares on the map, for Downtown Business Trick or Treat. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (I) Motion to approve the Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce Temporary Street Closure Request for Hometown Christmas on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 4:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee and Montalbano. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (J) Motion to approve the closure of State Street from Lincoln Avenue to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, as well as Logan Avenue from State Street to Main Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Street

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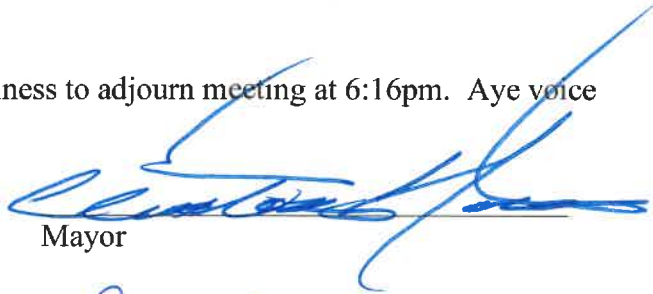
from State Street to Garfield Avenue on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, between 3:00p.m. and 9:30p.m. for Hometown Christmas. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano and Peterson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(K) Motion to approve the placement of large trash receptacles at 10 locations along the event route, as marked with green squares on the map, for Hometown Christmas. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(11) Other: None.

(12) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Albertini, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Hoiness to adjourn meeting at 6:16pm. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk