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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: April 6, 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, 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 Clinton Morris.

(3) Public Comment:

- (1) Chief Schadle introduced Alivia Cooper, the newest paramedic from Metro  
Paramedic assigned to the City of Belvidere.
- (2) Nathan Colvin, Belvidere resident, spoke in favor of making the intersection  
at East 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Caswell a four-way stop.
- (3) Neeley Erickson, Government Affairs Director for the NorthWest Illinois  
Alliance of Realtors, spoke as an opponent of proposed Ord. 754H –  
Inspection of Non-Residential and Multi-Family Properties as it is currently  
structured.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

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

Motion by Ald. Stevens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of March 16, 2026. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

(5) Public Hearing:

(A) Annual Budget for 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

Mayor Morris opened the public hearing at 6:18p.m. and stated the publication for the Public Hearing for the Annual Budget for 2026-2027 fiscal year appeared in the Belvidere Republican on March 26, 2026, and asked if there was anyone here to address the public hearing. There being none the public hearing closed at 6:19p.m.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

(A) Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Proclamation.

Mayor Morris presented Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation to Judge C. Robert Tobin III and Boone County Probation Director Amy Gallano.

(B) Police Pension Board Re-Appointments.

Mayor Morris informed City Council that Matthew Branom and Sarah Turnipseed had been reappointed to the Police Pension Board for full two-year terms commencing on May 1, 2026.

(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 March 23, 2026; as presented.

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

(9) Unfinished Business:

(A) Ord. 753H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: FY27 Budget Ordinance.

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Hoiness to pass Ord. 753H. Discussion took place regarding future electrical use at the Walmart Distribution Center and how much income it might generate, if ComEd can handle the increase or if it will cause a rate increase for residents. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

- (A) Ord. #754H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Adopting a New Section 46-54, Inspection of Non-Residential and Multi-Family Structures, of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code.

Let the record show Ordinance #754H was placed on file for first reading.

- (B) Res. 2026-9: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Boone County Relating to Landfill #2.

Motion by Ald. Gramkowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Stevens to adopt Res. 2026-9. Discussion took place regarding the agreement before City Council being the final agreement. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens and Albertini. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- (A) Motion to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$25,900.00 for the replacement of windows at the PSB to be paid from account 41-5-110-7900 (Capital Funds). The Mayor or his designee, is authorized to execute any appropriate change orders or contracts to effectuate the above expenditure. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini and Brereton. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to approve the Block Party Request from Ida Public Library to close Madison Street from N. State Street to Kishwaukee Street on June 11, 2026, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (C) Motion to approve the purchase of the 2014 International 7400 10-yard dump truck from Lakeside International in the amount of \$50,000. This purchase will be funded through Capital Line Item 41-5-752-8300. 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 purchase of the 2014 International 7400 5-yard dump truck from Lakeside International in the amount of \$50,000. This purchase will be funded through Capital Line Item 41-5-752-8300. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Hoiness, McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank and Gramkowski. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(E) Motion to waive the bidding requirement for emergency repairs to Well #7 to be completed by Water Well Solutions. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski and Hoiness. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(F) Motion to approve Water Well Solutions to make the necessary repairs and rehabilitation to Well #7 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000. Roll call vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Montalbano, Peterson, Stevens, Albertini, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Gramkowski, Hoiness and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(11) Other: None.


Mayor Morris reminded City Council and those in attendance that School District #100 is holding public hearings to discuss the potential closing of Perry Elementary School at the Administration Building at 5:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of this week.

(12) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Gramkowski to adjourn meeting at 6:41pm. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk