

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
FEBRUARY 1, 2016 – 7:00 PM**

Mayor Mark Eckert called this meeting to order.

Mayor Eckert explained the disaster procedures. Mayor Eckert reminded anyone speaking this evening to step up to a microphone because the meetings are being taped and posted the next day on the website.

Mayor Eckert asked the City Clerk Dallas B. Cook to call roll. Members present on roll call: Mayor Mark Eckert and City Clerk Dallas B. Cook. Aldermen: Joe Hazel, Ken Kinsella, Jane Pusa, Mike Buettner, Kent Randle, Scott Tyler, Johnny Anthony, Raffi Ovian, Phil Silsby, Ed Dintelman, Paul Seibert, Bob White, Trent Galetti, Phil Elmore and Roger Wigginton.

James Musgrove excused.

**ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Roll Call Department Heads: City Treasurer Hardt, City Attorney Hoerner; Director of Maintenance, Ken Vaughn; Director of Wastewater, Royce Carlisle; Finance Director, Jamie Maitret; City Engineer, Tim Gregowicz, Human Resource Director, Jim Schneider; Director of Library, Leander Spearman; Director of Economic Development, Anissa McCaskill; Director of Parks and Recreation, Debbie Belleville; Police Chief, Bill Clay; Health and Housing Director, Bob Sabo and Fire Chief, Tom Pour.

Roll Call Department Heads Excused: Director of Public Works, Chuck Schaeffer.

**PLEDGE**

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Lillian Schneider**

Can St. Louis and Belleville support two soccer fields; where will this leave Belleville? What is the name of the new hotel? It has been over a year...the public has a right to know. If there is no name now there never was one. Just to look good, sound good situation. Be honest with the people. All of the money the city has spent and no name. Was it just a dream to fool the public? Why haven't the developers not come forward with the hotel(s)? People demand to put a stop to the secrets. It is the taxpayer's money being spent. No more behind closed door business. You cannot say you are going to build a hotel and over a year later still have no name. Something is wrong somewhere. It is going to be

like the big white elephant...no airlines...no hotels. Can't get one, how are you going to get three. You just keep spending the tax payers' money.

**John Boman**

He stated he went to church last Sunday around the 9:00 a.m. hour and was surprised with the number of homeless people walking up and down North Belt West. There was a woman digging through the dumpsters to aluminum can which is okay. He thinks Belleville, a city of this size, does not want to have a homeless problem. He has been led to believe there are no homeless shelters for men in the entire area.

**Stewart Lannert**

The old saying "police say stop or I will shoot" no longer seems to be enforced in our country. A lot of talk about the Franklin Neighborhood Association this week; however, next door across from Franklin Grade School there is a dope dealer and has been selling drugs for years and he knows at least four people that have died from overdoses. It seems the City does not want to put her out of business. As far as the police station...as they say in Texas "no hat no cattle" could describe the police station. A fancy building but most people seem to want more police on the streets.

**PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Eckert recognized the character word of the month "Trustworthiness" Truthfulness in Words and Actions. Being honest and reliable in words and actions.

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Mayor Eckert recommended the following reappointments to the Parks and Recreation Board.

1. Reappointment for 5 years: Mr. Glenn Friederich
2. Reappointment for 5 years: Mr. Terry Mackin

Alderman Dintleman made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve the reappointments to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore and Wigginton. (15)

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Mayor Eckert recommended the appointment of Molly McKenzie to serve a 1 year term on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve the appointment of Molly McKenzie to serve a 1 year term on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore and Wigginton. (15)

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Dallas Cook gave a presentation regarding the transfer of services from Belleville Township to the City of Belleville.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to approve to accept and file the minutes of January 19, 2016.

All members voted aye.

**CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Alderman Ovian made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to accept and pay the claims in the amount of **\$3,139,669.17** and payroll in the amount of **\$798,653.42**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore and Wigginton. (15)

**REPORTS**

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Tyler to receive and file the City Attorney's report dated January 28, 2016.

All members voted aye.

**ORAL REPORTS**

**MASTER SEWER COMMITTEE**

Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to award the Missionary Ventures Sewer Project bid in the amount of \$2,085,471.50 to Plocher Construction.

*Discussion...*

Alderman Randle asked the savings difference between the original projected estimate and what the cost saving is under this bid; Director of Wastewater, Royce Carlise, stated the engineers estimate was \$2,400,000.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore and Wigginton. (15)

**ADMINISTRATION**

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve plans for temporary relocation of administration offices and meetings pending City Hall renovations. (Approximate timeline: from July 2016 through January 2017)

*Discussion...*

Alderman Randle stated he has had emails, phone calls, in person meetings from residents expressing concerns with the ability to access the meetings that will be moved to Lindenwood University. Alderman Randle requested the Mayor to request that Lindenwood provide a letter of insurance to parties that were negatively impacted by prior interactions with the university. City Attorney Hoerner stated when the inquiry was made by Alderman Randle he noted that Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act provides that all meetings required by the act should be public, held at a specified times in places that are convenient and open to the public.

Alderman Buettner stated there is a lot of animosity toward Lindenwood from some individuals and there are two individuals present that are band from Lindenwood that attend the council meetings on a regular basis. Alderman Buettner asked who at Lindenwood gave permission and read a letter from Lindenwood's general counsel.

Alderman Ovian has concerned with parking due to night classes; Mayor Eckert stated there is adequate parking in the surrounding area.

Alderman Buettner asked if this can be tabled tonight; Mayor Eckert recommended approving with the understanding that the city attorney will talk will talk to their counsel.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore and Wigginton. (14)

Members voting nay on roll call: Buettner. (1)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve the below communications:

**September 11 Moment of Remembrance Ceremony – Sunday, 9/11/16**

Request from the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois Committee to hold a 9/11 Moment of Remembrance Ceremony the afternoon of Sunday, September 11, 2016 at Firehouse #4, 1125 South Illinois Street.

**September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run – Sunday, 9/11/16**

Request from the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois Committee to host their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run. This event will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 with a start time of 9:11 a.m. The start and finish area is North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and West C Street, between Hough Park and Franklin

School. The committee is requesting one or two police officers for traffic control at TBD locations. They are also requesting street barricades and traffic cones to be placed in certain areas.

**Halloween Trick-or-Treat – Friday, 10/28/16**

Request to approve the closing of East Main Street on Friday, October 28, 2016 from 4:00pm – 9:30pm from the east side of High Street to the west side of Charles Street and the first blocks of North and South Jackson Streets and North and South Charles Streets for the City’s Annual Downtown Halloween Trick-or-Treat event to be held from 5:30pm – 8:00pm. The event is scheduled for the Friday before Halloween.

**Veterans Day Ceremony – Friday, 11/11/16**

Request to approve the closing of State Route 159 from ‘A’ Street to Washington Street and the first blocks of East Main Street and West Main Street from 8:00am - 1:00pm on Friday, November 11, 2016, for the City’s Annual Veterans Day Ceremony to be held at 11:00am at the Belleville Public Square. Request includes approval to allow ceremony to take place inside the lobby of City Hall in case of inclement weather.

**Ainad Shriner’s Circus Days Parade – Friday, 5/29/16**

Request from the Ainad Shriner’s to hold their Circus Days Parade on Friday, June 3, 2016 commencing at 7:30 PM and assistance from the Belleville Police Department. Also, permission to locate their reviewing stand on the southeast quadrant of the Public Square and to be provided with barricades to be placed around the reviewing stand.

All members voted aye.

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Alderman Pusa made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve the below communication:

**The MidTowne Main Street Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chocolate Crawl – Saturday, 2/13/16**

MidTowne Main Street Association is requesting to have their 2nd Annual Chocolate Crawl on Saturday February 13th from 10-2 in MidTowne Belleville from 6th street to 28th street. The crawl will begin and end at NannyLou's Kitchen, 1926 West Main Street, where crawlers will receive a map of all participating merchants. Crawlers will receive a free chocolate treat at each stop and on completing the list can register for gift baskets to be given away immediately after the crawl. There is no charge to participate and there are approximately 20 stops.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Buettner abstained.

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Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve the below communication:

**Eckert Florist, Inc. – 2/6/16 – 2/20/16**

Request from Eckert Florist, Inc. to place a refrigerated cooler in one of their designated “loading zones” located in the first block of North Second Street, from Saturday, February 6, 2016 and removed

on or before, Saturday, February 20, 2016 to accommodate extra flower storage for Valentine's Day. They will coordinate with the Street Department for cones and lighted barricades.

All members voted aye.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to read Resolution 3251, 3252, 3253 by title only and as a group.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve the following resolutions:

#### **RESOLUTION 3251**

A Resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close Route 159 for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Lucky Leprechaun 5K on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

#### **RESOLUTION 3252**

A Resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close Route 159 for the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce Chili Cook-Off from 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 6 to midnight. Saturday, October 8, 2016.

#### **RESOLUTION 3253**

A Resolution urging members of the United States Congress to take steps to reduce dumping of foreign steel.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore and Wigginton. (15)

### **ORDINANCES**

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman White to read Ordinance 7928-2015 by title only.

All members voted aye.

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Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman White to approve the Ordinance 7928-2015.

#### **ORDINANCE 7928-2016**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 43 (Taxation) of the revised code of ordinances of Belleville, Illinois as amended, by amending portions of sections thereof.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore and Wigginton. (15)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Buettner asked if Lindenwood had submitted their plan for parking issues; Mayor Eckert stated it has been submitted and staff is reviewing. Alderman Buettner asked if there is a sprinkler system in the houses that are on West "A" Street i.e. 2007 West "A"; Chief Pour stated they city is using the guideline of the United States regarding the Dormitory Sprinkler Act and they have been given two years to compliance. Alderman Buettner asked if students can move in before the houses are sprinkled; Chief Pour stated he does not deal with residency; Mayor Eckert stated they are working on getting the sprinklers in place and working with housing.

**MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve the Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$24,472.10**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (15)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Tyler to go into executive session to discuss personnel, litigation, workers' compensation, property acquisition, transfer of property.

All members voted aye.

Entered executive session at 7:56 p.m.

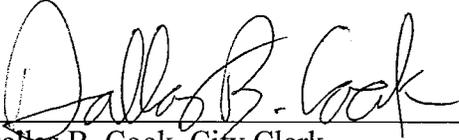
Resumed from Executive Session at 8:43 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to adjourn at 8:43 pm.

All members voted aye.

**These minutes were approved February 16, 2016.**

  
Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk