

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 16, 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, Roger Wigginton and James Musgrove.

Ed Dintelman excused.

ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

Roll Call Department Heads: City Treasurer Hardt, Assistant City Attorney Flynn; 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, Annissa McCaskill; 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 and Director of Parks and Recreation, Debbie Belleville.

PLEDGE

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rose Wilson

Ms. Wilson stated she has had a conversation with the Mayor and a couple of aldermen that the full written agenda available at the public counter. She understands everything is online; however, there are a lot of senior citizens, poor people that do not have access to a computer or internet. This document should be available to all of the public. There have been people from the press that have looked for it and found it inconvenient to look on their little phone. Ms. Wilson stated when she requested it was only available one time...the first week in December and since that time there is nothing.

Lillian Schneider

On December 21st she commented on the Oakland Historical sign that could not be put back on the sign post that it was supposed to be on. The Mayor's comment "because Eric wasn't here he asked a couple of guys to remind him about it". It has still not been taken care of. She hopes that anyone that does design reviews that they know the city cannot even put a sign back on and hopes they do not ask for money for the Gustave Koerner House.

On today's agenda, you will be requested to approve a half-ton regular cab pick-up truck for the housing department. She hopes that will not be for the employee to use to take his own dog to the vet on the taxpayers dime.

On 10/5/15 she commented on Mt. Pleasant Road. With all of the weather the edge of the road is caving in. She drives it three to four times a week. Someone is going to get hurt or killed because when you meet another car coming from the opposite direction. Coming out of Persimmon Ridge there is one small guardrail. There are barricades at the development center have been up since last summer.

The article regarding the convenience store stated they do not know when they are going to start building. That convenience store was supposed to have been done last fall. Is this going to be like Mid-America Airport...maybe five years from now? If they can announce they are going to build they should have a projected start date.

Shakema Mixon

Ms. Mixon requested for an extension until the end of March for the fence for the in-home daycare. Ms. Mixon stated she has gotten bids and it is costly.

Stewart Lannert

Mr. Lannert stated several years ago he was assaulted, battered and police were called. They broke his glasses and chain. Mr. Lannert wanted to press charges and the cops said forget about it and go home. The police then arrested Mr. Lannert. Mr. Lannert stated he filed a complaint with the Belleville Police Department on this matter and within three to four hours later he received a personal call from Chief Clay telling him that he is a liar and trouble maker. Mr. Lannert stated he may be a trouble maker but he is not a liar.

Someone in the Belleville Police Department claims Mr. Lannert is a danger to his self, a danger to other and poses a threat to public safety. There are felons running around the county, there are a lot of cops that are on edge of losing their police license and the worst crime he has been committed of was when three cops told him to take off his tennis shoes for some trumped up charges that Robin Jenkins had against him.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Eckert recognized Air Force Master Sergeant Timothy Yablonsky for alerting and assisting in the evacuation of a family of a burning house at 934 East Main Street and January 29, 2016.

Mayor Eckert recognized Jeffrey Jensen and Eric Hackleman, Belleville Police Officers, and Captain John Moody. They were recognized by the Belleville Exchange Club for their tremendous police work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve to accept and file the minutes of February 1, 2016.

All members voted aye.

CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS

Alderman Ovian made a motion seconded by Alderman Anthony to accept and pay the claims in the amount of **\$820,304.25** and payroll in the amount of **\$809,840.87**.

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

ORAL REPORTS

STREETS AND GRADES COMMITTEE:

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve Hank's Excavating for East Belle Avenue in the amount of \$397,568.55 with CDBG and TIF 12 being the funding sources.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve Jackson Holdings, Ltd., 22 North Jackson Street for the remodeling of the existing facility for the expansion of Belleville Optometrists, Ltd.

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

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve MRB Development, LLC, 200 East Main Street for the remodeling of the existing facility to accommodate a bar and grill.

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve **02-Jan16 – Michael & Margie Herr** – Requesting an Area/Bulk variance in order to erect an 8 ft. tall fence used to compliment landscape and protection from an in-ground pool at 704 Springwood Dr. (Parcel number: 08-32.0-206-004) located in an “A-1” Single Family Residence Zoning District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 60-7-3.) Ward 5

All members voted aye.

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman White to approve **03-Jan16 – Scheffel Boyle** – Requesting a Sign Installation permit for the Area of Special Control in order to place three (3) vinyl window graphics with each sign being 16 ½” x 20” at 222 East Main St. (Parcel numbers: 08-22.0-339-014, ...043, ...045, & ...047) located in a “C-2” Heavy Commercial Zoning District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 53-4-1) Ward 6

All members voted aye.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve the Site Plan for the St. Clair County Event Center (Adams Auction) (1530 E. State Rt. 15) Parcel number: 13-01.0-400-028.

Discussion...

Alderman Randle requested a landmark; Mayor Eckert stated next to Tractor Supply on Route 15.

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

MASTER SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve East Creek Pump Station & Tank Change Orders #6 and #8 from Haier Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$10,499.95.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve participating in Buy Board Purchasing Program.

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

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve purchase of ¾ ton regular cab pick-up truck for Parks Department from state bid vendor (Morrow Brothers) for \$21,939.00. *Parks Board approved 2/10/2016.*

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

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve purchase of ½ ton regular cab pick-up truck for Housing Department from state bid vendor (Miles Chevrolet) for \$18,444.00.

Discussion...

Alderman Buettner asked what the pick-up truck will be used for; Mayor Eckert stated it is for one of the inspectors. Alderman Ovian asked what will be done with the old vehicle; Mayor Eckert stated it will be used for a backup.

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

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve purchase of Dodge Durango SUV for Fire Department from Brent Bergheger Dodge for \$29,859.00.

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

Member abstaining on roll call: Tyler. (1)

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve bond tax compliance services with Gilmore & Bell for \$4,500.00.

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

Member abstaining on roll call: Randle. (1)

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve to make the north side of West E Street from 6th Street to Cattawba, a fire lane.

All members voted aye.

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Anthony made a motion seconded by Alderman Tyler to approve the following communications:

Fire Department Open House – Saturday, 4/2/16

Request from Belleville Fire Department to hold their 4th Annual open house at Firehouse No. 4 on April 2, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Orchards Annual Easter Parade – 3/26/2016

Request from the Orchards Social Committee asking to hold their Annual Easter Parade on Saturday, March 26, 2016, beginning at 10:45 A.M. and to close the parade route (2nd Fairway Court south on Pro Tour Drive, turn right on Golf Course Drive, and then proceed to pool and clubhouse) for 45 minutes during the parade. As in the past, they are also requesting vehicular assistance from the Belleville Police & Fire Departments.

Belleville Senior Celebration – 5/6/2016

Request from Southwestern Illinois College's Programs and Services for Older Persons, City of Belleville and Belleville Township to hold their Belleville Senior Celebration on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 10:00AM-2:00PM at 201 North Church Street. They are also requesting for the 200 Block of North Church Street be blocked off the both ends from 7:00 AM- 3:30PM, barricades at Church Street entrance of St. Luke's parking lot, the "B" Lot be reserved for guests, 4 picnic tables and 2 trash totes that morning; with 2 tables and 1 trash toter to be placed in the back courtyard by the barbecue grills, and the other 2 tables and 1 trash toter in front.

Art on the Square, 5/12-15/2016

Request from Art on the Square to close Highway 159 at the Belleville Public Square for their event weekend (May 12-15, 2016) on Wednesday, May 11th at Noon and reopen by 11 PM Sunday, May 15th. They are also asking to close one block of North and South of the Fountain and one block on East Main from the Fountain.

Discussion...

Alderman Elmore requested advising the Orchards "motorized vehicles are not automatically insured once they leave a persons property".

All members voted aye.

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

Sevens Street Closure, 3/12/2016

Request from Sevens to close High Street between East Main Street and East Washington Street remain closed following the St. Patrick's Day parade until 1:00 a.m.

Discussion...

Alderman White stated he received communications from two of the businesses, Jimmy Johns and Ben's that will be directly affected by the closure. Mayor Eckert stated the last two years when Main Street made their request Sevens was included. Mayor Eckert stated he advised if there is inclement weather the streets will not be closed. Alderman White stated in the packet on page 87 it states the affected businesses and there is a signature on behalf of Jimmy Johns which is not valid.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Tyler, Anthony, Silsby, Seibert, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (11)

Members voting nay on roll call: Buettner, Randle, Ovian and White. (4)

RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to read Resolution 3254 by title only:

All members voted aye.

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve Resolution 3254.

RESOLUTION 3254

A Resolution authorizing purchase contract 504 South 1st Street.

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

ORDINANCES

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to read Ordinance 7929-2016 and 7930-2016 by title only and as group.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve Ordinances 7929-2016 and 7930-2016.

ORDINANCE 7929-2016

A zoning ordinance In Re: Case #02JAN16 Michael & Margie Herr.

ORDINANCE 7930-2016

A zoning ordinance In Re: Case #03JAN16 Scheffel Boyle.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6901 West Main Street

Alderman Anthony made a motion seconded by Alderman Musgrove to approve Ms. Mixon's request for an extension until March 31, 2016.

Discussion...

Alderman Ovian asked which fence she decided on; Ms. Mixon stated white vinyl. Alderman Tyler asked the original date the fence was to be erected; Annissa McCaskill, Director of Economic Development, stated February 4, 2016; Alderman Tyler stated the bid did not come in until February 11, 2016.

Alderman Ovian asked how many students are there at the present time; Mayor Eckert stated that is a question for the Zoning Board.

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

MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Elmore requested the Zoning Board's recommendations be placed on the agenda.

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve the Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$13,111.22**.

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 Buettner to go into executive session to discuss personnel, litigation, workers' compensation, property acquisition, transfer of property.

All members voted aye.

Entered executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Resumed from Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to adjourn at 8:12 pm.

All members voted aye.

These minutes were approved March 7, 2016.


Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk