

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 21, 2017 – 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 requested City Clerk Dallas B. Cook to call roll. Members present on roll call: City Clerk, Dallas B. Cook, City Treasurer Hardt and Assistant City Attorney Brian Flynn. Aldermen: Joe Hazel, Ken Kinsella, Jane Pusa, Mike Buettner, Kent Randle, Scott Tyler, Raffi Ovia, Ed Dintelman, Phil Silsby, Paul Seibert, Bob White, Trent Galetti, Roger Wigginton, Phil Elmore, Roger Wigginton and Jim Musgrove.

City Attorney Garrett Hoerner and Johnny Anthony excused.

ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

Roll Call Department Heads: Director of Maintenance, Ken Vaughn; Finance Director, Jamie Maitret; City Engineer, Tim Gregowicz; Director of Library, Leander Spearman; Director of Economic Development, Anissa McCaskill and Health; Director of Parks; Recreation, Debbie Belleville; Director of Public Works, Chuck Schaeffer and Housing Director, Bob Sabo.

Department Heads Excused: Fire Chief, Tom Pour; Human Resource Director, Sherry Favre; Police Chief, Bill Clay and Director of Wastewater, Royce Carlisle;

PLEDGE

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Keith Schell

There was an article by Mr. Cook which The Edge was named as a recipient in the TIF giveaway program. They were viewed as one of the winners picked where the Mayor picks the winners and losers.

Mr. Schell stated they have not received a dime, not one nickel. They have been charged more. They received abatement on sales tax for building materials for improvements so they did not have to pay sales tax to the state which the city would have received a small portion.

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They received a 25% reduction on incremental tax increases due to improvements made to the property and that is on the TIF portion only. They invested a lot of money, received on increase on their tax bill of \$20,000 and received \$1,800 back. Let's do the math, they are paying \$18,000 more in property taxes with \$1,800 rebated back; therefore, the city is doing okay.

Regarding the present plan is 50% on incremental tax increases. As a business they will have a \$30,000 on property taxes and the city will rebate \$4,600. The amount of tax revenue is considerable. The amount of sales tax to the city, taxes to the county and taxes to the state far exceeds their income. They receive zero benefits and taxed more. They appreciate the sales tax abatement and the small kickback on their real estate taxes.

Stewart Lannert

He was out at the Shrine and there was no one in sight and \$500,000 worth of moving equipment. There is no work on the gas station that was approved. Has anyone talked with the State regarding the turn off lanes for the project? Lindenwood comes to Belleville and ignores all the codes and laws and Belleville pays them \$150,000/yr. They could have paid for police cars and policemen with \$150,000. The students need to use common sense while crossing the street.

The drug dealers in Belleville are around grade schools and the police do nothing about it.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to appointment of Ramona Johnson to serve a 2 year term on the Human Relations Commission.

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

Mayor Eckert recognized Chuck Schaeffer for his 11.5 years of service. Chuck started out as the assistant to Jenny Gain-Meyer, when she was the Director of Health and Housing and then Public Works Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Pusa made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to accept and file the minutes of City Council February 3, 2017.

All members voted aye.

CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve claims and disbursements in the amount of **\$1,136,316.78** and payroll in the amount of **\$811,188.92**.

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

REPORTS

Alderman Elmore made a motion seconded by Alderman Ovian to accept and file the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Cash and Investments Report dated January 2017.

All members voted aye.

ORAL REPORTS

ORAL REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES, SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND ANY OTHER ORAL REPORTS FROM THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OR STAFF

MASTER SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve Plocher Construction in the amount of \$1,059,000.00 for the East 'B' Street Pump Station.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve a development agreement with Mark Tissier for the remodeling of the existing facility located at 1026 North Douglas Ave.

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

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve of a Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless for Construction of a Telecommunications Tower at Citizen's Park.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to withdraw the request to waive fees of \$585.00 for the Belleville Historical Society.

All members voted aye.

PARKS BOARD

Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve the facility use agreement between the City of Belleville and Lindenwood University-Belleville. Diamond usage at South Side Park. (Board approved on February, 8 ,2017).

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve The Edge Site Plan and Architectural Elevations for building and parking expansion.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman White to approve the following communications:

Belleville Senior Celebration – Friday, 5/12/2017

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 12, 2017 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 toters 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.

Memorial Day Parade - Monday, 5/29/17

Request from Catholic War Veterans Butz-Jobe Post 370 asking permission to hold their annual Belleville Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2017 beginning 10:00 a.m.

Ainad Shrine Circus Banner Request - 6/3-4/2017

Request from Ainad Shriner's to display a banner at Belle Clair Fairgrounds for the Ainad Shriner Circus to be held on June 3-4, 2017.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat – Friday, 10/27/17

Request to approve the closing of East Main Street on Friday, October 27, 2017 from 4:00pm – 9:00pm 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 – 7:30pm. This event is scheduled for the Friday before Halloween.

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Veterans Day Ceremony – Saturday, 11/11/17

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 Saturday, November 11, 2017, 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.

Ringling of the Bells – Monday, 1/01/18

Request to hold the 5th Annual Ringing of the Bells Ceremony on the northeast quad of the Public Square near Curt’s Clock at Noon on Monday, January 1, 2018. This ceremony requires no street closures.

Art on the Square, 5/19-21/2017

Request from Art on the Square to close Highway 159 at the Belleville Public Square for their event weekend (May 19-21, 2017) on Wednesday, May 17th at Noon and reopen by 11 PM Sunday, May 21st. They are also asking to close one block of North and South of the Fountain and one block on East Main from the Fountain.

Annual Law Day Run, Saturday, 4/29/2017

Request from St. Clair County Bar Association requesting permission to hold their 16th Annual 5K run and 1K Youth Fun Run on Saturday, April 29, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Belleville Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Ale Fest Saturday, 4/22/2017

Request from the Belleville Chamber of Commerce requesting to host the 5th Annual Belleville Ale Fest on April 22, 2017 at 4204 Main Street Brewing Distribution and Banquet Facility. Festivals hours will be from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Belleville Chamber of Commerce 34th Annual Chili Cook Off 10/6-7/2017

Request from the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce to host their 34th Annual Chili Cook-off event, on the square, on Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7, 2017. They asked for the public square to be closed down at 5 pm on Thursday, October 5, 2017 and reopened at midnight on Saturday, October 8, 2017.

Belleville Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Chili Chase 5k & Kids Pepper Dash - Saturday, 10/7/2017

Request from the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce to enhance the Chili Cook-Off by holding their 4th Annual Chili Chase 5K & Kids Pepper Dash on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 9 AM. Police assistance is being requested for traffic control.

All members voted aye.

PETITIONS

None.

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RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCES

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to read by title only Ordinances 8014-2017.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 8014-2017** An Ordinance vacating the right of way at 200-205 Union Avenue.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Buettner requested an update on the Shrine Project; Mayor Eckert stated he spoke with Mark Hendricks and they plan on working on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 and Jack Flash will start in the near future.

Alderman Buettner asked if there any movement on the hotel; Mayor Eckert stated the city will be hearing back from them in April.

Alderman Buettner asked if there is any movement on the soccer fields; Mayor Eckert stated the Oblates are investigating.

Alderman Buettner stated when they came back and asked for additional incentives regarding a seconded hotel; Mayor Eckert stated the first one must come to fruition.

Alderman Buettner asked if there has been talk about the project near Belleville West; Mayor Eckert stated they will start in the spring.

Alderman Buettner asked for a date for the opening of the Hofbräuhaus; Mayor Eckert stated he cannot have a date at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$28,780.89**.

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

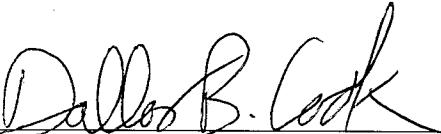
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

All members voted aye.



Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk