

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
MARCH 6, 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 City Attorney Garrett Hoerner. Aldermen: Joe Hazel, Ken Kinsella, Jane Pusa, Mike Buettner, Kent Randle, Scott Tyler, Raffi Ovian, Ed Dintelman, Phil Silsby, Bob White, Trent Galetti, Roger Wigginton, Phil Elmore and Jim Musgrove.

Johnny Anthony excused.

ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

Roll Call Department Heads: Fire Chief, Tom Pour; Director of Maintenance, Ken Vaughn; Finance Director, Jamie Maitret; City Engineer, Tim Gregowicz; Human Resource Director, Sherry Favre; Director of Library, Leander Spearman; Director of Economic Development, Annissa McCaskill and Health; Director of Parks; Recreation, Debbie Belleville and Housing Director, Bob Sabo.

Department Heads Excused: Police Chief, Bill Clay and Director of Wastewater, Royce Carlisle.

PLEDGE

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rick Brown

Questions for the Mayor. Have you ever used a city credit card or accounts for personal use or personal purchases and paid the city back? Mayor Eckert explained public participation is not question and answer. Mr. Brown stated many questions have been asked and answered by the Mayor over the years. Have you ever billed the city for any expense of any kind for reimbursement? Have you ever put gas in your personal vehicle using city money or charging privileges or credit cards? Have you ever used your city badge or position as mayor to get discounts on meals? Mayor Eckert stated he had received the FOIA submitted by Mr. Brown with many of the questions. Mayor Eckert asked for a chance to respond. Mr. Brown asked if the City had ever purchased flowers or anything else from Eckert Florist?

Fire Chief Pour

Advised September is National Preparedness month. The City as well as joining communities use CodeRed. CodeRed relays advisory reports which are available via belleville.net.

Michael Hagberg

Stated he was surprised to see an appointment on the agenda. He is in favor of Mr. Gaa being appointed; however, is wondering why the city does not follow their own ordinances.

31.056 NOTICE TO CITY COUNCIL OF APPOINTMENT.

Whenever a vacancy occurs in any office which by law the Mayor is required to make an appointment, the Mayor shall, within 60 days after such vacancy occurs, communicate to the Council by written notice or verbally at a duly-called meeting of the City Council the name of the appointee or temporary appointee to such office. The City Council shall vote on the pending appointment in a period of time of not less than ten days, nor more than 21 days, after receiving such notification.

We have ordinances, so we should follow the law on how it was written. If you do not want to follow perhaps it should be deleted out of the code book and then future council does not have to abide by it either.

Stewart Lannert

The beer hall has hit another snag and that whole development is being run by the catholic church. Whenever Belleville deals with the catholic church they always come out second best. When is Lindenwood getting sprinklers in the small houses?

Ashley Pollack

She is honored to be appointed to the Human Relations Commissions. This is a commission that the city is fortunate to have and a lot can be done through the commissions. When she served on the advisory committee for the comprehensive plan for Belleville she had the pleasure to work with the late Mary McHugh and Belleville's and Belleville's current citizen of the year, Gloria Crowder.

She spoke before about the signs Alderman Buettner has and it is a prime example of the lack of public relations given

If you want Belleville to be strong the residents need to know they are all welcome and that this commission works together with them.

Rose Wilson

She wanted to give Andy Gaa a warm welcome to his position. She has known Andy since he was a young boy. He is honest, hard working and fair.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to waive the ten (10) day rule for the appointment of Andrew N. Gaa.

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

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton for the appointment of Andrew N. Gaa (605 Fulton Street) to serve as Ward Six Alderman to fill a vacancy. Andy will assume the same vacated committee assignments.

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

Andrew Gaa is sworn in by the Honorable Heinz Rudolph.

Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to appoint Roger Wigginton to serve as Chairman of the Streets & Grades Committee through April 30, 2017.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Gaa, White, Elmore, Galetti and Musgrove. (14)

Member abstaining on roll call: Wigginton. (1)

Mayor Eckert recognized the character word of the month “perseverance” staying with a task; not giving up.

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to appointment of Ashley Pollock to serve a 3 year term on the Human Relations Commission and Dennis Dvorachek to serve a 3 year term on the Human Relations Commission.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Pusa made a motion seconded by Alderman White to accept and file the minutes of City Council February 21, 2017.

All members voted aye.

CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to approve claims and disbursements in the amount of **\$1,039,067.22** and payroll in the amount of **\$823,109.52**.

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

REPORTS

None.

ORAL REPORTS

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Gaa to approve **03-JAN17 – Adam Jokisch/SCC Event Center** – A request for a Sign Variance to permit increased height and maximum area allowed for a free-standing graphic at 1550 East State Route 15 (Parcel number: 13-01.0-400-028) located in a "C-4" Commercial Zoning District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 155.028, 155.092, 155.093.) with the stipulation no graphic shall be used for the display of messages or advertising of businesses or events not associated with the site. Ward 6

The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval by a vote of 7-0 with the following stipulation: (1.) No graphic shall be used for the display of messages or advertising of businesses or events not associated with the site.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to approve **04-Feb17 - Brett & Stephanie Frankhauser** - A request for a Use Variance to allow the operation of both a service and retail business as a home occupation at 1915 N. Belt East (Parcel number: 08-23.0-303-166) located in a "C-2" Heavy Commercial Zoning District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 162.394, 162.247, 162.570.) Ward 7

The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval by a vote of 7-0.

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All members voted aye.

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Ovian to approve **05-Feb17 - Todd Kennedy/ Main St. Brewing CO.** - A request for a Special Use Permit for a liquor license at 6435 West Main Street (Parcel number: 07-12.0-213-026) located in a "C-2" Heavy Commercial Zoning District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 162.248.) Ward 4
The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval in the name of the applicant only by a vote of 7-0.

All members voted aye.

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve **06-Feb17 - Forks and Sticks Inc.** - A request for a Special Use Permit for a liquor license for Seven Restaurant at 7 South High and Shichi Restaurant at 28 East Main Street (Parcel number: 08-21.0-445-023; 021) located in a "C-2" Heavy Commercial Zoning District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 162.248.) with the stipulation in the name of the applicant only. Ward 6
The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval in the name of the applicant only by a vote of 7-0.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to approve **07-Feb17 - Larry Thomas** - A request for a Use Variance in order to operate a Party Bus Rental Service at 1913 North Belt East (Parcel number: 08-23.0-303-165) located in an "C-2" Heavy Commercial Zoning District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 162.247, 162.570.) Ward 7
The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval by a vote of 7-0.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Musgrove to approve **08-Feb17 – Ivette Dominguez** – A request for a Special Use Permit for used motor vehicle sales at 3795 East State Route 15 (Parcel number: 08-19.0-400-019) located in a "C-2" Heavy Commercial Zoning District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 162.248.) with the stipulation of the applicant only and the name should be Cardinal. Ward 8
The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended approval in the name of the applicant only by a vote of 7-0.

All members voted aye.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE:

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve motion to approve an amended development agreement with Dahm & Schell, Inc. for the remodeling and expansion of The EDGE located at 701 South Belt West. The purpose of the amendment is to extend the project completion date.

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

HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE:

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Tyler to Motion to approve to amend the Grass and Yard Maintenance agreement with Minton Outdoor Services, Inc.

Discussion...

Alderman Kinsella stated the city owned properties will be cut three times per month instead of two time per month and will save approximately \$10,000.00.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Tyler, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Gaa, White, Elmore, Galetti and Musgrove. (14)

Member abstaining on roll call: Randle. (1)

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve the communication from Lindenwood University-Belleville to approve Lindenwood University-Belleville 2017 Homecoming Parade scheduled for October 7, 2017.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Pusa made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve the request from the Gay Straight Alliance to approve the Gay Straight Alliance 5k in conjunction with the Metro East Pridefest scheduled for June 10, 2017.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Tyler to table the communication from Chris Good requesting a DJ for a Graduation Party - May 21st - to be held at Bellevue Park - Stone Lodge. Attendance approximately 60 people. (Customer made reservations and was told we do not allow DJ's without prior Council Approval).

All members voted aye.

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to read by title only Resolutions 3290, 3291, 3293, 3294, 3295 and 3296.

All members voted aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3290

A Resolution of Support for the City of Belleville Program Year 2017 application for Community Development Block Grant funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 3291

A Resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close Route 159 for the Memorial Day Parade - May 29, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 3292

A Resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close Route 159 for Art on the Square - May 19-21, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 3293

A Resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close Route 159 for the Veterans Ceremony - November 11, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 3294

A Resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close Route 159 for the 34th Annual Chili Cook Off - October 6, 2017.

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

ORDINANCES

Alderman Galletti made a motion seconded by Alderman White to read by title only Ordinances 8014-2017, 8015-2017, 8016-2017, 8018-2017 and 8019-2017.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to approved the below ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 8014-2017

A ZONING ORDINANCE IN RE CASE #03JAN17Adam Jokisch/SCC Event Center.

ORDINANCE NO. 8015-2017

A ZONING ORDINANCE IN RE CASE #04FEB17_Brett & Stephanie Frankhauser.

ORDINANCE NO. 8016-2017

A ZONING ORDINANCE IN RE CASE #06FEB17 Forks and Sticks Inc.

ORDINANCE NO. 8017-2017

A ZONING ORDINANCE IN RE CASE #08FEB17 Ivette Dominguez.

ORDINANCE NO. 8018-2017

A ZONING ORDINANCE IN RE CASE #07FEB17 Larry Thomas.

ORDINANCE NO. 8019-2017

A ZONING ORDINANCE IN RE CASE #05FEB17 Todd Kennedy/Main St. Brewing Co.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Wigginton stated he is dismayed by public participation. This is not a place for accusations, innuendos, backstabbing. This should be construction based what is going on in the city. If the city has answer Mr. Brown's FOIA it should be sufficient. He is embarrassed by what he witnessed.

MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Pusa made a motion seconded by Alderman Gaa Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of \$13,615.54.

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

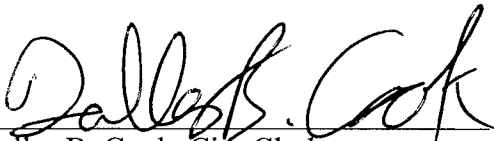
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Randle to adjourn at 7:41 pm.

All members voted aye.



Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk