

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
MARCH 7, 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, Ed Dintelman, Paul Seibert, Bob White, Trent Galetti, Phil Elmore, Roger Wigginton and James Musgrove.

Phil Silsby excused.

**ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Roll Call Department Heads: City Treasurer Hardt, Assistant City Attorney Flynn; City Attorney Hoerner; 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; Health and Housing Director, Bob Sabo; Director of Parks and Recreation, Debbie Belleville and Fire Chief, Tom Pour.

Roll Call Department Heads Excused: Director of Public Works, Chuck Schaeffer; Police Chief, Bill Clay and Director of Maintenance, Ken Vaughn.

**PLEDGE**

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing Opened: 7:02 p.m.

**Pending annexation for 520 Schluetter-Germaine Road. Proper notice has been published.**

Public Hearing Closed: 7:03 p.m.

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Public Hearing Opened: 7:03 p.m.

**Pending annexation for properties located along Lake Inez Drive. Parcel numbers: 08-14.0-106-015,016,017, 018, 019, and 021. Proper notice has been published.**

Public Hearing Closed: 7:04 p.m.

The annexations have been reviewed by staff and meet the requirements.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**John Conkright**

Mr. Conkright stated he is the owner of Ben's located in downtown Belleville for 40 years. Mr. Conkright stated he did not like the comments that were made directly about him at the last council meeting. Mr. Conkright addressed the closure of High Street. Mr. Conkright stated the other businesses on High Street were not contacted i.e Sips and Splatters. They did contact a small store on Main Street that is approximately 1000 square feet and they have the same vote as his store. Saturday is the best day of the week for Ben's. The worst sales last year was on a Saturday during this event. The customers come, shop and carry packages. When the events are held the shoppers have to park two or three blocks away.

**Mark Tissier**

Mr. Tissier spoke regarding the Hazel Bland. He owns the property and it has been approved for 13 people to reside. He stated Alderman Kinsella said it is one of the lower impact uses of the property.

**PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

Lizzie Michael, Junior from Althoff Catholic recognized the character word of the month "perseverance" staying with a task; not giving up.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve to accept and file the minutes of February 16, 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 **\$2,530,254.17** and payroll in the amount of **\$861,301.66**.

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

**REPORTS**

Alderman Buettner made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to accept and file the Treasurer's Report dated January 2016 and Statement of Cash and Investments Report January 2016.

All members voted aye.

**ORAL REPORTS**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve 04-Feb16 – Hazel Bland Promise Center – Requesting a Special Use permit in order to operate a Large Community Residence at 1024 Douglas Ave. (Parcel number: 08-22.0-101-037) located in an “A-2” Two-Family Residence District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 60-6-5.) Ward 1

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

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Alderman Elmore made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to approve **05-Feb16 – Barry Hayden** – Requesting a Special Use permit in order to permit multi-family dwelling units on twenty (20) acres of land off of Carlyle Ave. (Parcel number: 09-19.0-200-006) located in a “C-4” Commercial District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 60-6-63.) Ward 7

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

**HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE:**

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve the following: 55 Periwinkle Circle to Herschel and Elaine Parrish in the amount of \$5,500; 4 Highwood Circle to Dean Patterson in the amount of \$700; 716 N 89th St to Clinton and Matrecha Yates in the amount of \$1,200 and 915 S. High St to Barbara Will in the amount of \$3,000.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve the following communications:

Communication from Peggy Dohlke, of the Belleville Hockey Program, requesting permission to hold their Annual 5K run and half mile fun run on Thursday, November 24, 2016, which is Thanksgiving Day, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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Communication from the Belleville Sound of Harmony Barbershop Chorus to hold their 67<sup>th</sup> annual show at Belleville Township High School East on Saturday, April 2, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m.. They are also requesting to hang a banner at the entrance of the City.

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Communication from Lindenwood to hold a 5K on April 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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Communication from Lindenwood requesting to hold a concert on April 23, 2016 ending at 10:30 p.m.

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Communication from Belleville Area Humane Society to hold "Race for Rescues" 5K and one mile fun walk on 4/17/16 at 8:45 p.m. until 10:15 a.m. Please consider this request to close Belleville West Parkway from Frank Scott Parkway to Rt 15 from 8:45 until 10:15 am. We are requesting a police officer to close the intersection from 8:45- 9:45.

Requesting the use of 15 barricades and 20 cones from the Street Department. They would like 6 barricades delivered to the intersection of Rt 15 and Belleville West Pkwy and the other 9 barricades and cones delivered to the intersection of Frank Scott Pkwy and Belleville West Pkwy. These can be delivered on Fri, April 15, and picked up on Mon, April 18.

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Communication from the Jones Boys requesting to hold an event to demonstrate lawn and garden equipment on the property that lies on the South Side of South Belt between The Beast Barbecue and Bel-Aire Bowl. The preferred date would be Sunday, March 13, 2016, but as an alternative could use Sunday, April 10, 2016.

When a date is approved they will obtain a certificate of insurance from our carrier naming the City of Belleville as also insured and provide it to you at that time.

The schedule of the event is from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM on the approved date and will have equipment at the site for test drives during those times.

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Communication from St. Clair County Bar Association requesting permission to hold their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K run and 1K Youth Fun Run on Saturday, April 30, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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Communication from Art on the Square and the Wine, Dine & Jazz Committee requesting permission to hold their Wine, Dine & Jazz Festival on June 24 from 5 to 10 & June 25 from 4 to 10 and closure of highway 159 one block North and South of the fountain from 8 am Friday (June 24) and reopen 1 AM Sunday morning (June 26<sup>th</sup>). Also, requesting to close the first block of East and West Main Streets.

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Communication from Belleville American Legion Post 58 asking permission to hold their annual Belleville Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2016 beginning 10:00 a.m.

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Communication from Trail Life USA Troop IL-0078 requesting to hold their 5K Run/Walk on Monday, May 30, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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Communication from the Belleville Chamber of Commerce requesting to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Belleville Ale Fest on April 23, 2016 at 4204 Main Street Brewing Company. Festivals hours will be from noon to 5:00 p.m.

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Communication from BCEO/Belleville Christkindlmarkt to hold the Third Annual Belleville Christkindlmarkt from November 25 daily through December 23, 2016. They are requesting this Market be set up on the quads previously used, Southeast and Northeast, adjacent to the Public Square, downtown Belleville, Illinois.

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Communication from the Belleville Oktoberfest Committee requesting approval from the City Council to have the 2016 Festival on Friday & Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. both days. The location of this year's event will be held on the Belleville Public Square & extend West on Main St. through 1<sup>st</sup> St. into the middle of the block (Thomas LeChein Bldg) on Friday & Saturday. On Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> we would like to extend the Festival from High Street to Charles St. including N. & S. Jackson & Church Streets for the annual Car Show from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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They are asking to close the streets Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., West Main Street from the Public Square to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and 5pm for the additional Streets, as we have done in the past. All streets will re-open on Sunday September 18, 2016 at 12:00 a.m.

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Communication from Turned Treasures requesting during the Main Street Spring Open House, Saturday, March 19, if they could set up a lathe (with shields) on the Gas Light Patio next to their gallery. They would like to do demonstrations of turning at 11:00am, 1:00pm, and 3:00pm. They would make sure the area is cleaned up afterward and would use electric from their shop, etc. Obviously, the weather would dictate whether they could do the demonstrations.

All members voted aye.

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

Alderman Anthony made a motion seconded by Alderman Tyler read Resolution 3255 and 7930-2016 by title only.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Anthony made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti **RESOLUTION 3255** a Resolution of Support for the City of Belleville Program Year 2016 application for Community Development Block Grant funding.

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

### **ORDINANCES**

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to read Ordinance 7931-2016 and 7932-2016 by title.

All members voted aye.

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Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to approve Ordinances 7931-2016 and 7932-2016.

#### **ORDINANCE 7931-2016**

An ordinance annexing certain territory owned by Jean Paul and Summer Penet.

#### **ORDINANCE 7932-2016**

An ordinance annexing certain territory owned by Erik K. Wendel and Donna J. Wendel.

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Kinsella stated there was someone from the audience that requested a hard copy of the packet the aldermen receive at the counter. Alderman Kinsella stated there are people in the community who do not have access to a computer. Alderman Kinsella requested to have a hard copy on the counter for people who do not have computers. City Clerk Cook stated there is a computer on the counter that provides the same information without wasting paper and there is staff that can help. Alderman Kinsella stated he does not find that friendly since he does not care to work with computers and it will show transparency. City Clerk Cook stated he disagrees this has to do with transparency. The packet itself is

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sometimes upwards of 300 pages and if someone comes in and requests the packet to be printed that can be done. Alderman Kinsella stated he is requesting that a packet be printed for every meeting; City Clerk Cook requested a motion to be made to force his office to print the packet. Alderman Kinsella requested for a gentleman's agreement. City Clerk Cook stated he has worked very hard to move the city forward by having iPads to reduce printing etc. Alderman Kinsella stated City Clerk Cook is a product of the computer age.

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Alderman Buettner stated the first meeting in February he asked about Lindenwood's parking plan, trash pick, paving the parking lots and asked if there has been any movement. Director of Economic Development, Anissa McCaskill stated she would follow up. Alderman Buettner stated within the last two weeks the neighbors had to call the police three times regarding parking issues, there was a major party at one the of the Lindenwood houses.

### MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Eckert recognized Danielle and the Lanxon family and stated Danielle found out that she has been chosen to compete in the World Special Olympics.

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Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve the Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$3,750.00**.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All members voted aye.

Entered executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Resumed from Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Randle to approve the settlement agreement.

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

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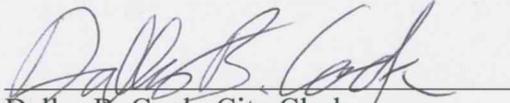
Alderman Elmore wanted to share a text from Sips and Splatters stating they supported the road closure of High Street.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

All members voted aye.

**These minutes were approved on March 21, 2016.**

  
Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk