

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
April 18, 2016 – 7:00 PM**

Mayor 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.

City Attorney Hoerner 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 Hoerner. 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.

ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

Roll Call Department Heads: Fire Chief, Tom Pour; Police Chief, Bill Clay; 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; Director of Parks and Recreation, Debbie Belleville and Health and Housing Director, Bob Sabo.

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

PLEDGE

Boy Scout Troop 553 from Corpus Christie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lillian Schneider

There will be a neighborhood watch meeting to discuss the sanitary and storm water sewers on April 27, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Jefferson School. Royce Carlisle, Director of Waste Water, and Randy Smith, Assistant Director of Wastewater, will attend to provide an overview and take questions.

What happened with partnering with Lindenwood to do the city council meetings live? Was that paid for? Lindenwood was waiting for a fiber optic line. Lindenwood was supposed to partner with a swimming pool.

Where and what kind of hotels...all we have is "they are coming soon". It was put on black and white print that "Schneider said no". What is the city's reason for no hotel(s)? Schneider stated she is proud she said no and what is the City and Aldermen that voted yes reason there is no hotel.

Hal Inabet

Requested an update on the Dunkin' Donuts on the east end to take the place of Rally's. He is also requesting the status of the hotels. Item 11 (A-6) is a motion to approve a change order for the police department project Phase I and would like to know the cost, how much money does the change order involve and why is there a change order.

Diane Rogge

In November, Dr. Barger and Dr. Wingo along with LU employees stood before the council and many of the residents and painted a beautiful picture of LU student life. Most of you swallowed it hook, line and sinker; however, Rogge is here to tell you, you were lied too. You were told this was a drug and alcohol free campus and it would be tolerated with a zero tolerance policy and that is not true. Even the students that have been caught are not punished. They were told there was a 24 hour security with hourly monitoring through the neighborhoods; again, this is not true. Rogge was told by some of the students that some of the cameras do not function. They were told LU Administration wants to be good neighbors; however, actions speak much louder than words. Rogge stated she has left fourteen (14) messages on different voicemail i.e. from security to Dr. Wingo and has not gotten one response.

Some residents have gone to the Housing and Police and Fire meetings asking for assistance and the main issues are as follows: parties, parties, parties, drinking and noise into the late hours of the night, occupying basements that have bars on the windows, when the police is called they scatter like cockroaches in daylight. They have scanners and monitor what is going on. Parking where they want i.e. in the yards, blocking paying residents' driveways, on the streets directly in front of the Lindenwood only parking lot, trash (Dr. Wingo stated they had partnered with the city for the 2000 block); however, Director of Health and Housing, Bob Sabo, stated that is not true. Now there are bon fires in the backyard which are made up of a circle of bricks that is 4 foot wide that is not a recreational fire. Then they back their trucks up to it so they can warm their feet on the flames. This is an accident waiting to happen. Remember, these are the same students the city spent \$30,000 on how to help them cross in a cross walk. Since March 16th there have been fourteen (14) fires. The Lindenwood handbook does not allow them to have a grill; however, the city is allowing them to have 6 foot flames. Two of the nights they burned the national weather service had a burn ban.

Earlier in the year Rogge and Alderman Buettner were told by second in command and security, Brian Anderson, that he has been instructed not to speak to either of Rogge or Buettner. Rogge's challenge to the other 15 aldermen can somebody please call Lindenwood and get some answers. When is the meeting scheduled?

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Michael Hagberg

He wanted to expand on the Lindenwood area and noticed the one business on West Main has city owned trash cans throughout their campus. He believes they are city owned because he saw a city workers emptying them. (Mayor Eckert stated Mr. Schaeffer will work with Mr. Sabo regarding the trash cans)

Stewart Lannert

Lindenwood never did respect Belleville they decided they would have 10-20 students in the single family houses whether Belleville liked it or not. They are driving their golf carts again. Public participation should be regulation B and E. This Shrine project looks like it is getting off to a slow start. He thought a study was always made to determine where and how many customers will be in an area to use four hotels, Hitler type beer garden and a convenience store/gas station. The NGA decision should stand as how does not see any good coming out of stirring everyone up on the Missouri/Illinois sides. What happens in the bigger world also affects Belleville. What happens in St. Clair affects Belleville.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Eckert stated at the next meeting there will be a recommendation as well as an ordinance pertaining to the dissolution of Belleville Township. Mayor Eckert stated the city attorney did not want the task force to be brought forward until the same night that the ordinance was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Buettner to approve to accept and file the minutes of April 4, 2016.

All members voted aye.

CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to accept and pay the claims in the amount of **\$2,283,776.40** and payroll in the amount of **\$830,234.97**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

REPORTS

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to accept and file the Treasurers Report – March 2016 and Statement of Cash and Investments Report – March 2016.

All members voted aye.

ORAL REPORTS

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Motion to approve contract with Impact Strategies for Public Building Improvements Phase II City Hall Renovations.

Motion to approve Asbestos Consulting Services Proposal for Public Building Improvements Phase II City Hall Renovations.

Motion to approve low bid of \$98,200 from Midwest Service Group for Police Annex building asbestos abatement.

Motion to approve low bid of \$222,688 from Freeman Environmental for City Hall building asbestos abatement.

Motion to approve low bid of \$78,000 from S. Shafer Excavating Inc. for Police Annex building demolition.

Motion to approve Change Order with Impact Strategies for Public Building Improvements Phase I Police Department Project.

Motion to approve SCBA equipment financing with Bank of Belleville at 1.805% for 4 years.

Motion to approve FY 2016-2017 Budget.

Motion to approve the Budget Amendments as recommended by the Finance Director.

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Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to accept and file the Treasurer Report – March 2016 and Statement of Cash and Investments Report – March 2016.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Anthony to approve a development agreement with Norcom 2000, Inc. for the remodeling of 105-107 West Washington Street.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve a development agreement with St. Clair County Event Center, LLC for the construction of an event center and restaurant at 1550 East State Route 15.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

MEREDITH HOME SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to release a Request for Proposals for redevelopment of the Meredith Home property.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

PLANNING COMMISSION

Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve the Final Plat for St. Clair County Event Center (1530 E. State Rt. 15) Parcel number: 13-01.0 400-028.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Anthony to approve the Site Plan for Missionary Ventures (Shrine Development.)

Discussion...

Mayor Eckert stated the developer is following the city's current standards that the city has on the books currently. Director of Economic Development, Annissa McCaskill, does have in her budget this year proposing for next year as much as \$50,000 each year for updated the zoning ordinances.

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Alderman White stated the project should move forward; however, the developers should do comparisons that are reasonable since it is not in our code.

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

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

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to table to create a 4-way stop at East 'B' Street & Oak Street.

All members voted aye.

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Randle to approve to create a stop on West 'A' Street at North 33rd Street.

All members voted aye.

STREETS AND GRADES COMMITTEE

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve RJN Group in the amount of \$1,500.00 to perform engineering services for..... Phase II Storm Water Permit (NPDES).

All members voted aye.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Discussion...

Alderman Elmore asked what church is Rev. Frank Wagner associated with; Rev. Frank Wagner stated St. Matthew's United and the function will be at Charles (Gas Light Plaza). Alderman Elmore asked if the church provides a certificate of liability insurance; Rev. Frank Wagner stated he does this every year at Our Lady of the Snows and uses this for a venue, Mayor Eckert stated this will be reviewed.

Communication from Minister Frank Wagner requesting use of the small community park on the corner of E. Main and N. Church. The theme for this community outreach will be, "The Circle of Remembrance." This event is free to the public. The dates we would like to use the area will be: May 22, 2016, June 12, 2016, June 19, 2016, and July 10, 2016, July 17, 2016, August 14, 2016, August 21, 2016, September 11, 2016 and September 18, 2016. The time for each of

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these dates will be from 2:00 pm through 4:00pm. This community outreach will be a musical with 15 to 20 people and remain open for anyone from the public to stop by and enjoy the performance at no charge.

Discussion...

Alderman Buettner asked if someone would hit the cooler who would be liable; Mayor Eckert stated it would be the same for anyone that hit someone in the loading zone. Mayor Eckert stated the city has no liability.

Communication from Eckert Florist, Inc, requesting permission to locate a refrigerated cooler (size: standard vehicle length) in one of our designated "Loading Zones" located in the first block of North Second Street.

The refrigerated cooler is necessary for our extra flower storage or Mother's Day & Christmas products. The refrigerated cooler will be in place on Sunday, May 1, 2016 and removed on or before Sunday May 15, 2016 and the week of November 20, 2016 and removed the week of December 25, 2016 (the same as last year).

The cooler will be placed in a parking spot already designated as a loading zone associated with our business. Additionally, Eckert Florist, Inc will coordinate with the Belleville Street Department to appropriately locate the required cones/lighted barricades to protect the safety of drivers.

Alderman Buettner voted nay and all other members voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to read Resolutions 3260, 3261, 3262, 3263 by title only and as a group.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve the following Resolutions 3260, 3261, 3262, 3263:

RESOLUTION NO. 3260
Inducement Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 3261
A Resolution amending the Annual Budget of the City of Belleville, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of May 2015 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2016.

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RESOLUTION NO. 3262

A Resolution amending the Annual Budget of the City of Belleville, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of May 2015 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 3263

A Resolution authorizing bank loan for SCBA Equipment.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

ORDINANCES

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to read Ordinance 7946-2016, 7947-2016, 7948-2016 by title only and as a group.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to approve the following motions:

ORDINANCE NO. 7946-2016

An Ordinance prohibiting the use of groundwater as a potable water supply by the installation or use of potable water supply wells or by any other method.

ORDINANCE NO. 7947-2016

An Ordinance establishing a Business District Tax Allocation Fund for the area subject to Resolution 3260.

ORDINANCE NO. 7948-2016

An ordinance establishing the annual budget of the City of Belleville, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of May, A.D. 2016 and ending on the 30th day of April, A.D. 2017.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director of Economic Development, Annissa McCaskill, stated Dunkin' Donuts have pulled their building permits. There was a delay since the developer is franchising several different Dunkin' Donut locations throughout the Metropolitan St. Louis area; therefore, they were going to fast track a location across the river and they flipped the order of construction so they applied for their building permits in the City of Belleville ahead of the other locations.

Alderman Buettner asked if a meeting with Lindenwood has been scheduled; Director of Economic Development, Annissa McCaskill, stated she has two meeting dates to confirm with the last department which will allow for the end of the year meeting. Mayor Eckert stated everyone will be emailed.

MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to approve the Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$243,652.53**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Randle made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to go into executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and Pending Litigation. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

All members voted aye.

Entered executive session at 7:41 p.m.

Resumed from Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.

Alderman Hazel made a motion seconded by Alderman Anthony to approve the successor bargaining agreement between the City of Belleville and the Belleville Firefighters Local No. 53 for May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2019 which contemplates annual raises of 2%, 2%, 2% and 3%.

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

Member abstaining on roll call: Tyler. (1)

Alderman Tyler made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve the successor bargaining agreement between the City of Belleville and the Teamster's Local Union No. 50 (Drivers and Helpers and Parks and Recreation Maintenance Workers) for May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2019 which contemplates annual raises of 2%, 2%, 2% and 3%.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

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Alderman Tyler made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve the successor bargaining agreement between the City of Belleville and the Laborer's Local Union No. 459 for May 1, 2015 – April 30, 2019 which contemplates annual raises of 2%, 2%, 2% and 3%.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

ADJOURNMENT

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

All members voted aye.

These minutes were approved May 2, 2016.


Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk