

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
JULY 5, 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.

Mayor Eckert requested City Clerk 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, Kent Randle, Johnny Anthony, Raffi Ovian, Phil Silsby, Ed Dintelman, Paul Seibert, Bob White, Trent Galetti, Phil Elmore and Roger Wigginton.

Members excused on roll call: Mike Buettner, Scott Tyler and Jim Musgrove.

ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

Roll Call Department Heads: 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.

Excused: Fire Chief, Tom Pour; Director of Public Works, Chuck Schaeffer; Police Chief, Bill Clay.

PLEDGE

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lillian Schneider

Ms. Schneider stated she was not at the last regular city council meeting and not because an alderman so rudely spoke to her after the meeting. It was unprofessional and could it be official misconduct. This was heard; therefore, the alderman will not be able to lie under oath.

She is tired of being "too negative". There was a paper during her campaign that was put out that she was too negative to be an alderman. It mentioned the fire chief...he thinks she is too negative because she voted no on him...it wasn't him she voted no on it was the salary.

Ken Kinsella and Joe Hazel name was on the letter. She stated "if you think you got me...you better think again". Wait till the information comes back from the two FOIAs she turned in.

She is doing this for public record and all you can do is yell at her...you can't shoot her. Thank you for making me more stronger and determined and if anyone ever speaks to her that way again there will be a lawsuit.

Michael Hagberg

Regarding 11 (C-2) on the agenda "appointing Alderman Silsby as Mayor pro-tem. It is nice the ILCS law is referenced; however, there is nothing in that law granting the mayor the authority to appoint an alderman in his absence. It does state the corporate authorities shall elect one of their own members to act as mayor pro-tem. Why do you reference ILCS law and then do what you please? Even though the outcome may be the same why not just follow the law and elect a mayor pro-tem.

This item should read "a motion to elect mayor pro-tem during Mayor Eckert's absence".

Jim Rauckmann

He owns and operates a business at 33 Empire Drive and a special use permit requests 34 Empire Drive which is directly across the street from his facility. The application is for three suites at the building and each suite is 5000 square feet; therefore, this is a 15,000 sq ft they are after. Asking to change from an industrial use to retail. The applicant is a company called Shop72 and they are using it to fulfill internet orders which is a great use for that facility. A semi trucks bring in

products (women's clothing, shoes, toys, candy etc.) and it leaves via FedEx and UPS. He does not believe the industrial park was not intended to be used this way. In fact, if you look around Southern Illinois and even into Missouri Belleville has one of the best industrial park's there is. Mr. Rauckmann is requesting the council to deny this request. Perhaps the applicant can return with a use plan, parking plan etc.

Stewart Lannert

Approximately seven or eight years ago he filled out a complaint because he was beaten up and told police officers when they arrived he want to file a complaint against the person and they told him to go home and forget about it. He spent the night in jail he told the cop that let him out he was going to file the complaint and was held another 3-4 hours and then filed a complaint against the officer.

Jay

Speaking regarding the special use permit for 34 Empire Drive. As per his conversations with Ms. McCaskill regarding some of the concerns: they currently employ 9 employees and the 18 parking spaces is more than enough; they are not asking to rent the entire 15,000 sq ft and only 600 sq ft.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Eckert recognized the character word of the month "Citizenship" meaning doing your share to make your community better, and being a good neighbor.

Mayor Eckert proclaimed July 15, 2016 as Sister Cities International Day in the City of Belleville.

Mayor Eckert will recognize John Buehlhorn in honor of his grateful assistance to the City of Belleville Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve to accept and file the minutes of June 27, 2016.

All members voted aye.

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CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS

Alderman Wigginton made a Motion seconded by Alderman Anthony to approve claims and disbursements in the amount of **\$1,263,835.39** and payroll in the amount of **\$884,339.48**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore and Wigginton. (13)

REPORTS

None.

ORAL REPORTS

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ORDINANCES

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman White to *deny* **25-JUN16 – Ahsan Raza/Shop72.com Inc.** – Requesting a Use variance in order to sell retail to the public at 34 Empire Dr., Suites 3, 4, and 5 (Parcel: 08-26.0-407-003) located in a “D-1” Light Industry District. (Applicable portion of zoning code: 60-6-74.)

All members voted aye.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Alderman Elmore made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to approve the Site Plan for 161 Apartments, Hayden Properties.

Discussion...

Alderman Elmore stated he received a question from a citizen that he would like to publicly address that pertain to IDOT studies. Mr. Hayden has not requested any grant money. Mayor Eckert stated when his engineer applies for the cutouts on IL161 they will have to submit to IDOT.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, White, Galetti, Elmore and Wigginton. (12)

Members voting nay on roll call: Seibert. (1)

ADMINISTRATION

Finance Director, Jamie Maitret, explained the necessity for the fiber optic cable. Within three months the service should be faster and at a reduced rate of \$400-\$500 per site.

Alderman Ovian made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve the Mayor signing orders to upgrade our Windstream network at 407 E Lincoln and 510 West Main St buildings for approximate additional monthly cost of \$1,063 per site.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore and Wigginton. (13)

Alderman Randle made a motion seconded by Alderman Ovian to appoint Alderman Phillip Silsby as Mayor Pro Tem during Mayor Eckert's absence from the City for anticipated medical leave (the timeframe of which to be determined by Mayor Eckert upon consultation with his surgeon) pursuant to Section 3.1-35-35(a) of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/3.1-35-35(a)), to perform the duties and possess all the rights and powers of the mayor during such period while remaining entitled to vote as an alderman.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Anthony, Ovian, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore and Wigginton. (12)

Member abstaining aye on roll call: Silsby. (1)

ORDINANCE AND LEGAL COMMITTEE

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman White to approve amending Chapter 30 (Offenses), section 30-1-44 (Truancy) of

the revised code of ordinances of Belleville, Illinois, as amended, by amending portions of sections thereof.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore and Wigginton. (13)

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve amending Chapter 60 (Zoning Code), section 60-7-11 (outdoor restaurants and dining establishments) of the revised code of ordinances of Belleville, Illinois, as amended.

Alderman Elmore asked if this addresses restaurants that do not have a bump out; Mayor Eckert stated they cannot block the sidewalk (48" of open space must be available).

Mayor Eckert state there has been one individual that has been calling and is not in attendance. The city has been turned in to the Attorney General over this issue.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore and Wigginton. (12)

Members voting nay on roll call: Galetti. (1)

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman White to approve the below communications:

Communication from The Circle of Remembrance requesting a change in date for the 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 on the second and third Sundays: July 24, 2016, July 31, 2016, August 7, 2016, August 28, 2016, September 4, 2016 and September 25, 2016. The time for each of these dates will be from 4:00pm through 7:00pm. 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.

Communication from Keith Owens requesting the “The Old Belleville Historic Luminary Walk” on Friday, December 9 (6:00 – 9:00PM) and Saturday, December 10 (5:00 – 9:00PM). Requesting to close off Abend from Main Street to Garfield and Garfield to Mascoutah Ave.- lining the streets with candle-filled luminaries (Requesting the streets to be closed from 3:00 to 10:00 for set-up and clean-up on both days). There will be Carolers and Choirs singing on the route, serving hot cider, s- mores, candy canes, and ginger bread, horse drawn carriage rides, Saint Nicholas, Open houses, Koerner House with a quilt exhibit and the Garfield Tavern open for snacks and choirs and Geo-Cache activity for kids.

All members voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to read Resolutions 3267 and 3268 by title only and as a group.

All members voted aye.

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

RESOLUTION 3267-2016

A resolution of support for submission of a St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission Grant Application.

RESOLUTION 3268-2016

A resolution authorizing the grant of utility easements to Ameren Illinois.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore and Wigginton. (13)

ORDINANCES

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to read Ordinance 7966-2016 by title only.

All members voted aye.

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

ORDINANCE 7966-2016

A Ordinance amending Chapter 30 (Offenses), section 30-1-44 (Truancy) of the revised code of ordinances of Belleville, Illinois, as amended, by amending portions of sections thereof.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore and Wigginton. (13)

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to read Ordinance 7967-2016 by title only.

All members voted aye.

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

ORDINANCE 7967-2016

An Ordinance amending Chapter 60 (Zoning Code), section 60-7-11 (outdoor restaurants and dining establishments) of the revised code of ordinance of Belleville, Illinois, as amended.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Elmore and Wigginton. (12)

Members voting nay on roll call: Galetti. (1)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman White to approve Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$6,128.04**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Randle, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore and Wigginton. (13)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

All members voted aye.


Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk