

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

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, Mike Buettner, Kent Randle, Scott Tyler, Raffi Ovian, Phil Silsby, Ed Dintelman, Paul Seibert, Bob White, Trent Galetti, Phil Elmore, Roger Wigginton and Jim Musgrove.

Member excused on roll call: Johnny Anthony.

**ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Roll Call Department Heads: 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 Parks and Recreation, Debbie Belleville and Health and Housing Director, Bob Sabo.

Excused: Police Chief, Bill Clay; Fire Chief, Tom Pour; Director of Public Works, Chuck Schaeffer; Director of Economic Development, Annissa McCaskill and Director of Maintenance, Ken Vaughn.

**PLEDGE**

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing Opened: 7:03 PM

Mayor Eckert asked if there were any comments regarding 6401 West Main Street - Market Place Business District.

**Hal Inabet**

Stated it is obvious this area is blighted. He asked how did this area become blighted i.e. the city has ordinances, rules, regulations and codes and someone owns it now. How does it become blighted if the city does not enforce the codes. He sees it on the taxpayer having to make repairs. He recommends putting pressure on the owners.

**Rick Brown**

This is another set of businesses that a person is not allowed to do certain things on his own because you have to use certain people in Belleville i.e. the city's electricians, plumbers. This could be changed if the city would allow the owner to do work on their own property.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:09 PM

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Michael Hagberg**

Stated he is very happy to see the business agreement for 6401 West Main has been drafted by lawyers and written very clear.

**Rick Brown**

He is here tonight and it doesn't have anything to do with the aldermen, city treasurer or the city clerk. He is here because there is a rouge employee in the city. Bob Sabo told Brown and Alderman White at a meeting that he went to City Attorney Hoerner and Assistant City Attorney Flynn and was advised he could reinterpret the ordinance regarding inspections i.e if you have a son or daughter that is serving overseas for four tours and comes home you have to get an inspection and pay \$60 and \$50 to add to the permit; if you adopt a child \$50, if an elderly parent moves in one must get an inspection. Did he do this on his own, did the Mayor tell him to do it and did the city attorneys okay. The inspection process is intrusive. This is illegal and unconstitutional. He requested under new business as to who gave authority to Sabo.

**Cayla Adams**

Filed a request to have a peace march which was taken off of the agenda. Ms. Adams stated she and people in her age group would like participate and have a chance to peacefully do what is right and have equality and come together. Mayor Eckert stated someone tried to get a hold of her and would like to meet with her

and get details and also requested to have an adult present. Mayor Eckert stated what is going on in the world there will need to have ample police.

**Stewart Lannert**

He read in the news-paper the \$200k final payment to centennial park to the city's political ally. Calhoun paid \$150k for the old angler's, made no improvements. A few years later the city purchased for \$1,000,000. He went out to the Shrine and there a lot of dirt moved. There is no sign of a foundation. Anytime someone wants to unload something they come to Belleville i.e. Meredith Home \$500k; Bel-Air Bowl \$200k which is located in the wrong place; Bank of Belleville was converted to the Police Station. Scott Schmezel is a poor choice because his tavern gets more police calls than any other tavern in Belleville.

**Kathy Draper**

First, regarding Rick Brown's comments about the ordinances; she thinks it is good to have the ordinances i.e. electrician. Secondly, the occupancy ordinance is a good. Regarding Stewart's comments about the park...if she had to live across from Stewart she would be complaining. There is a community garden on the back side of Bicentennial Park.

**Rose Wilson**

Regarding the peace march. She thinks as citizens of Belleville everyone should be thankful for police protection. She can't imagine calling 911 and being placed on hold.

**PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve the following appointments:

- Ashley Pollock to serve a 1 year term on the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Keith Owens to serve a 1 year term on the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

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Alderman Hazel made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to appointment of Scott Schmelzel, Downtown Belleville Business Owner and Current President of Belleville Main Street to serve on the Township Transition Task Force.

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to approve to accept and file the minutes of July 5, 2016.

All members voted aye.

### **CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Alderman Elmore made a Motion seconded by Alderman Ovian to approve claims and disbursements in the amount of **\$5,892,250.56** and payroll in the amount of **\$892,317.21**.

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

### **REPORTS**

None.

### **ORAL REPORTS**

### **STREETS AND GRADES COMMITTEE**

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

- Revised MFT requests
- 2016 Annual Service Agreement with SCI Engineering, Inc

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

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Alderman Pusa made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve Union musician, Doug Phillips to perform as a solo singer, guitar player at the Downtown Belleville outside location of 227 East Main Street on Thursday, July 21st from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Date was coordinated with the Parks Department and Tavern on Main.

All members voted aye.

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### *Discussion...*

Assistant Economic Development Director, Eric Schauster, advised several years ago in redirecting Tower Plaza Drive; the city bought property and moved right of way and then Mr. Gleanzer purchased and the paperwork was incorrect. This is cleaning up and transferring the property to the proper owners with no money being exchanged.

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman White to approve Memorandum of Understanding with St. Clair County Transit District and Larry Glaenzer for property transfers associated with SCCTD bike trail, and authorizing the Mayor to take such actions as necessary to complete the transaction contemplated therein.

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**

### *Overview...*

Mayor Eckert advised there has been a chain of events...the fire department employees received raises when other unions did not during the recession. During this time the firemen's salaries have surpassed the upper three.

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to increase the hourly wage of 3 Fire Chief Officers by an additional \$1.75 each of the next three years which would increase salaries by \$3,640 per year over the 3-year term, effective August 1, 2016.

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

Member abstaining on roll call: Tyler. (1)

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Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve the budget amendments as recommended by the Finance Director.

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 Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman White to approve Fresenius Dialysis Center (6525 West Main Street): Site Plan, Landscape Plan and Architectural Elevations.

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

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Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve Parkway West (07-25.0-200- 022/Frank Scott Parkway West): Preliminary Plat, Phase 1.

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

### **ORDINANCE AND LEGAL COMMITTEE**

#### *Overview...*

Treasurer Hardt reviewed the language changes i.e. 100 cubic feet to 100 gallons.

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 38 (Sewer Code) Article 4 (User Charges) of the revised Code of Ordinance of Belleville, Illinois, as amending portions of sections thereof.

#### *Discussion...*

Alderman Tyler this is being done because they are measuring water differently and not an increase; Treasurer Hardt stated no fee increase.

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 Tyler made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to approve the below communications:

Request from Belleville Area Humane Society to hold their 3rd Annual Halloween parade on 10/30/16 at 1:00 p.m. The parade will start at the city owned lot at 9<sup>th</sup> and West Main and will proceed east on West Main towards the fountain ending at 1<sup>st</sup> and West Main. Following the parade West Main from the cross walk entrance to West Main Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and also 1<sup>st</sup> Street from A Street to Washington will be closed. There will be a social gathering from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The event will include costume contests for dogs and their owners with family friendly music. Request is also for use of 20 barricades and 20

cones from the Street Department to close the side streets. Request is for no parking signs along the parade route on the morning until after the duration of the parade.

Request from Belleville Area Rose Society to hold a yard sale on Saturday, August 20th to benefit the rose garden at 11th and West Main. Hours will be 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

All members voted aye.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to read Resolutions 3271 and 3272 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 3271-2016**

A resolution requesting permission from IDOT to close Route 158 at Frank Scott Parkway for the Get Up & Go Biathlon on August 7, 2016.

#### **RESOLUTION 3272-2016**

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

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

### **ORDINANCES**

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Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to read Ordinance 7969-2016 and 7970-2016 by title only.

All members voted aye.

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

**ORDINANCE 7969-2016**

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Belleville, Illinois, Adopting a Business District Plan relating to an area within the City; making findings of fact with respect to such area; designating and establishing a Business District for such area pursuant to the Business District Development and Redevelopment law; authorizing the imposition and collection of a sales tax within such Business District; providing for further authority; establishing an effective date and other related matters.

**ORDINANCE 7970-2016**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 38 (Sewer Code) Article 4 (User Charges) of the revised Code of Ordinance of Belleville, Illinois, as amending portions of sections thereof.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ANNEXATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve a redevelopment agreement with Sonomacap RE Fund II, LLC for the 6401 West Main St. Marketplace Redevelopment Project.

*Discussion...*

Alderman Buettner asked what will be going in; Mr. Hill stated the negotiations/escrow will be wrapped up by the end of July. Alderman Buettner asked if there will be retail; Mr. Hill stated there will be retail.

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

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Alderman Galetti asked if there were concerns from public participation regarding occupancy; Mayor Eckert stated the city attorney and staff have been reviewing comments and questions raised.

City Attorney Hoerner stated if there is a change in occupancy it requires a new occupancy; Mayor Eckert asked Director of Health and Housing, Bob Sabo, if this is a full inspection; Mr. Sabo stated yes.

Alderman Tyler asked if someone has a baby is there a inspection required; Mr. Sabo stated they use discretion.

City Attorney Hoerner stated the issues can be addressed but must go through the process. Mayor Eckert stated questions should go through Health and Housing and then Ordinance and Legal.

Alderman White stated he attended the meeting with Sabo and Brown and there are interpretation questions. Alderman White stated they are working for a solution but will not change overnight.

### **MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$14,315.33**.

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**

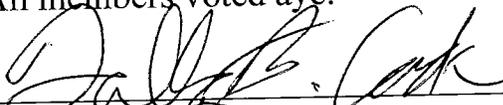
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None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Ovian to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

All members voted aye.

  
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Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk