

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 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, Trent Galetti, Bob White, Phil Elmore, Roger Wigginton and Jim Musgrove.

Member excused on roll call: Paul Seibert.

ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

Roll Call Department Heads: Fire Chief, Tom Pour; 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.

Roll Call Department Heads: Police Chief, Bill Clay; Director of Public Works, Chuck Schaeffer; Health and Housing Director, Bob Sabo.

PLEDGE

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tom Pour

Fire Chief Pour invited the entire audience and elected officials to the Dedication of the September 11th Memorial Walkway at Firehouse No. 4. The ceremony starts at 2:00 p.m. and parking will be at the Elks Club with shuttle buses.

Alicia Bradley

Ms. Bradley asked where do we go from here...chaos in our community. She asks this question because she is concerned with the future of the community. There is an award winning comprehensive plan that is suppose to "develop and unify vision, guiding principles and a big picture recommendation that provides overreaching guidance for current and future decisions makers".

She has several questions for the elected officials:

- (1) Are we (we...being our elected officials) and city authority figures implementing this plan currently;
- (2) Does every board, committee council member, city employee know their particular role(s) in implementing this award winning plan;
- (3) Are we distributing or setting the standard for the distribution of wealth to benefit all citizens, partners, our community and our youth now and in the future;
- (4) Are you familiar with the Illinois Public Act 099-0462 a/k/a Centreville 1334. The short description is business enterprise with higher education. This was signed into law on August 25, 2015;
- (5) When the TIF dollars are used as an incentive to private companies or institutions does that mean we have entered into a State contract with a private company or private institution.

According to the referenced Bill means all contracts entered into by the State or any agency or department thereof; a public institution of higher education should include at least 20% of the total dollar amount which should be awarded to businesses owned by minorities, females and persons with disabilities.

- (6) Why is the city still hiring companies to see if there is a need for development when there is an overall guide or strategy through the city's comprehensive plan. See Section 5.

In the last year, there has been a lack of consistency throughout the community especially without partnership with LUB. She does not blame LUB or their student body; however, questions the goals and intent of the elected officials.

If this continues as a community to be inconsistent and lack unity the community will not flourish or sustain. The community is now broken and divided on many levels. Therefore, the community is attracting the kind of people who know they can profit off of the divided community.

There is truth behind "a house divided cannot stand". We need to right our wrongs immediately so the community is not stagnated for twenty more years.

Rick Brown

He has been at the meetings in July, August and now September and nothing has been done. Mr. Sabo is still going in and searching people's homes illegally and making people pay a \$60 fee for an inspection and a \$50 fee to put them on the occupancy permit.

This is against the law. Mr. Brown referenced case law. This illegal behavior has to stop. You are making more plaintiffs every day for this illegal activity.

John Steinlage

Mr. Steinlage acknowledged Alderman Wigginton for being in business for 40 years.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Marvin Bateman, high school student from Althoff and a member of BASIC, recognized the character word of the month "RESPECT" meaning showing regard for self, others, property and those in authority.

Alderman Tyler made a motion seconded by Alderman Randle to appoint Tom Myatt to serve the remaining 4 1/2 years of a 5 years term on the Parks & Recreation Board.

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

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Anthony to approve Dennis Lindsey from State Realty Company to fill a vacancy on the Crime Free Housing Committee in the capacity as property manager, vacated by Dorcas Cecil.

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

(Alderman Elmore requested the aldermen be notified if there are vacancies on boards, commissions or committees).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Tyler made a motion seconded by Alderman Randle to approve to accept and file the minutes of August 15, 2016 and August 29, 2016.

All members voted aye.

CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve claims and disbursements in the amount of **\$4,765,041.04** and payroll in the amount of **\$892,285.24**.

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

REPORTS

None.

ORAL REPORTS

MASTER SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to approve a contract to construct the Carlyle Avenue and North Green Mount Road Sewer Extension to the low bidder, Baxmeyer Construction, Inc. for \$198,868.20.

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

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve the promotion of Firefighter Jeremy DeJournet to the rank of engineer effective 9/7/2016 at 12:01 a.m.

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

Member abstaining on roll call: Tyler. (1)

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Anthony to approve the promotion of Master Sergeant Mark Heffernan to the rank of Lieutenant, effective 9/7/2016 at 12:01 a.m.

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

Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve the hiring of probationary firefighter Nathan Jones effective immediately.

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

Member abstaining on roll call: Tyler. (1)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ORDINANCES

Alderman Randle made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve **31-AUG16 – SEKOU & NATALIE KELSEY** – Requesting a Use variance in order to operate a juice bar café at 2801 West Main Street (Parcel: 08-20.0-200-001) located in a “C-1” Light Commercial District. (Applicable portion of the zoning code: 60-6-43 and 60-12-14.) Ward 3

All members voted aye.

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve **32-AUG16 – LOCAL LUCY’S** Requesting a Sign Installation permit for the Area of Special Control in order to place two vinyl window graphics at 310 East Main Street (Parcel: 08-22.0-340-004) located in a “C-2” Heavy Commercial District. (Applicable portion of the zoning code: 53-4-1 and 53-4-8.) Ward 6

All members voted aye.

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Musgrove to approve **33-AUG16 – OAK TREE MANAGEMENT** Requesting a Special Use permit for a Liquor License for **The Shrine Restaurant** at 442 South Demazenod Dr. (Parcel: 07-04.0-401-012) located in a “C-2” Heavy Commercial District. (Applicable portion of the zoning code: 60-6-50.) Ward 8

All members voted aye.

ADMINISTRATION:

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Buettner to approve solicitor license requests from Renewal by Anderson.

All members voted aye.

Note: Alderman Randle and Alderman Ovian voted nay.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Communication from St. Elizabeth's Hospital requesting permission to decorate their campus and surrounding downtown areas (light posts and bump-out railing on East/West Main Street for six blocks from the fountain as well as for three blocks North/South from the fountain on 159) with pink ribbons to support Breast Health Awareness. The ribbons will be put up on September 30th and removed October 28th. Along with the ribbons flyers will be disseminated to downtown businesses to explain the ribbons.

Communication from Kenny Herzog requesting to have a car show/car cruise on October 22, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Requesting to use the lot across from 900 Scheel Street.

Communication from Belleville West 25th Class Reunion to close off street in front of Seven Restaurant with barricades and 3 to 4 picnic tables to accommodate around 150 people from 6:00 p.m.- 12:00 midnight on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Also, if possible an electric hook up so they can have class mates that have a band perform.

Communication from the Belleville Historical Society's Fifth Annual "Paint Historic Belleville" Plein Air Art Paint Out and Auction on September 17, 2016. Requesting to close off the first 100 yards of East Garfield Street from Mascoutah Avenue west (in front of the Garfield Saloon). It would be closed from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Communication from TOCO requesting to conduct a "Halloween Treat Crawl" on the Saturday (10/29/16) before Halloween, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., along West Main Street, commonly known as "Midtowne Neighborhood".

Communication from Children's Dyslexia Center requesting to hold their annual walk on October 1, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Pusa made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve the following communication:

Communication from the neighbors of 21st through 23rd and West A Street to host a meet and greet with the students of Lindenwood from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2016. Requesting the street to be closed.

Discussion...

Alderman Buettner stated he has had several residents that do not want the street closed off. He has no problem with the meet and greet. There is a parking lot at 21st and West 'A' and there is a parking lot at the end of 23rd Street behind the dorms.

Alderman Pusa stated she went door-to-door and no one told her there was a problem with closing the street.

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

Members voting nay on roll call: Buettner and White. (2)

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Tyler to read by title only and as a group Resolutions 3278 and 3279.

All members voted aye.

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

RESOLUTION 3278

Inducement Resolution.

RESOLUTION 3279

A Resolution authorizing the execution of loan documents for the East Creek Watershed I&I Improvement Project.

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

ORDINANCES

Alderman Randle made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to read by title only and as a group Ordinances 7980-2016, 7981-2016, 7982-2016, 7983-2016, 7984-2016, 7985-2016.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Anthony to approve

ORDINANCE 7980-2016

An Ordinance establishing the Shopland Business District Tax Allocation Fund for the area subject to Resolution 3278.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE 7981-2016

An Ordinance authorizing the City of Belleville (St. Clair County, Illinois) to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Program.

ORDINANCE 7982-2016

A ZONING ORDINANCE IN RE CASE #31AUG16Sekou & Natalie Kelsey.

ORDINANCE 7983-2016

A ZONING ORDINANCE IN RE CASE #32AUG16 Local Lucy's.

ORDINANCE 7984-2016

A ZONING ORDINANCE IN RE CASE #33AUG16 Oak Tree Management.

ORDINANCE 7985-2016

An Ordinance amending Chapter 52 (Traffic) of the revised ordinances of the City of Belleville, Illinois as amended, by amending portions of sections thereof.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Galetti asked if the housing issue would be on the next legal and ordinance meeting; Mayor Eckert stated it will be on the September 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Firehouse No. 4.

Alderman Buettner asked when the parking plan with Lindenwood University-Belleville will be followed; Mayor Eckert stated he followed up with Lindenwood and a meeting will be scheduled.

MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Hazel made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve the Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$9,555.03**.

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

Alderman White stated they had been receiving updates and would like to know about the other projects; Mayor Eckert stated he met with the developers last Friday and there will be upcoming releases.

Alderman White asked the status of the new police building and city hall; Mayor Eckert stated everyone has moved into the new police department. Mayor Eckert stated he would be having a conference call to discuss city hall renovations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All members voted aye.

Entered executive session at 7:52 p.m.

Resumed from Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

Alderman Elmore made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve a workers' compensation settlement in the amount of \$21,033.36.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Ovian to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

All members voted aye.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dallas B. Cook". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk