

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Roger Wigginton and Jim Musgrove.

Member excused on roll call: Paul Seibert and Phil Elmore.

ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

Roll Call Department Heads: Police Chief, Bill Clay; 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 and Health and Housing Director, Bob Sabo.

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

PLEDGE

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lillian Schneider

Ms. Schneider thanked the Streets and Grades Committee for approving the street light on Kansas Avenue. Ms. Schneider stated she is disappointed in the Housing Department. She called with two complaints and the officer emphasized that he was Master Sgt. and wanted to know who she was talking to. There is a complaint that has been idol all summer. The taxpayers are funding the housing departments paychecks.

There is an employee from housing living in a city owned property. Do they pay taxes, insurance? Does the city collect rent? Who cuts the grass, who pays the sewer, who pays the water? When did the city get into the rental business? The housing department only caters to the ones they want and go after the ones they want. Perhaps 60 Minutes or the Feds should come and take look at the housing department. If citizens cannot turn in a complaint without being accused of problems...it's wrong.

Michael Hagberg

First, regarding the Meredith Home roof proposal. The documentation the city had when the study was done indicated the roof was installed in 2007. A EDPM roof is supposed to last between 20-25 years. He doesn't understand why a roof that is nine years old is failing. Has anyone checked to see if there is a warranty for labor and material for the installation.

Secondly, regarding the development agreement for 6401 West Main. The public was mislead when the council approved Adam Hill to receive \$2.5 million in incentives to revitalize this property. Only to learn an additional \$81,000 in incentives is being offered to Todd Kennedy. This was hidden from the public and select aldermen. Do you think every store owner there will be coming with an additional request for incentives? If so, how much will this cost? Any incentive should be reducing the \$2.5 million that was given to Adam Hill. He said he was going to improve the entire parcel for \$2.5 million worth of incentives and the rest of the money he would put in himself. It was deceptive for this administration to have known that additional incentives were going to be offered and having hidden them from the public and select aldermen.

Kathy Draper

First, why is it still a loading zone in front of the Meredith Home? Can this be handicap parking?

Secondly, she has a neighbor who is propping his screen door open and entering the home with a green sticker on a home.

Third, the city lot at 407-409 South 19th Street needs to be cut.

Rick Brown

First, he thanked Alderman Wigginton for allowing him to show a video of the 2013 Housing meeting.

Secondly, he thinks he has been approaching the issue the wrong way. This is a failure to communicate. He knows for a fact in the last two weeks the city has allowed a mother and father to move into a dwelling with their daughter without an inspection and not paying a fee for the occupancy permit. He made a phone call to the Housing Department and asked if one of his tenants could move in their friend; they responded no, it would need an inspection. He made another phone call to a national recognized civil rights organization. He stated at the meeting he was told the city uses discretion e.g. black, lesbian, gay, disabled, Muslim, Jewish friend. The city will be sued for discretion. No one should be able to come into ones home who is legally there and legally had an inspection just to have someone move in.

Stewart Lannert

Mr. Lannert complained about Chief Clay and his partner regarding his arrest. He filed out a complaint and within three hours Chief Clay called. Eight years later he filed a complaint and it takes 4-5 months for an answer. He donated \$1,000 to Melinda Hult and she moved to Oregon and then the Mayor appointed a bobble head so that \$1,000 was wasted. What did he do to be called a threat to public safety. Mr. Lannert asked if he should go out and blow up buildings; Mayor Eckert admonished Mr. Lannert regarding his last comment.

Bob Brunkow

Mr. Brunkow stated he is a Belleville Historian talking about history. Belleville civic leaders came together in 1930 to build a hotel that would be the show place of the city. Hotel Belleville was the result. That building, again, can be Belleville's show place but it needs time for revitalization to occur. A new roof will buy the time necessary to keep redevelopment a viable option. He urges the

city council to vote to fund the roof repair so Hotel Belleville can become the focal point of Belleville's renaissance.

John Steinlage

First, Belleville is a great town. He thanked everyone that cleaned up after the Oktoberfest.

Secondly, he addressed Alderman Buettner. He stated he has a good friend with Lindenwood whether he realizes it or not. Consider all of the things they have done to make the area better. He stated Alderman Buettner complains about the neighbors that are Lindenwood people. He stated he went to Lindenwood and requested to purchase the home on either side of Alderman Buettner.

Third, he stated he had a good friend move into the City of Belleville and he hired someone to clean his house. The person he hired stole items in his home. He recommended that people that want to clean houses in Belleville should register with Housing.

Ashley Pollack

Ms. Pollack stated she formerly worked for Lindenwood University as the Director of Academic Student Success and Retention. She was able to get to know the students very well. It is unbecoming for a city official to have a sign that Alderman Buettner has in his yard. This tells her Alderman Buettner does not work in education or support education. She understands he has the right under the First Amendment to have the sign; however, as a city official she requests Alderman Buettner reconsider.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Eckert and Fire Chief Pour recognized Richard Randolph in honor of his grateful assistance to the City of Belleville Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve to accept and file the minutes of September 6, 2016.

All members voted aye.

CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS

Alderman Anthony made a motion seconded by Alderman Ovian to approve claims and disbursements in the amount of **\$1,264,736.78** and payroll in the amount of **\$851,434.93**.

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

REPORTS

Alderman Buettner made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to accept and file the Treasurer Report – August 2016 and Statement of Cash and Investments Report August 2016.

All members voted aye.

ORAL REPORTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ANNEXATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Anthony made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve the Development Agreement with TJBC, Inc. for the remodeling of the existing facility at 6435 West Main St.

Discussion...

Alderman Buettner stated he thought Mr. Hill was going to do the development of the site.

Assistant Director of Economic Development, Eric Schauster, stated Mr. Hill has already exceeded his costs of the agreement this is a separate agreement for mostly interior work which was not in the cost of Mr. Hill's project. Alderman Buettner asked if Mr. Kennedy owns this section of the building (Mr. Kennedy is purchasing 35,000 square feet of the complex); Schauster stated he is purchasing from Mr. Hill. The fire separation and utility are being separated.

Alderman Buettner asked if the city can make such an agreement with Mr. Kennedy since he does not own the building; Schauster stated the agreement is subject to him purchasing the building.

Mr. Kennedy stated to ease some minds regarding the \$81,000 it is actually (inaudible) since they could not buy all of the equipment from a company in Illinois. The number is not as large as it appears it should be about one-half of the \$81,000.00.

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

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

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to proceed with the termination of TIF #1, TIF #2 and TIF #4 with termination to be effective by December 31, 2016.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve low quote of \$120,864.00 from Joiner Sheet Metal and Roofing for the Meredith Home roof replacement with funding come from a permanent transfer from TIF #2.

Discussion...

Alderman Buettner asked if the roof is an emergency situation; Mayor Eckert stated this has been made clear if the roof is not addressed the city will be faced with demolition soon. Demolition with asbestos abatement and demolition will be closer to \$1,000,000.00. Currently, the building is taking in a lot of water.

Mayor Eckert stated there is a tentative proposal from SWIDA. If the roof is not replaced by winter the new budget year will be faced with demolition. Hopefully, SWIDA will come through with a workable solution and if not it will be in position to have the building renovated.

Alderman Tyler stated on August 1, 2016 the council agreed to repair and seal it and this seems the request is to replace the roof. Mayor Eckert stated the council was told on several occasions there was no more patching on the roof.

Alderman Tyler asked if the proposal falls through with SWIDA is there a guarantee that the city will stick \$120,000 into the building and then demolish; Mayor Eckert stated there is not a perfect guarantee; however, through the time the city has owned it there has been the problem with the on take of water from the roof.

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

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

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve short-term bank loan from Commerce Bank for \$256,666.50 at 1.90% interest for five years for new street sweeper.

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

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

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

MASTER SEWER COMMITTEE:

Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman White to approve a change order, from Hank's Excavating, to change the force main location for a deduct of \$76,090.85 for the South 11th Street Sewer Extension Project.

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

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE AND COMMISSION:

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

- The promotion of Officer John Hunter to the rank of Sergeant, effective 9/20/2016 at 12:01 a.m.
- The hiring of a police officer, Brittney Newport.

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

STREETS AND GRADES

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve Canadian National Railroad Agreement in the amount of \$38,203.00 for the South 8th Street crossing.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve the following requests:

Communication from Metro East Pride requesting to hold a Scarecrow Jamboree on October 22, 2016 from 2:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Requesting a street closure at 2nd Street on the side of West Main down to West 'A' St. Also requesting six (6) picnic tables.

Communication from Metro East requesting to hold their 10th Annual Pride Festival on June 10, 2017 from 8:00am until Midnight. Requesting a street closure from the fountain down to 3rd Street. As well as first and second side streets. Requesting electricity as well as trash cans and picnic tables. Also requesting, police patrols from 5:00 pm until closure at midnight as in past years.

Communication from Belleville East High School requesting to hold their 8th Annual Lancer Run on November 5, 2016. They are requesting assistance from the police department to control the flow of traffic at the intersections of Orchard Drive & Route 161 and at Orchard Drive & West Boulevard from 8:45 until roughly 9:45 a.m.

Communication from St. Peter's Cathedral requesting to close off Harrison from 1st to 2nd Street from 10:00 am - 10:00 pm on Saturday, October 1, 2016 to hold their Cathedral Food Truck Fest.

Communication from Pitchers Sports Pub for a street closure for their portion of the Belleville marathon on Saturday, September 24, 2016. To the best of their knowledge neighbors have no objection.

Race registration begins at 6:00 a.m. and support ends at 2:00 p.m. They are requesting street closure until 4:00 p.m. to handle the post race crowd.

Request from Belleville Running Club and Toolen's Running Start to hold their 2nd Annual Belleville Marathon on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All members voted aye.

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to read by title only and as a group Resolutions 3280 and 3281.

All members voted aye.

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

RESOLUTION 3280

A Resolution authorizing a bank loan.

RESOLUTION 3281

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, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, White, Galetti, Musgrove, and Wigginton.
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ORDINANCES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve the Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$6,984.58**.

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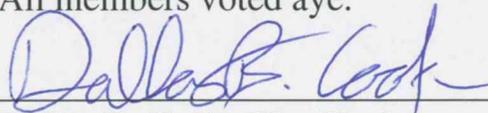
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman White to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

All members voted aye.



Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk