

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
OCTOBER 3, 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 Assistant City Attorney Flynn. Aldermen: Joe Hazel, Ken Kinsella, Jane Pusa, Mike Buettner, Kent Randle, Scott Tyler, Johnny Anthon, Phil Silsby, Ed Dintelman, Paul Seibert, Bob White, Trent Galetti, Phil Elmore, Roger Wigginton and Jim Musgrove.

Member excused on roll call: Raffi Ovian and City Attorney Hoerner.

ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

Roll Call Department Heads: 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; and Health and Housing Director, Bob Sabo.

PLEDGE

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ted Harris

Mr. Harris stated he is a retired Fairview Police Officer and is present for his good friend John Brough. He met John when he was an O'Fallon police officer and John

then joined the department and served 22 years where he obtained the rank Sergeant.

The friendship with John continued over the years. They served as undercover narcotic agents together with the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois. As everyone knows, John was seriously wounded in the line of duty after being shot in the fact with a shot gun by a double homicide suspect. This resulted in John's disfigurement and permanent blindness. John will also suffer a line long series of medical problems as a result of his wounds.

After John recovered from his wounds he is very active in the community. He is involved in the 911 Memorial at the firehouse, he speaks at D.A.R.E. classes, he sponsors a blood drive, he is a member of the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club and has spoken at various law enforcement training and seminars.

John has the most positive attitude of anyone he knows, he doesn't dwell on his disability and rarely speaks about it unless he is ask. John is full of life...not self pity. If you know John, you cannot help but be inspired by him.

November 10, 2016 marks the 10 year anniversary of the shooting. Of all of the accolades and help that John has received from the police department and the city, John has never been formerly awarded any type of official accommodation, medal or letter of appreciation. John is as much deserving of such recognition as any member of the military who returns home wounded in combat...they at least receive a purple heart.

That being said, we ask the city to proclaim November 10th henceforth as Sgt. John Brough day. He also asks that on every November 10th a banner be flown over Main Street stating "God bless Sgt. Brough and all of our police officers".

Chief Bill Clay

Chief Clay stated Sgt. Brough was recognized by the Belleville Police Department through the Illinois State Police and the recognition was held in Springfield, Illinois. Chief Clay stated he is not opposed to more acknowledgment and ceremonies or whatever they may be for this man. Sgt. Brough was Chief Clay's field training officer for a short time. Sgt. Brough brought Chief Clay to his family in 1995. Chief Clay stated the city has recognized this good Sgt. and will continue to do so. If there is more to be done they will certainly do that. Sgt. Brough has more courage than Chief Clay would ever have in that situation like this. Sgt. Brough has done remarkable things...both he and Wendy and he applauds them, he

respects them and whatever needs to be done as a city and/or police department with this mayor and this chief they are willing and able to do it.

Lillian Schneider

Earlier in the year she had a meeting with the Kansas Avenue Neighborhood Watch at Jefferson School concerning the tank that was installed to take over the overflow when the heavy rains would come and they would have to put out the pumps. At that meeting, she and the residents were assured there would be trees planted around the tank. She has now been informed that will not happen. She would like the city to acknowledge so the people will not think it is her fault. This was promised to the people because these are the trees that are supposed to be replanted that were removed from the Shrine development. There should be a record of how many trees that were taken out, the value of the trees. She is requesting for the city to state why they will not plant the trees this fall. The developer for the Shrine is responsible for replacing the trees.

(Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, Jason Poole, stated the city is working with Kaskaskia Engineering regarding the Shrine development, there will be tree mitigation program and there is a tree plan that he will share with Ms. Schneider)

Stewart Lannert

Mr. Lannert stated he went to Vietnam to fight commies and now has realized the real danger is the American liberals. He tried to get a gun permit and recognition of service to his country and was labeled a danger to himself, others and public safety. He has no idea what they are trying to do since gun permits are not needed in Chicago, E. St. Louis or any other big city. Timothy McVeigh, as far as he knows, never had a gun permit. The police stations seems to be much bigger than needed. The Bank of Belleville wanted a smaller bank and knew where to find a sucker to unload the white elephant on. The Meredith Home, Bel-Aire bowling, Calhoun Park and Hitler beer hall are all basically cesspool of all of the money going down the drain.

Phil Weiss

Mr. Weiss expressed his gratitude and appreciation for having West Main repaired at the bottom of the hill.

Rick Brown

Mr. Brown stated at the legal and ordinance committee meeting he played a video. During the meeting, the mayor talked the committee into believing something other than what was on the video.

Mr. Brown asked for one simple thing at the legal and ordinance committee meeting...tell the people of this city what requires an inspection and what is the requirement to get on an occupancy. All he heard is they use discretion.

So now there is a 3/4 page in the newsletter on what is required and the intricacies of business occupational permits. The businesses are receiving money from the city; therefore, they know what is required for an occupancy permit; however, the citizens of Belleville, many of them, do not know until they receive a ticket.

This is not published anywhere. Mr. Brown stated this city needs to publish standards. Mr. Brown cannot believe City Attorney Hoerner agreed that the city inspectors are allowed to come into people's home without search warrants.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Eckert recognized Kayla Bell and Stephanie Stock, from Basic Youth Board, and they recognized the character word of the month "Responsibility" willingness to be accountable for your own actions without blaming others.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Pusa made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve to accept and file the minutes of September 19, 2016 with corrections.

All members voted aye.

CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to approve claims and disbursements in the amount of **\$3,683,986.33** and payroll in the amount of **\$867,290.32**.

Discussion...

Alderman Buettner inquired about \$275,000 to Sonoma Development. He thought under the agreement they had to spend \$1,000,000 before the grant payment was made; Finance Director, Jamie Maitret, stated it has been met. Alderman Wigginton stated he understands they have incurred \$1,100,000 in expenses and contracts.

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

REPORTS

None.

ORAL REPORTS

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND ORDINANCES

Alderman Randle made a motion seconded by Alderman Tyler to approve **34-SEPT16 - GRAPPA GROWLERS** - Requesting to rezone the property at 1501 North Belt West (Parcels: 08-09.0-305-021...022) from "A-1" Single Family Residence District to "C-2" Heavy Commercial District. (portion of the zoning code: 60-6-1 through 60-6-7 and 60-6-47 through 60-6-52.) Ward 3

All members voted aye.

ADMINISTRATION

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to approve the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Belleville Police Department and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council on behalf of the Belleville Police Department Dispatchers and Secretaries of F.O.P. Lodge #226-2, bargaining unit.

Discussion...

Chief Clay explained this union was the first to negotiate and they did a three year contract; therefore, are now coming to agree for the fourth year in accordance with the other union contracts.

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

Alderman Elmore made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve solicitor license request from Charles I. Richards, Edward Jones.

All members voted aye.

Note: Alderman Randle abstained.

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Kinsella to create no parking on north side of North Church Street going from Lucinda to Sherman.

All members voted aye.

Alderman White made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to put directional arrows on 1st Street, directing traffic which way to go and add "cross traffic does not stop," sign. (West 'A' at North 1st Street)

All members voted aye.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Communication from Christkindlmarkt requesting to have opening ceremonies on November 25, 2016 with entertainment and a laser light show.

Communication from Belleville Holzsnitzer, Wood Carvers, requesting to hang their banner for the Wood Carving Exhibit and Demonstration on November 5-6, 2016.

Communication from Eckert Florist, Inc. to place a refrigerated cooler in one of their designated "loading zones" located in the first block of North Second Street, from Sunday, October 9, 2016 and removed on or before, Saturday, October 23, 2016. They will coordinate with the Street Department for cones and lighted barricades.

All members voted aye.

Note: Alderman Buettner voted nay.

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to read by title only and as a group Ordinances 7986-2016 and 7987-2016.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve the below ordinances:

ORDINANCE 7986-2016

A ZONING ORDINANCE IN RE CASE #34SEPT16 Grappa Growlers.

ORDINANCE 7987-2016

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, Anthony, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (15)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman White reviewed the timeline of the codification process. In his observations of the codification, it seems there should have been a contact person. The contact person should have set the timeline, enforced the timeline, organized receiving changes and tracking the project. We need a transparency process to keep everyone informed. There have been changes made; however, more are needed.

MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve the Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$1,303.71**.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All members voted aye.

Entered executive session at 7:43 p.m.

Resumed from Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Alderman Randle made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to allow Mayor Eckert to execute a settlement agreement regarding a workers' compensation on a former sanitation worker.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to adjourn at 7:57 pm.

All members voted aye.



Dallas B. Cook, City Clerk