

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
OCTOBER 17, 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, Paul Seibert, Bob White, Trent Galetti, Phil Elmore, Roger Wigginton and Jim Musgrove.

**ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Roll Call Department Heads: Fire Chief Pour; Finance Director, Jamie Maitret; City Engineer, Tim Gregowicz; Human Resource Director, Jim Schneider; Director of Economic Development, Annissa McCaskill; and Health and Housing Director, Bob Sabo and Director of Parks and Recreation, Debbie Belleville.

Director of Maintenance, Ken Vaughn; Police Chief, Bill Clay; Director of Wastewater, Royce Carlisle; Director of Library, Leander Spearman and Director of Public Works, Chuck Schaeffer.

**PLEDGE**

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Michael Hagberg**

Mr. Hagberg spoke in opposition to the request for the raise on the agenda in it seems there is not a problem with multiple people wanting to run the elected position; therefore, the pay is not an issue for someone and maybe as a compromise there should be a fixed increased which it tied into the consumer price index. It would then be adjusted with inflation and not necessarily an increase for the sake of an increase.

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**PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

The Marathon Committee, including Sarah West, Mike Toolen, Dan Trapp, and Rebecca Wohltman, presented a check to the Belleville Parks and Recreation Department. The proceeds from this event went to Backstoppers and Belleville Parks and Recreation.

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Mayor Eckert recognized Jim Schneider, Director of Human Resources. Mr. Schneider is retiring effective November 1, 2016.

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Presentation by Economic Development Resources on the Shopland Plaza Business District Eligibility Study.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Pusa made a motion seconded by Alderman Buettner to accept and file the minutes of October 17, 2016.

All members voted aye.

**CLAIMS, PAYROLL, AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Alderman Anthony made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve claims and disbursements in the amount of **\$2,123,983.44** and payroll in the amount of **\$899,678.44**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

**REPORTS**

Alderman Elmore made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to accept and file the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Cash Investments - September 2016.

All members voted aye.

**ORAL REPORTS**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/ANNEXATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Randle to accept the Shopland Plaza Business District Eligibility Study and place it on file for public inspection.

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

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

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Alderman Kinsella made a motion seconded by Alderman Randle to authorize Economic Development Resources to complete the Shopland Plaza Business District Plan.

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

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

Member voting abstaining on roll call: Galetti. (1)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve waiving of approximately \$220.00 of rezoning fees for 1020 Freeburg Avenue.

*Discussion...*

Mayor Eckert stated this is the location of the potential roundabout on Freeburg Avenue. The individual making the requesting is working with the engineering regarding the construction easement/easements trough his front yard.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

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Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Hazel to approve continuing with Southside Park grant improvements now that the grant has been reinstated by the State of Illinois, including approval of updated contract with Schaefer-Meyer Seed Sod Division 1, Inc.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

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Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to accept the Audit Reports for FYE April 30, 2016.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

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Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve resolution allowing employees to buy back military service credit with IMRF.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

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Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Seibert to approve increasing the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer's salaries by 2% effective 5/1/17, 2% 5/1/18, 2% 5/1/19, and 2% 5/1/20.

*Discussion...*

Alderman Silsby stated the contracts with the city employees have been completed and it has been four years since the elected officials have received a raise. If the council does not address the raises at this time it will be eight years since this cannot be raised during the middle of a term.

There are many of city employees that earn more than the elected officials.

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

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

### **MASTER SEWER COMMITTEE**

Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve Change Orders LTCP Phase 3 Project.

*Discussion...*

Alderman Dintelman stated there was a fee in the amount of \$13,000 for a restocking fee that was renegotiated and has been deducted.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

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Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman Tyler to approve Change Order South 11th Street Sewer Extension.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve an easement (gas pipeline) with Ameren IP for a new gas service to City Hall.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

### **STREETS AND GRADES**

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman White to approve the mayor to negotiate Illinois American Water Company Easement on City's behalf regarding 505 Hecker Street and to approve the Mayor to negotiate Ameren Transmission Easement on City's behalf. (Ameren Transmission Easement).

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Randle to approve the request from Belleville Parks & Recreation Department to hold the 10th Annual Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, December 3, 2016 beginning at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 8:30 a.m. throughout a designated route and ending back at the hospital. Also requesting barricades, police coverage and temporary street closures until the completion of the 5K distance.

All members voted aye.

### **PETITIONS**

None.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Galetti to read 3282 and 3283 by title only.

All members voted aye.

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

#### **RESOLUTION 3282**

A resolution allowing employees to buy back military service credit with IMRF.

#### **RESOLUTION 3283**

A resolution authorizing the Grant of utility easement to Ameren Illinois Company.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

### **ORDINANCES**

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to read by title only Ordinance 7988-2016.

All members voted aye.

Alderman Silsby made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to approve the below ordinance:

#### **ORDINANCE 7988-2016**

An ordinance amending Chapter 3 (City Administration 3.18 Salaries and Insurance) of the revised ordinances of the City of Belleville, Illinois as amended, by amending portions of sections thereof to increase the annual salaries of the mayor, city clerk and city treasurer by 2% effective 5/1/17, 2% 5/1/18, 2% 5/1/19, and 2% 5/1/20..

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

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Buettner stated on September 9, 2016 there was a discussion about the Hofbräuhaus regarding completion; Mayor Eckert stated he has a meeting scheduled with the developer later in the week. Mayor Eckert stated he will send an update via email or have their PR send an update.

### **MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Seibert made a motion seconded by Alderman Elmore to approve the Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$217,541.11.00**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Kinsella, Pusa, Buettner, Randle, Tyler, Anthony, Ovian, Silsby, Dintelman, Seibert, White, Galetti, Elmore, Wigginton and Musgrove. (16)

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Alderman Hazel requested to recognize Royce Carlisle for renegotiating the Change Order in the amount of \$13,000.

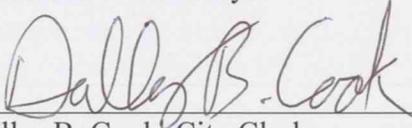
### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Galetti made a motion seconded by Alderman Randle to adjourn at 7:38 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