

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL  
FEBRUARY 1, 2021 – 7:00 PM  
Via Phone Conference**

Mayor Eckert called this meeting to order.

City Attorney Hoerner called roll. Members present on roll call: Alderman Kinsella, Alderman Hazel, Alderwoman Duco, Alderman Pusa, Alderman Randle, Alderman Ferguson, Alderman Ovian, Alderman Dintelman, Alderwoman Schaefer, Alderwoman Stiehl, Alderman Rothweiler, Alderman Elmore, Alderman Weygandt, Alderman Wigginton, Alderman Barfield.

Alderman Anthony excused.

**ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Roll Call Department Heads: Mayor Eckert; City Treasurer, Dean Hardt; City Attorney Hoerner; Police Chief, Bill Clay; Fire Chief, Tom Pour (*arrived at 7:09 p.m.*); Director of Finance, Jamie Maitret; Director of Maintenance, Ken Vaughn; Director of Public Works, Jason Poole; Director of Wastewater, Randy Smith; Director of Residential and Commercial Development Services, Annissa McCaskill; Director of Library, Leander Spearman; Director of IT, Scott Markovich; City Engineer, Michael Velloff; Human Resource Manager, Emma Qualls.

City Clerk, Jennifer Gain Meyer excused.

**PLEDGE**

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Stewart Lannert**

November 7<sup>th</sup> there were 10-20 people hanging around East Washington and 10 or so were blocking both lanes of the street. He eased up to stop and people blocking the street took off. Approximately 10 people came up to his truck and verbally threatened him. He called the police and waited 10 minutes. Seven or eight weeks later he was told he was being charged with trying to run people over. The police did not one time ask him his side of the story because the people blocking the street were people of color. His lawyer has yet to receive any information on this matter as of February 1<sup>st</sup>.

He has not received any information on his supposedly blowing up the News Democrat. He did not say he was going to blow up the News Democrat. They blew everything out of proportion. He saw in the St. Louis paper that J.D. Dixon is running for Mayor and it was written by a Belleville News Democrat report.

## **PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Eckert recognized the character word of the month "Trustworthiness" Truthfulness in Words and Actions. Being honest and reliable in words and actions.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Wigginton made a motion seconded by Alderwoman Schaefer to approve City Council and Executive Session Meeting Minutes January 19, 2021.

Members voting aye on roll call: Kinsella, Hazel, Duco, Pusa, Randle, Ferguson, Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Wigginton, Barfield. (15)

## **CLAIMS, PAYROLL AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Alderman Ferguson made a motion seconded by Alderman Weygandt to approve claims and disbursements in the amount of **\$868,799.03** payroll in the amount of **\$838,941.44**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Duco, Pusa, Randle, Ferguson, Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Wigginton, Barfield, Kinsella. (15)

## **REPORTS**

None.

## **ORAL REPORTS**

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

Alderman Dintelman made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to waive formal bid procedures and approve bid with S. Shafer Excavating in the amount of \$20,700.00 for demolition of 834 Union Avenue, 602 Bornman and 630 West Monroe (TIF 3)

*Discussion...*

Alderman Elmore asked why the formal bid is being waived; Director of Residential and Commercial Development Services, Annissa McCaskill, advised she contacted four (4) different vendors and in this instance there are three (3) buildings that are in a critical state that are dangerous. One is subject to a fire that occurred in the Fall.

Members voting aye on roll call: Duco, Pusa, Randle, Ferguson, Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Wigginton, Barfield, Kinsella, Hazel. (15)

## COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Ferguson made a motion seconded by Alderwoman Duco to read by title only Resolution 3402.

Members voting aye on roll call: Pusa, Randle, Ferguson, Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Wigginton, Barfield, Kinsella, Hazel, Duco. (15)

Alderwoman Schaefer made a motion seconded by Alderman Wigginton to approve **RESOLUTION 3402** A Resolution to approve the Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code with Illinois Department of Transportation and City of Belleville for 2021-2022.

Members voting aye on roll call: Randle, Ferguson, Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Wigginton, Barfield, Kinsella, Hazel, Duco, Pusa. (15)

## ORDINANCES

None.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Ferguson made a motion seconded by Alderwoman Stiehl to approve the Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$63,973.56**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Ferguson, Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Wigginton, Barfield, Kinsella, Hazel, Duco, Pusa, Randle. (15)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rothweiler made a motion seconded by Alderwoman Duco to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Members voting aye on roll call: Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Wigginton, Barfield, Kinsella, Hazel, Duco, Pusa, Randle, Ferguson. (15)



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Jennifer Gain Meyer, City Clerk