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Belvidere, Illinois)

BELVIDERE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

Date: December 21, 2020

Convened in the Belvidere Council Chambers, 401 Whitney Blvd, Belvidere Illinois  
at 7:00 p.m.

Call to order by Mayor Chamberlain.

(1) Roll Call: Present: D. Arevalo, R. Brereton, M. Fleury, W. Frank, M. Freeman (by teleconference), M. McGee (by teleconference), T. Porter (by teleconference), T. Ratcliffe (by teleconference), D. Snow (by teleconference), and C. Stevens.

Absent: None.

Other staff members in attendance:

Budget and Finance Director Becky Tobin, Public Works Director Brent Anderson, Fire Chief Al Hyser (by teleconference), Police Chief Shane Woody, Community Development Planner Gina DelRose, City Attorney Mike Drella and City Clerk Sarah Turnipseed.

(2) Pledge of Allegiance:  
Invocation:

(3) Public Comment:

- (A) Birju Trivedi, Cloud Gate Investments, spoke as a proponent on increasing the number of Video Gaming Establishments.
- (B) Andy Racz, spoke as a proponent on increasing the Tax Levy for the Ida Public Library.

(4) Approval of Minutes:

- (A) Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 7, 2020; as presented.

Motion by Ald. Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Frank to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Belvidere City Council of December 7, 2020. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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(5) Public Hearing:

(A) Proposed Property Tax Levy.

Mayor Chamberlain opened the public hearing at 7:07p.m. and read the notice that appeared in the Belvidere Republican on December 10, 2020. Mayor Chamberlain asked if there was anyone who wished to address the public hearing. Kim Hohf, Board Member of the Ida Public Library, spoke on the Tax Levy Increase for the library. Mayor Chamberlain asked if there was anyone else who wished to address the public hearing, there being none the public hearing closed at 7:15p.m.

(6) Special Messages and Proclamations:

(A) Report of Growth Dimensions by Executive Director Pam Lopez-Fettes.

(7) Approval of Expenditures: General & Special Fund Expenditures: \$1,533,954.32  
Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures: \$ 310,868.21

Motion by Ald. Arevalo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to approve the General & Special Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$1,533,954.32. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens and Arevalo. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Arevalo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Porter to approve the Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures in the amount of \$310,868.21. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(8) Committee Reports and Minutes of City Officers:

- (A) Monthly Report of Belvidere Police Department Overtime for November 2020.
- (B) Monthly Report of Belvidere Fire Department Overtime for November 2020.
- (C) Monthly Report of Community Development Department/Planning Department for November 2020.
- (D) Monthly Report of Building Department Revenues, Residential Building Permits and Case Reports for November 2020.
- (E) Monthly General Fund Report for November 2020.
- (F) Monthly Water/Sewer Fund Report November 2020.
- (G) Monthly Financial Report for November 2020.
- (H) Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission December 8, 2020.

Let the record show these reports were placed on file.

- (I) Minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 14, 2020.

Motion by Ald. Arevalo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Fleury to approve the minutes of Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 14, 2020. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(9) Unfinished Business:

- (A) Ord. #511H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

Motion by Ald. Brereton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Stevens to pass Ordinance #511H. Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Arevalo to amend Ord.#511H to change the library portion of the tax levy from \$726,224.00 to \$744,525.00. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote to Amend: 6/5 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Fleury and Mayor Chamberlain. Nays: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Brereton and Frank. Further discussion took place. Roll Call Vote to pass Ordinance #511H as amended: 8/2 in favor. Ayes: McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Fleury and Frank. Nays: Brereton and Freeman. Motion carried.

- (B) Ord. #512H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Making a Levy and Providing for a Special Service Area #2 Tax in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

Motion by Ald. Porter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Arevalo to pass Ordinance #512H. Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman and McGee. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (C) Ord. #513H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Making a Levy and Providing for a Special Area #3 Tax in the City of Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021.

Motion by Ald. Arevalo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Fleury to pass Ordinance #513H. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee and Porter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- (D) Ord. #514H -2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Amending Sections 26-83 and 26-79 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code.

Motion by Ald. Snow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Arevalo to pass Ordinance #514H. Discussion took place. Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Arevalo to amend the second paragraph of Exhibit A to read: “In the event the proposed business requires another license or permit to operate lawfully, the City Clerk may require the applicant to provide copies of any such license or permit when applying for a BRL. The Clerk shall not issue a BRL to any applicant unless such requested permits or licenses are provided.” Further discussion took place. Roll Call Vote to Amend: 6/5 in favor. Ayes: Snow, Arevalo, Fleury, Porter, Ratcliffe, Mayor Chamberlain. Nays: Stevens, Brereton, Frank, Freeman and McGee.

Further discussion took place. Roll Call Vote to pass Ordinance #514H as amended: 6/4 in favor. Ayes: Arevalo, Fleury, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe and Snow. Nays: Stevens, Brereton, Frank and Freeman. Motion carried.

- (E) Ord. #515H- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Amending Section 14-152 of the City of Belvidere Municipal Code. (Increasing Video Gaming Locations Permits to 40)

Motion by Ald. Frank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Snow to pass Ord. #515H. Roll Call Vote: 8/2 in favor. Ayes: Arevalo, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow and Stevens. Nays: Brereton and Fleury. Motion carried.

(10) New Business:

- (A) Ord. #516H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Granting a Special use to Allow Indoor Commercial Entertainment (Video Gaming) within the CB, Central Business District (120 Buchanan Street).
- (B) Ord. #517H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Abandoned Properties to the Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority.
- (C) Ord. #518H – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: An Ordinance Temporarily Abating Abandonment of Liquor Licenses and Video Gaming Licenses within the City of Belvidere.

Let the record show that Ordinance #516H, Ordinance #517H and Ordinance #518H were placed on file for first reading.

- (D) Res. #2025-2020 – A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for Geographical Information Services with Boone County.

Motion by Ald. Arevalo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Fleury to adopt Res.#2025-2020. Roll Call Vote:10/0 in favor. Ayes: Brereton, Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens and Arevalo. Motion carried.

Motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole – Building, Planning and Zoning and Public Works of December 14, 2020.

- (A) Motion by to approve the Courthouse Square Area III Intensive Survey. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Fleury, Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo and Brereton. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- (B) Motion to authorize the Belvidere Police Department to enter into an agreement with CDS Technologies for \$109,247.00 for body worn cameras and approve an expenditure of \$59,247.00 for the remainder of the agreement

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cost to be divided up between the Belvidere Police Department Auction Account (\$45,000) and Drug Operations Account (\$14, 247.00). Discussion took place. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Frank, Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton and Fleury. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(C) Motion to accept the donations from Cosmopolitan Club, Casey's General Store, and Roberta Eicksteadt to the Belvidere Police Department totaling \$1,350.00 for Feed the Need Food Drive. Roll Call Vote: 10/0 in favor. Ayes: Freeman, McGee, Porter, Ratcliffe, Snow, Stevens, Arevalo, Brereton, Fleury and Frank. Nays: None. Motion carried.

(11) Adjournment:

Motion by Ald. Fleury, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ald. Arevalo to adjourn meeting at 8:38 p.m. Aye voice vote carried. Motion carried.



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Mayor

Attest:



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City Clerk