

City of Belleville

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CITY OF BELLEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Thursday, September 10th, 2026

A regular meeting of the City of Belleville Planning Commission was called to order at 6:30pm at the municipal Building, 330 Charles Street, Belleville, MI 48111

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Jim Courage - present
Julie Kissel – City Council Rep/Vice Chair - present
Becky Hasen - present
John Juriga - present
Raytheon Martin – absent, excused
Gerald Keeder III - present
Mark Kowalski – absent, excused
Alvis Brigis - present
Tara Edwards – present

3. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Keeder
Unanimous approval

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Edwards, seconded by Brigis
Unanimous approval

6. Public Hearing

None

7. General Business

Sign Ordinance – City Manager Peck mentions Municode is 9-12 months behind, suggests the committee not wait on them to make changes, not having all the city's ordinances online is a public access concern; stresses the definitions in the ordinance need to match the pictures; suggests the committee change the verbiage to include more “enforcers” of the ordinance, not just a building official

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or city manager; Kissel mentions some examples of adjustments and clarity needed (language, lights) discussion of how and what to update in the ordinance; Brigis suggests considering the Iron Belle Trail, depending on where the trails runs through Belleville, would like interactive signs; Peck mentions needing to balance between the signs the city needs to have up and what the city will allow businesses to display; Juriga emphasizes the importance of enforcement; Brigis mentions taking flock cameras and smart signs into consideration, Peck warns that any infrastructure that records, listens, or observes/senses the public, is a violation and will go in the prohibited section of the ordinance, Peck also mentions that tethered balloons should be prohibited, mylar balloons shouldn't be allowed due to risk to electrical infrastructure; Commission Keeder offers an update on the Huron Watershed Council

8. City Manager Comments

Thanks the commission for the great discussion, mentions a cell phone company contacted him about placing a tower in the city; the city will only make money if it is installed on city property, but the location is unknown at this time, would come to planning commission for approval if the plan moves forward; the Horizon Park Bank Stabilization project is nearing the start, waiting for the permits to be approved; the intersection of Main and Denton is moving along, will work with the county and Van Buren to patch construction lane

9. Planning Commissioners Comments

Chair Jim Courage- thank you to the commission

Vice Chair Julie Kissel- appreciates the good discussion this meeting

Becky Hasen- no comment

John Juriga- would like to review noise ordinance, "we are so noisy for being so small"

Gerald Keeder III- City had a great summer, looking forward to fall sports and football season

Alvis Brigis- E Huron River Drive and Liberty corner is way too tight; mentions the city needs to come up with a stance on data centers

Tara Edwards- thanks Peck for his guidance on the sign ordinance; mentions the pickleball nets were all stolen again, after they were stolen and replaced last year, reminder Friday 9/11 is "100 Years of Band" at Belleville High School

10. Citizen Comments

None

11. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

More review of sign ordinance, prepare first reading for November

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12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Keeder to adjourn

Adjournment Time: 7:45pm

Submitted Respectfully by: Colleen Wynne, Building Clerk