

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Council Member Bates	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

- None

B. Council Follow Up List

- 1) Council Member Bates stated she would like to see due by dates being utilized on the follow up list.
- 2) Council Member Jones stated that he would like to see permanent signage implemented for the BORA DORA district.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- 1) Sabrina Richardson-Williams noted that the green traffic light where Savage Rd. meets 5 Points is not long enough.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Henry	Aye
	Council Member Bates	Aye
	Council Member Jones	Aye
	Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
	Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 7, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, February 7, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Bates	Aye
	Council Member Jones	Aye
	Council Member Henry	Aye
	Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
	Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) Golf Cart Ordinance

MOTION: Motion by Bates, Second by Voigt to open a Public Hearing on the Golf Cart Ordinance at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Bates	Aye
	Council Member Jones	Aye
	Council Member Henry	Aye
	Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
	Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

Residents and attendees commented as follows:

- A resident of Victoria Commons expressed her concerns of not being able to ride the golf carts from their subdivision to downtown, as the carts cannot be operated on roads with a speed limit exceeding 25 mph.
- Brian Loranger asked if alleys would be accessible to the golf carts, to which City Manager Robinson responded they would be, if they are city owned alleyways.
- Sabrina Richardson-Williams inquired how parking would work to which City Manager Robinson responded that they should be able to park anywhere a motor vehicle could park.

Seeing no additional comments, Mayor Conley called for a motion.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, Second by Jones to close the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Bates	Aye
	Council Member Jones	Aye
	Council Member Henry	Aye
	Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
	Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A) Golf Cart Ordinance

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, Second by Bates to approve Ordinance No. 22-001 allowing individuals to operate properly registered golf carts on many city-owned streets.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Bates	Aye
	Council Member Jones	Aye
	Council Member Henry	Aye
	Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
	Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Making DDA District a Redevelopment Zone

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution # 22-015** to turn the DDA District into a redevelopment zone.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Bates	Aye
	Council Member Jones	Aye
	Council Member Henry	Aye
	Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
	Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B) Refinancing of Bond for the DDA

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution #22-016** authorizing refinancing of the Capital Improvement Bonds for the DDA.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Bates	Aye
	Council Member Jones	Aye
	Council Member Henry	Aye
	Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
	Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

C) Scheduling of City Council Strategic Planning Session

City Manager Robinson coordinated with the Strategic Planning Session facilitator and Council to verify that March 8, 2022, at 6 pm would suffice for the City Council Strategic Planning Session. All agreed.

D) Discussion – Seasonal Banners

Council member Voigt stated that he would like to see the following display timeline followed for seasonal banners in 2022:

- BHS Senior Banners – May, June, and July
- Community Art Banners – August, September, and most of October
- Veteran Banners – Would go up at the end of October/beginning of November until taken down sometime in the winter

- Winter Banners – Would go up once the Veteran’s banners are taken down.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-017** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Henry	Aye
	Mayor Conley	Aye
	Council Member Bates	Aye
	Council Member Jones	Aye
	Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson discussed the upcoming department study sessions and suggested having two Council Members assigned to work with each department head, to build leadership among staff and to help Council understand the inner workings of each department.
- Informed Council that the current Building Clerk, Angela Plummer, will be resigning effective March 1st. He also noted that an application was received as soon as the position was posted from a former employee, Michelle Bellingham, who was offered the position and accepted.
- Mentioned that the Lake Fest organizers were supposed to form a 501c3 committee, but that has not happened. He sought guidance from the Council as to whether a committee still needs to be formed.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Bates
 - Thanked everyone for being present at the meeting.
 - Mentioned that the Veteran’s banners have been up for a while, and are scheduled to come down tomorrow, with emails to follow for those who wish to keep their banners.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
 - Thanked everyone for being at the meeting.
 - Stated he is excited to see how the golf cart ordinance turns out.
- Council Member Henry
 - No comments.
- Council Member Jones
 - Stated he is happy to see discussions taking place at the meeting.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Conley had no comments.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Therese Antonelli
 - Thanked City Council for their approval of the golf cart ordinance.
- Jeremiah Beebe
 - Noted that the Belleville High School Wrestling Team has three team members who qualified for states.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.
No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

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