

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 7, 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.

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

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

1) Scarecrow Contest 2022 awards were presented by Mayor Conley to the following winners:

- Business Category - Team Designs
- Family/Individual Category - Marcotte Family
- Adult Organizations - Mark & Misty Animal Magic
- Youth Organizations - Keystone Academy

Both Team Designs and Animal Magic were present to accept their awards.

B. Council Follow Up List

1) Council Member Jones

- a) Asked about progress on Fourth Street Square. Director of Public Services Rick Rutherford provided status.

2) Council Member Bates

- a) Observed brick has been delivered to City Hall and inquired when it would be completed. DPS Director Rutherford explained we could not make date with mason until brick arrived, therefore date to be set soon.
- b) Asked how new locks were at restrooms, DPS Director Rutherford said they were a good upgrade.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) Tom Fielder from CBC, suggested having a Festival of Trees outdoors. Mayor Conley and Council members agreed.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve the agenda as presented. Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to amend motion to include addition of Item 2 under General Business, regarding interviews to fill vacancy on City Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Bates	Aye
	Council Member Jones	Aye

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 17, 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, October 17, 2022.

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

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

1) Resolution #22-064 - Board and Commission Appointment

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approving **Resolution # 22-064** appointing Ivan Ankwatsa to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

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

Motion Carried.

2) Interviews to Fill City Council Vacancy – Date and Time

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to set date and time of interviews to fill City Council vacancy for December 12, 2022 at 5:45 PM.

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

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #22-065** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

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

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Wayne County Commissioners approved grant, Wayne County ARPA funds for Victory Park Project.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Bates
 - Congratulations and welcome to Ivan Ankwatsa becoming new DDA member
 - Congratulations to the Scarecrow contest winners
 - GO BLUE!
- Council Member Jones
 - Thank you to everyone for coming
 - BHS Football playoff last home game this Saturday
 - Glad to see everyone enjoyed Boo-Ville activities
 - Winterfest is coming up soon
 - Veteran's Ceremony Friday November 11, 2022 9:00 AM at War Memorial
- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
 - Thanked everyone for coming, nice to have a big audience
 - Missed last council meeting due to illness but wanted to say he was impressed by tractor parade, one of the coolest things he has seen in Belleville
 - Welcome Ivan Ankwatsa to the DDA
 - Excited to have 6 applicants for City Council
 - GO Belleville Tigers!

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Thanked the volunteers for Veteran's flag placement at Hillside Cemetery
- Election day tomorrow, hence City Clerk/Treasurer absence from meeting. She has been working hard for the upcoming election, a lot of work behind the scenes.
- Great to see interest in open seat for Council.
- Looking forward to BHS football game Saturday.

- In need of a float for City Council for Winterfest. If anyone is interested, please inquire.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- DPS Director Rutherford
 - Stated scarecrows will be at the DPW yard, if personal items are wanted, they can come between 8:00 – 3:30 beginning next week to collect what they want from them.
 - Leaf pick up ends the first week of December.
- Bill Wolters of CBC –
 - largest attendance ever at Fall Fest. Taste of Belleville also was the largest attendance since hosting event, even with two thunderstorms. Janet is already working on 2023, they are up to 30 vendors for farmer's market.
 - Complimented Chief Robinson on officers responding quickly on Halloween. He witnessed a car backing out onto Main Street and an officer was there within a few minutes.
- Tom Fielder
 - Everything went well Friday at BHS football game, considering the size of the crowd flow exiting went well, great for the community.
 - Estimated close to 2,000 in attendance for Taste of Belleville.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.
No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Michelle Bellingham / Administrative Clerk

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

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