

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 19, 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**

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| Council Member Bates | Present              |
| Council Member Henry | Absent               |
| Council Member Jones | Arrived at 7:46 p.m. |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt  | Present              |
| Mayor Conley         | Present              |

**3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS**

A. Presentations

1) Retirement of Reserve Officer – Jim Piper

- a) Reserve Sergeant Piper was presented a plaque to commemorate his retirement following 7 years of service with the Belleville Police Department Reserves.

B. Council Follow Up List

1) None

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) John Juriga

- a) Informed everyone that the Belleville Area District Library will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays, beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>, and will also have extended hours beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>.

2) Brian Loranger

- a) Stated that the Belleville Fire Department is receiving a grant for a new fire truck.

3) Tom Fielder

- a) Provided the following updates from the Growth Works Board and Substance Use Disorder Board meetings:
  - 1. The courts are trying to catch up on cases, and many juveniles no longer have residential treatment available to them due to a lack of centers providing this service.
  - 2. The Substance Use Disorder Board has begun opening their own treatment centers to accommodate those who need these centers.
  - 3. Fentanyl test strips will shortly be available to communities at no cost.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**Motion Carried.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. September 6, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

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

**Motion Carried.**

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Amendment to Ordinance # 00-002 – Juvenile Responsibility

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to open a Public Hearing on the Amendment to Ordinance # 00-002 at 7:43 p.m.

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

**Motion Carried.**

- Mayor Conley opened the floor to attendees for comments/questions on the Amendment to Ordinance # 00-002. No questions/comments were noted.
- Seeing no comments, Mayor Conley called for a motion.

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to close the Public Hearing on the Amendment to Ordinance # 00-002 at 7:45 p.m.

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

**Motion Carried.**

**7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

A. Amendment to Ordinance # 00-002 - Juvenile Responsibility

**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve the Amendment to Ordinance # 00-002 as presented.

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

**Motion Carried.**

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

### **A) Special Event Application – Witches’ Ball**

**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates approving the Witches’ Ball, hosted by Egan’s Pub, on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. in Fourth Street Square. (Council Member Jones arrived at 7:46 p.m. prior to voting on this item).

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

**Motion Carried.**

### **B) Resolution # 22-059 – GLWA Water Rate Contract Amendment/Approval**

**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approve an amended contract between the City of Belleville and the Great Lakes Water Authority, as presented.

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

**Motion Carried.**

### **C) MERS Multiplier Provision – Re-Hired Employees**

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve a provision to the agreement between the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System and the City of Belleville, as presented.

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

**Motion Carried.**

D) Discussion – DIA Inside-Out Art Installation

**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates approving the temporary installation of art pieces in the City, provided by the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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| 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 #22-060** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

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| 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**

- Stated that the Belleville Police Department has hired a new full-time Officer, Tirrell Robinson, who formerly worked for the Detroit Police Department. Robinson will be officially sworn in by the City Clerk on September 21<sup>st</sup>, and will be ceremoniously sworn in at the City Council Meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Noted that City staff have been removing dead trees in Hillside Cemetery.
- Noted that brick work on the East-facing wall of City Hall is slated to begin the first week of October.

**11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Council Member Bates
  - Congratulated Reserve Sergeant Piper on his retirement.
  - Thinks the DIA art installation is great.
  - Thanked Tom Fielder for his report regarding substance abuse.
  - Thinks it is awesome that the Fire Department is receiving a grant for a new fire truck.
- Council Member Jones
  - Thanked everyone in attendance.
  - Noted that there is one more weekly car show remaining, taking place on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Reminded everyone that Harvest Fest will take place on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Stated that the Belleville High School Football Team has a home game this week.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
  - Congratulated Reserve Sergeant Piper on his retirement, and stated that he is one of the best.
  - Looking forward to the DIA art installation.
  - Is excited for the Fire Department to receive a new fire truck.

## 12. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Informed everyone that the Belleville High School Band Review will take place this Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, with a rain-date scheduled the following Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Noted that the Regular Meeting of the Downtown Development Authority will be held on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m.

## 13. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- Chris Zweng
  - Thanked Egan's Pub for recognizing how meaningful the "ghost sign" from the former Golden Boy Restaurant is to the community.
- Therese Antonelli
  - Inquired about the possibility of lighting trees along Main St. during the holidays.
- Tom Fielder
  - Stated that somewhere there is a photo showing the inside of the former Golden Boy Restaurant, as well as a menu from the establishment, however it has yet to be located.
  - Noted that the Belleville Police Department and it's Reserve Officers have been great about clearing traffic following football games at the high school.

## 14. **ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

- None

## 15. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.  
No objections were noted.

**Motion Carried.**

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

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