

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 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. 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

1) Audit Presentation – Alan C. Young & Associates, P.C.

- a) Jay Wilde from Alan C. Young presented the results of the City of Belleville's financial audit with no deficiencies or weaknesses to report. He stated that the audit was quick and efficient, and that the city is financially sound.

B. Council Follow Up List

- 1) Mayor Conley inquired as to when Wayne County will make decisions on the grants submitted to them, to which City Manager Robinson responded that there is no definitive answer at this time.
- 2) Council Member Jones inquired about the status of demolition for the building attached to City Hall, and if the city could make the building secure and more attractive in the meantime. He also asked about the status of the cleanup at the DPW yard.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- 1) John Juriga stated that the Rotary Club is looking for service projects within the community to assist with.
- 2) Becky Hasen asked if there is a planning commission meeting scheduled for this month.
- 3) Tom Fielder presented information he received from a substance use disorder board meeting, stating that there have been instances of Fentanyl being found in Marijuana. He also noted that although the recent Belleville High School Football championship is being advertised as the first, the BHS Football Team was voted as State Champion in 1958.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve the agenda as presented, with the removal of the closed session minutes approval.

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. January 18, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 18, 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.

B. January 3, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council – Amended

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve the amended Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on Monday, January 3, 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 HEARING

- None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Special Event Application – Girl Scout Cookie Booth

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution # 22-011** authorizing Girl Scouts D11001 to establish a booth in 4th Street Square on February 19, 2022, March 5, 2022, and April 3, 2022, as well as in Victory Park on February 20, 2022, and April 10, 2022, for the purpose of selling Girl Scout Cookies.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
Mayor Conley

Aye
Aye

Motion Carried.

B) Special Event Application – Flop E Bunny

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #22-012** authorizing the Belleville Central Business Community to hold the Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt event on April 16, 2022, from 12 pm to 2 pm. (Council Member Jones recused himself from voting, as he directly benefits from the event).

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

Motion Carried.

C) Special Event Application – Belleville's Farmer's Market

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-013** authorizing the Belleville Central Business Community to hold the Belleville Farmer's Market event every Monday from June 7th to October 24th, 2022, from 4 pm to 7:30 pm, except for Independence Day (July 4th) and Labor Day (September 5th). (Council Member Jones recused himself from voting, as he directly benefits from the event).

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

Motion Carried.

D) Special Event Application – Cinnamon's Father's Day Car Show

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution #22-014** authorizing Steve Cinnamon to hold the Cinnamon's 21st Annual Father's Day Car Show on June 19, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 3 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.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-010** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

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.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson noted that it has been a busy time, and that negotiation and ratification of the POAM and GELC union contracts has been handled.
- The city has applied for a large grant from Wayne County with the purpose of revamping Victory Park.
- A CDBG grant application for the Veteran's Memorial has been submitted as well.
- Mentioned that the city should consider rehabbing the roads in Hillside Cemetery with the assistance of private donors.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Henry
 - No comments.
- Council Member Jones
 - No comments.
- Council Member Bates
 - Reminded everyone that 3G cell service phases out soon.
 - Stated she is happy to hear about another successful audit.
 - Is glad to see special events returning year after year.
 - Wished Fire Chief Brian Loranger a happy birthday.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
 - Stated he was happy to see everyone at the meeting.
 - Is pleased with the audit presentation.
 - Mentioned that he ran in to a citizen who makes giant helmets for sports teams and asked him about making one for the BHS Football Team.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Conley congratulated the city administration for keeping their budgets in line.
- Noted that the next Council meeting on February 22nd is on a Tuesday due to President's Day.
- Thanked those that plowed and salted the roads during the recent snowfall.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Tom Fielder
 - Asked to verify that the Public Hearing for the golf carts would be a part of the February 22nd Council meeting.
 - Suggested that the city touch base with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to start the process of stabilizing the shoreline along Hillside Cemetery.
 - Extended an invitation to both the Police and Fire Departments to participate in the Flop E Bunny event.
- Brian Loranger
 - Noted that he was up north recently, and the parking lots up there were not cleared at all.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.
No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk
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