

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 18, 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 Pro-Tem Voigt at 7:30 p.m.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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| Council Member Henry | Present     |
| Council Member Jones | Present     |
| Council Member Bates | Present     |
| Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt  | Present     |
| Mayor Conley         | Not Present |

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

A. Presentations  
-None

B. Council Follow Up List

- 1) Council Member Jones inquired about the status of the following:
  - a) Demolition of building attached to City Hall
  - b) Golf Cart ordinance proposal
  - c) Marijuana licensing renewals
  - d) Auction of unused DPW items

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- 1) Becky Hasen asked if the community sign at Main St. & 5<sup>th</sup> would be updated any time soon.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to accept the agenda as presented.

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

**Motion Carried.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. January 3, 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 Monday, January 3, 2022.

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

**Motion Carried.**

**6. PUBLIC HEARING**

- None

**7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

- None

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION**

A) BHS Football Team Trophies – City Acting as Fiduciary

1. City Manager Robinson stated that the city had acted as the fiduciary for private donors that wanted to contribute toward the cost of the Belleville High School football team's championship trophies.

B) Special Event Application – St. Patrick's Day

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-006** authorizing Egan's Pub to hold a St. Patrick's Day event on March 17, 2022, with an extension of the DORA hours from 12 pm to 10 pm.

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

**Motion Carried.**

C) Special Event Application – Car Show

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-007** authorizing Egan's Pub to be the event coordinator for the "Cruisin' on Main" car show, to take place on Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., June 6, 2022, to September 26, 2022, with the exception of Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>) and Labor Day (September 5<sup>th</sup>). (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

**Motion Carried.**

D) Rollover of Water/Sewer Fund Certificate of Deposit

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution #22-009** to rollover a matured \$50,000 Certificate of Deposit, funded by the Water and Sewer account, into a three-year Certificate of Deposit at 1.25% interest.

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

**Motion Carried.**

**9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES**

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-005** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

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

**Motion Carried.**

**10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

- City Manager Robinson stated he had been sick for a couple of weeks.
- Due to an uptick in the Omicron variant of Covid-19, all patrons and employees must wear a mask inside of City Hall.
- Excited for the DDA's strategic planning session and stated that the city council may be able to utilize the same facilitator for their strategic planning session.

**11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Council Member Henry
  - No comments.
- Council Member Jones
  - Thanked City Manager/Chief of Police Robinson, as well as everyone else, who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Ivy Rehab.
  - Reminded everyone that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Hair Station will take place on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.
- Council Member Bates
  - Would like to see more city involvement at community ribbon cutting ceremonies in the future.

- Stated that businesses that opened during the Covid-19 pandemic should have an opportunity to have ribbon cutting ceremonies as well.
- Suggested that the city approach businesses about having ribbon cutting ceremonies.

**12. MAYOR PRO TEM'S COMMENTS**

- Thinks that the city should be more proactive in welcoming new businesses.

**13. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- None

**14. CLOSED SESSION – UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS PER MCL 15.268**

- City Council recessed the regular meeting to go into a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, Second by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-008**, to recess the regular meeting at 7:56 p.m. and enter closed session.

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

**Motion Carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, Second by Jones to return to open session at 8:19 p.m.

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

**Motion Carried.**

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, Second by Bates to amend the agenda to add the addition of an action item - approval of contracts for POAM and GELC.

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

**Motion Carried.**

## 15. ADDITION OF ACTION ITEM – UNION CONTRACT APPROVALS

**MOTION:** Motion by Henry, Second by Jones to approve **Resolutions #22-003 and #22-004** ratifying union contracts for both the POAM and the GELC, respectively.

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

**Motion Carried.**

## 16. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.  
No objections were noted.

**Motion Carried.**

Briana Hootman, City Clerk  
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