

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 6, 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 Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

1) None

B. Council Follow Up List

1) None

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) Jennifer Delano

a) Stated that the Senior Transportation Board recently met to discuss the program, and noted that the vehicle used for transportation is currently out of service due to a need for repairs. She also offered to answer any questions regarding the program, and mentioned that she would like to set up a meeting between the Senior Transportation Board and City Council.

2) John Juriga

a) Recommended Council Member Steve Jones to replace former Deputy City Manager Tim McLean.

3) Therese Antonelli

a) Reminded everyone about the annual Scarecrow Contest.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of Item D, regarding repairs of the Senior Transportation vehicle.

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

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 1, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, August 15, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Council Member Bates	Aye
	Council Member Henry	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. Amendment to Juvenile Responsibility Ordinance

- a. No motion was made regarding the amendment, and discussion took place to schedule a Public Hearing regarding the amendment. The hearing is scheduled for the next regular meeting of the City Council on September 19th.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Discussion – BORA/DORA Expansion

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry approving expansion of the BORA/DORA district to include the new development at N. Liberty and Main St.

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

Motion Carried.

B) Discussion – Park Maintenance

1. Council Member Bates discussed maintenance of the City's parks, including items that she would like to see addressed, as follows:
 - i. Locks installed on bathroom doors within all parks
 - ii. Weeds removed from all parks
 - iii. Swings replaced in Village Park

C) Closure of City Hall – Week of Christmas Day/New Year's Day

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates approving the closure of City Hall from Monday, December 26th through Friday, December 30th, 2022.

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

Motion Carried.

D) Repair of Senior Transportation Vehicle

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry approving payment for repairs of the Senior Transportation vehicle, not to exceed \$5,000.

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

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution #22-057** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

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

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson noted that Deputy City Manager and Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director, Tim McLean, has resigned. He further stated that all DDA business will be handled by himself, and the City Clerk until a DDA Director can be hired.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Bates
 - Thanked the City Manager and City Clerk for handling all DDA business following McLean's departure.
 - Stated that Fall is on its way, and noted that Belleville is beautiful in the Fall.
 - Is excited for new businesses in the City to open.
- Council Member Jones
 - Noted that Van Buren Public Schools will be back in session on Thursday, September 8th.
 - Mentioned that the Art Factory will be holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 7th, at 5 p.m.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
 - Noted that Goat Day in the City was a success, and thanked Ann Richendollar and Council Member Jones for their assistance with the event.
 - Stated that applications for veteran banners are now available.
 - Informed everyone that the Arts Council will be hosting Art in the Parking Lot at Belleville High School on Sunday, September 11th from 1-5 p.m.
 - Thanked all attendees at the meeting.
- Council Member Henry
 - Excited for new businesses that will opening up, and noted that Belleville Bait and Tackle restaurant is closer to opening.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Thanked Scott Jones for clearing the end of High St., providing additional views of Belleville Lake.
- Noted that Friday, September 9th, is the first home football game at Belleville High School.
- Stated that the BHS Marching Band has returned from camp.
- Is excited to see students heading back to school for the year.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Garrett Kissel
 - Stated that he and another Belleville Fire Fighter visited schools within the district to get new maps of each building, along with an approximate number of students attending, to be prepared should an incident arise.
- Becky Hasen
 - Reminded everyone about the City Wide Yard Sale on September 10th and 11th.
- Tom Fielder
 - Inquired about the current status of the museum.
- Therese Antonelli
 - Stated she would like to see electrical service installed in 4th Street Square, as she feels that events in the area are hindered due to a lack of electricity.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- Council Member Bates asked to have park maintenance added to the Council follow-up list.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.
No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

Approved:

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