

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

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	Arrived at 7:40 p.m.
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

- 1) None

B. Council Follow Up List

- 1) Mike Renaud asked the following questions pertaining to the Council Follow Up List:
 - a) Questioned if it was worth utilizing city resources to retain legal counsel regarding the upcoming ballot proposal for medical marijuana.
 - b) Inquired about the exact location of the vegetation clearing near Horizon Park.
 - c) Asked if the city was still looking in to having a sprinkler system in Horizon Park.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- 1) John Juriga

- a) Stated it is a delight to walk through town now, with the weeds being cleaned up.
- b) Thanked Director of Public Services, Rick Rutherford, for the new crosswalk signs.

- 2) Tom Fielder

- a) Attended the most recent Detroit/Wayne County Substance Abuse Disorder Board Meeting, and had the following to report:
 1. The numbers are fairly normal, but 90% of Wayne County overdose deaths are due to fentanyl.
 2. Narcan is still good for 36 months following the expiration date.
 3. There have been 880 deaths from overdoses in the last year and the primary age group of those deaths is 35 to 55 years old.
 4. There has not been one overdose death of anyone under 18 years old within Wayne County over the last year.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approve the agenda 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.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 5, 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, July 5, 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. None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Resolution # 22-049 – Board and Commission Appointments

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry approving **Resolution # 22-049** to make two re-appointments to the Downtown Development Authority, two new appointments to the Board of Review, and one new appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

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) Resolution # 22-050 – Public Safety Special Assessment Millage Increase

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates approving **Resolution # 22-050**, to approve a Public Safety Special Assessment increase from 2 mills to 4 mills.

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 Jones, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution #22-051** 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 was not present. Deputy City Manager made the following comments on his behalf:
 - Thanked the DDA Seasonal Work Crew, as well as the Summer Youth Program workers for making the downtown area look very nice.
 - Stated that he is optimistic about the direction in which the city is headed.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Henry
 - Welcomed Angela Samyn to the Civil Service Commission
 - Stated that the Thunder Over Michigan air show was great.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
 - Reminded everyone about Music Lakeside taking place on Thursday, July 21st, at 7 p.m.
- Council Member Jones
 - Thanked the attendees of the meeting.
 - Noted that Brother Crowe was playing at 4th Street Square that evening.

- Council Member Bates
 - Thanked Tom Fielder for his report about substance abuse.
 - Thanked the attendees of the meeting.
 - Thanked the Summer Youth Program workers.

12. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Welcomed Angela Samyn to the Civil Service Commission.
- Stated that all indications point to approval of a grant from Wayne County for revitalization of Victory Park and/or Victory Station.
- Seconded the other comments made by the Council Members.

13. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- John Juriga
 - Thanked Steve Jones and Ken Voigt for hosting Music in the Park for the last 13 years.
- Tom Fielder
 - Mentioned in reference to his earlier report on substance abuse statistics that alcohol is still the number one cause of hospital admissions.
 - Inquired if there were any updates regarding the Belleville Area Museum.
- Becky Hasen
 - Asked if there were any new buildings being constructed in the new plaza at Main and N. Liberty.

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

- None

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.
No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

Approved:

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