

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 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**

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| 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) None

B. Council Follow Up List

1) No comments

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) John Juriga

a) Stated that he is impressed by the clean-up and improvements at the DPW yard.

2) Tom Fielder

a) Stated that the Memorial Day Service was great, and thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt for placing the wreath at the memorial.

b) Noted that the Belleville High School Naval Jr. ROTC program was rated the best in the Midwest.

3) Mike Renaud

a) Inquired about the status of the demolition of the building attached to City Hall.

4) Syncere Harris

a) Inquired about purchasing a piece of city property located on High St.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of item F, regarding obtaining legal counsel from Foster & Swift.

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| 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. May 16, 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, May 16, 2022.

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| 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) Review of Horizon Park Goats

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt asked the city to consider allowing Randy Brown Landscape Inc. to bring goats in once again to clear vegetation along the lake shore at Horizon Park, in reference to the current contract between the landscaping company and the City of Belleville.

B) Revitalization of Pump House by the Belleville Yacht Club

**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry to accept the Belleville Yacht Club's offer to revitalize the pump house located on N. Liberty.

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| 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.**

C) Budget Public Hearing Date Selection

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to set the 2022-23 FY Budget Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6 p.m.

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| 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.**

1. Millage Rate
  - a. Discussion of the millage rate for 2022.
2. Public Safety Special Assessment Rate

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve a proposed special assessment rate increase of 2 mills for public safety.

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| 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) Resolution # 22-043 – Approval of Millage Rate for 2022

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt to establish the 2022 tax millage rate of 15.9353, incorporating the Headlee rollback, as provided by Wayne County.

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| 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.**

E) Summer Youth Employment Program Funding Approval

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to accept a grant of \$40,000 from the Wayne County Mental Health Department for the purpose of hiring youth employees for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

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

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| Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt | Aye |
| Mayor Conley        | Aye |

**Motion Carried.**

F) Legal Counsel from Foster Swift Collins and Smith P.C.

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to hire Foster Swift Collins and Smith P.C. as legal counsel to provide expertise regarding the city's marijuana ordinance.

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| 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 #22-044** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

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| 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 stated that Robbie DeYoung from the Belleville Fire Department was able to locate, apply for, and awarded a grant through Beaumont Wayne to obtain three Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the Police Department to be used in the patrol vehicles.
- Mentioned that the city is working with the Downtown Development Authority to replace a broken piece of plexiglass on one of the tube slides at Victory Park.
- Noted that the Department of Public Works' downtown revitalization crew members have passed their physical exams and have completed orientation.
- Stated that the floating docks at Horizon Park were placed in the water today.
- Noted that ordinance enforcement within the city is going to be stepping up.
- Mentioned that an individual from the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Work Program trimmed overgrown brush in the alleyway running from 3<sup>rd</sup> street to 4<sup>th</sup> street.

## **11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Council Member Bates
  - Thanked everyone that was present at the meeting.
  - Thanked the Belleville Yacht Club for their efforts to help revitalize the city.
  - Stated she is glad that the Summer Youth Program is back.
  - Wished everyone a happy Father's Day.
- Council Member Henry
  - No Comments
- Council Member Jones
  - Noted that the Van Buren Public Schools will commence summer vacation this week, with the students having a half day on Thursday and Friday.
  - Mentioned that two of the three lights on the "Welcome to Belleville" sign are out.
  - Inquired if the road patching on Church St. would be repaired.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
  - Thanked the Rotary Club for their continued work on the gazebo in Victory Park.
  - Stated that the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial went well.

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

- Mayor Conley congratulated the Belleville High School Class of 2022 graduates, and said that the graduation ceremony was very nice.
- Mentioned that there will be a fundraiser on Friday at the Belleville Yacht Club for local resident, Harper Mathis, who has Neuroblastoma. Admission is \$20.

## **13. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- Brian Loranger
  - Mentioned that the Belleville High School girls' soccer team won districts.
- John Juriga
  - Noted that the stop sign in the crosswalk between Egan's and the Belleville Area Museum needs to be replaced.
- Mike Renaud
  - Thanked the city for a quick response regarding grass cutting and weed removal.
- Tom Fielder
  - Stated that he attended a meeting regarding the Belleville Area Museum's recent survey, and inquired as to whether any meetings for the tri-community have been scheduled.

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

- Public Comment on Sanitation Fees
- Resolution for National Police Week
- Resolution for Public Service week
- Bora Dora District

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.  
No objections were noted.

**Motion Carried.**

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

Approved:

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