

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 4, 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

Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present
Council Member Bates	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Arrived at 7:50 p.m.

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

- 1) Proclamation – Jeremy D. Stovall Splurge Foundation

MOTION: Motion by Henry, supported by Jones to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Motion Carried.

B. Council Follow Up List

- 1) Council Member Jones inquired as to whether or not a start date has been established for the demolition of the building attached to City Hall.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- 1) Tom Fielder

- a) Attended a substance use disorder meeting recently, and stated that as of the last hospital census, alcohol was the number one cause of hospital admissions. He also mentioned that many residential treatment centers have gone out of business.
- b) Invited everyone to the Flop E Bunny event on April 16th at Victory Park.
- c) Mentioned that Belleville High School placed 21st out of 40 schools in the recent robotics competition.

- 2) John Juriga

- a) Reminded everyone that this Saturday, April 9th, will be the Belleville Area District Library's Dedication/Open House, from 1-3 p.m.

- 3) Pastor White
 - a) Stated he would like to see the borders for the BORA DORA district reassessed to eliminate the Grace Baptist Church property as well as his residential property, eliminated from the district all together. He suggested having the section of High St. within the district moved to the west side of the street. He also suggested shortening the Roys St. boundary to the entrance of the Chase Bank drive through.
- 4) Alvis Brigis
 - a) Stated that the robotics competition this year at Belleville High School was massive, and that he would like to see the BHS group front and center by possibly incorporating their work in to Lake Fest.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of the following items:

- Special Event Application for the Mason Lodge's Flower Sale
- Belleville Independent Price Increase Proposal .

(Mayor Conley arrived at 7:50 p.m., prior to voting on this motion)

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. March 21, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Jones to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, March 21, 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 HEARINGS

A. Proposed Ordinance # 1000 – Amendment/Addition to Post-Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to open the public hearing for proposed Ordinance #1000 at 7:51 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.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to close the public hearing for proposed Ordinance #1000 at 7:52 p.m., after no comments from those in attendance.

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.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance #1000 – Amendment/Addition to Post-Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates approving the amendment/addition of Ordinance # 1000 to the city's Codified Ordinances.

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.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Special Event Application – K of C Fund Raiser

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution # 22-027** authorizing the Knights of Columbus to raise funds by selling Tootsie Rolls on April 8, 9, and 10, 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) Special Event Application – VFW Poppy Sale

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution # 22-028** authorizing the VFW to hold a poppy sale to raise funds on May 5, 6, and 7, 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.

C) Special Event Application – Cub Scouts Flower Sale

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution # 22-029** authorizing Cub Scout Pack # 793 to sell flowers in 4th Street Square on April 10, 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.

D) Special Event Application – Lake Fest

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution # 22-030** approving the Belleville Chamber of Commerce to hold Lake Fest on June 24, 25, and 26, 2022, with the change of closing High St. and Main St., instead of Roys, and the placement of fencing along the sidewalk where Roys and High St. meet.

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.

E) Pioneer Estimate for Lawn Maintenance on City Property

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt approving **Resolution # 22-032**, approving Pioneer to complete the cutting of City property, excluding Victoria Commons.

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

Motion Carried.

F) Resolution # 22-024 – Victory Park Grant

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution # 22-024**, authorizing the City Manager to submit a project plan and estimated project costs to Wayne County in support of a grant application for Victory Park.

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.

G) Resolution # 22-025 – GLWA Escrow Account

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry approving **Resolution # 22-025**, authorizing the City of Belleville to place funds in an escrow account in lieu of paying for the City of Highland Park's debt to the Great Lakes Water Authority.

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.

H) Addition to Agenda – Mason Lodge Flower Sale

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Jones to approve **Resolution # 22-031** approving the Belleville Masons' request to sell Easter flowers to raise funds on April 15 and 16, 2022.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
Mayor Conley

Aye
Aye

Motion Carried.

l) Addition to Agenda – Belleville Independent Price Increase Proposal

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Voigt approving **Resolution # 22-033**, approving the Belleville Independent's proposal to raise rates to \$7 per column inch as of May 1, 2022, as the City of Belleville's newspaper of record.

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.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution #22-026** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

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.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson stated that the job postings for the seasonal DPW positions have been posted, and he is excited to have them filled.
- He is looking forward to the re-striping of Main St., and believes that there is a positive vibe downtown.
- Informed everyone that the DPW main and side lots are in the process of being cleaned.
- Expressed that he would like to get the ball rolling on building a new City Hall.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Henry
 - Is looking forward to Lake Fest 2022.

- Council Member Jones
 - Thanked everyone who showed up to the robotics competition at Belleville High School, and mentioned that the BHS robotics team plays this weekend at Woodhaven High School.
 - Happy to see a large crowd present at the Council Meeting this week.
- Council Member Bates
 - Inquired as to when Hometown Provisions will be opening.
 - Believes the Jeremy D. Stovall Splurge Foundation is a beautiful thing to come out of such a tragedy.
 - Thanked Tom Fielder for his substance use disorder update.
 - Happy to see so many activities being planned within the city.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
 - Glad to see everyone present at the meeting.
 - Stated he is looking forward to Lake Fest, as well as the things happening downtown.
 - Is happy that things were able to be resolved with Grace Baptist Church in relation to Lake Fest.

12. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Mayor Conley stated she will not be present at the next Council Meeting.
- Stated there are a lot of things going on in the community, and thanked all of the volunteers who make them happen.
- Recently attended a meeting for the Belleville Area Museum, in which City Manager Robinson and representatives from both Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township were also present. She mentioned that Van Buren Township plans on offering the opportunity for community input on the Museum, and also hope to offer traveling exhibits.

13. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

- Brian Loranger
 - Noted that a couple of Fire Fighters are currently in Alabama for FEMA Hazmat training.
 - Stated there has been a lot of work done at the Fire Hall lately.
 - Mentioned that the Fire Department is currently in the process of trying to get approved by the State of Michigan to have a facility for teaching.
- Tom Fielder
 - Stated that there is a webinar tomorrow in which the State of Michigan will announce to local governments the amount of funding that will be received due to an opioid settlement.
- Chris Zweng
 - Mentioned that the Fire Fighter's Association always says that the City of Belleville is the heart of the community.
 - Stated that the Fill the Boot for Autism fundraiser was successful, and raised \$4,200 in 4 hours.

- John Blackstone
 - Asked for feedback from the City Council as to whether or not the VFW's Memorial Day event could be opened back up to the community.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- Council Member Bates stated that she would like to see a representative from a water organization such as EGLE attend a Council Meeting to update us on where we stand with PFAS levels in the Huron River and Belleville Lake.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 9:18 p.m.
No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, City Clerk

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