

Council Minutes
March 07, 2024

The Common Council of the City of Belington met in regular session Thursday, March 07, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Cheri Sturm presiding.

Council attending: Suzanna Skidmore, Katie Wolpert, Dana Booth, Marshall Reed, Adam Everson, Charles Alth, and Morgan Nesland.

Also attending: Connie Stewart, Assistant City Clerk; Belington Police Chief, Joshua Hymes; Patrolman Trenton Cooper; City Coordinator, John Rider; Also in attendance: Josh Raschella, Jessica George, Shayliagh Coberly, and Sharon Guthrie.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Councilman Reed moved to approve the March 07, 2024 agenda as presented. Councilman Booth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of February 15, 2024 Council meeting minutes. **Councilwoman Wolpert made a motion to accept, Councilman Alth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Timothy Watson from the US Small Business Administration gave information and lead a discussion on small business loan programs and programs from FEMA.

Jessica George with the Belington Public Library approached council concerning permission to modify ramp and deck. Was told to submit building permit. She also came to ask for a donation from the city again this year. They will be having a soup and sandwich fundraiser tomorrow.

Chief Hymes gave his report for February, 2024. The Belington Police Department had 58 calls of service and 55 traffic stops. 9 citation(s) issued including 8 charge(s) for traffic offense, 1 city ordinance violations, and 46 warnings. 2 misdemeanor arrests, 3 felony arrests, 2 traffic accidents, 0 process notice(s) served, and 6 background check(s). He also reported that the fishing derby will be in April but does not have a date set yet. Discussed a parking issue on Brown Ave.

The following building/demolition applications:

Calvin Elmore	Bridge St	Replacing soffit & adding roof overhang
	Estimated cost of: \$150.00	
Belington Clinic	95 S. Crim Ave	10x24 Addition
	Estimated cost of: \$10,000.00	
Josh Raschella	100 S Crim Ave	Steps and landing
	Estimated cost of: 1,000.00	

Acting upon the recommendation of building inspector, **Councilwoman Wolpert moved to approve all application(s) and issue permits, excluding Josh Raschella until zoning is issue is resolved. Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

City Coordinator, John Rider, updated council on fire hydrants and said they are waiting on a pump at the water plant. He also reported an issue with the ToolCat and the side brush for the street sweeper assembly. He was told if it should be in the budget to purchase.

Josh Raschell approached council to propose to change zoning in city alley. Discussion about possible 10 ft easement on both sides for parking and a loading area on the side of supply company. Tabled until further information can be available.

Consideration of March 07, 2024 Invoices, **Councilman Alth made the motion to accept, Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Sturm announced that the BOP will have an easter egg hunt March 23rd at the city park and is partnering with Barbour Co Family Resource Center. The City of Belington egg hunt will be March 30th on the street by library at 10am. City-wide clean-up will be April 20th at 8am with Junior Lions providing lunch for helpers at 11am.

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. by Councilman Alth, Councilman Booth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Cheri Sturm Mayor
Guendelyn A. Valentine City Clerk