

Council Minutes
January 16, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Belington met in regular session January 16, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Dana Booth presiding.

Council attending: Charles Alth, Suzanna Skidmore, Morgan Nesland, Stephenie Davis, Joshua Raschella, Marshall Reed, and Katie Wolpert.

Also attending Gwen Valentine; City Clerk, Connie Stewart; Assistant Clerk, Lori Wetzel; BOP, John Rider; Coordinator, Donald Harris; Chief Operator, and John Davis; Water Department.

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

Roll Call

Councilman Reed moved to accept the January 16, 2025 agenda as presented. Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Reed moved to accept the January 02, 2025 Council meeting minutes. Councilman Alth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Reports:

Water Plant:

Chief Operator Donald Harris noted a large loss of water from the storage tanks. Harris is going to look for potential leaks. Harris noted a filter issue at the water plant causing problems; the media may need replaced.

Police Department:

Patrolman Cooper spoke about theft of service on customer Jordan Armstrong which led to his arrest.

City Clerk Report:

City Clerk Valentine presented a new business license Graciebug's Closet, at Grey Stone Plaza.

Councilwoman Skidmore made a motion to approve the new business license. Councilman Alth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Parks:

Lori Wetzel informed council on a grant they received for disc golf through WVU. Board of Parks has also applied for an additional grant to help supplement the cost. Wetzel inquired about the purchase of WIFI. Wetzel gave the date of February 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for meet the candidate night. Wetzel updated council on the ongoing basketball season. Wetzell also noted that the furnace at the Civic Center was no fully working.

Old Business:

Councilman Raschella questioned information not being placed in the old business section of the agenda.

New Business:

Mayor Booth briefly spoke about ice falling off the building and damaging the roofing below. John Rider is to check and get an estimate for the repairs.

CSX purchase was tabled until Mayor Booth is able to obtain more information.

Councilwoman Wolpert made a motion to enter an agreement with Global Science and Technology. Councilman Raschella seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Alth made a motion to pay January 16, 2025 invoices. Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor and Council Comments:

Councilwoman Skidmore thanked the guys for keeping the streets cleaned. Councilman Alth noted he spoke with several municipalities and ultimately, they all have the same ordinance on snow removal. Councilman Reed also thanked the guys for doing a wonderful job with the snow removal. Councilwoman Wolpert updated on the demolition project. Wolpert noted they were through federal approval for the demo of four properties. Wolpert updated on DEP program demo for two additional houses. Mayor Booth addressed an email from attorney Rob Chenoweth on the Hart building permit. City Clerk Valentine is to check if Mr. Chenoweth could attend the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. by Councilman Alth, Councilman Raschella seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor
City Clerk