

Council Minutes
February 20, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Belington met in regular session February 20, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Dana Booth presiding.

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

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

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

Roll Call

Councilman Reed moved to accept the February 20, 2025 agenda as presented. Councilwoman Wolpert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Skidmore moved to accept the February 06, 2025 Council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Nesland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Police Department:

Patrolman Cooper spoke about the Police Department still being down a cruiser.

Code Enforcement Officer:

Code Enforcement Officer Cooper stated he spoke with Mr. Pigott concerning the building permit he submitted. Cooper noted that all requirements have been met for approval.

Water Plant:

Coordinator Rider spoke about two large leaks that were fixed; however, the water plant is still losing a large amount of water. Rider noted that once the river crossings were shut off and the leak has been localized, Royal Water and the PSC would be coming to assist locating the leak. Councilman Reed gave a location on String town Rd for a possible water leak. Councilwoman Skidmore noted a large amount of standing water on Locust Ave. Rider notified council about an increase in metal levels caused from the water plant sludge being dumped into the sewer system. Rider noted that the water plant sludge truck was in need of some repairs, tires, and inspection sticker. Rider is to send Councilman Alth tire sizes. Mayor Booth thanked Rider and his crew.

Sewer Plant:

Coordinator Rider noted that he had bought a new pump and had one repaired.

City Clerk Report:

City Clerk Valentine noted Early Election was underway. The dates would be from February 19, 2025 to March 03, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Board of Parks:

Lori Wetzel informed council on meet the candidate night Friday February 21, 2025 at 6:00p.m. at the Civic Center. Wetzel stated that because the city would not supply her with a key to the water storage supply area, she no longer wanted the Board of Parks to be responsible for the furnace. Wetzel addressed Coordinator Rider about a conversation they had where Wetzell stated Rider had no issue with giving the BOP a key until now. Rider stated that he would never have agreed to a key due to the fact that all the water supplies are housed in that facility. Councilwoman Skidmore noted that this decision had nothing to do with trust, it was based on the number of supplies housed. Wetzel wants it put into writing that the BOP will not be responsible for maintenance of the furnace, should it go out due to the drainage issue.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Skidmore for the beautification committee asked Councilman Raschella to leave the barrels in place that were still in good conditions. Skidmore will be decorating them for the spring soon with flowers. Councilman Wolpert for the finance committee noted the budget prepping would be taking place soon and she will schedule a meeting.

Old Business:

CSX Property has been tabled indefinitely until more information could be obtained. **Councilwoman Skidmore made a motion to table indefinitely, Councilman Alth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:


Councilwoman Wolpert gave a brief discussion on an upcoming pre bid meeting on February 27th, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. on the demolition of two properties, 3rd St and Jackson St. **Councilwoman Skidmore made a motion to open a new account at Freedom Bank for the DLap property project. Councilman Alth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Councilman Alth made a motion to pay February 20, 2025 invoices. Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Mayor and Council Comments:

Councilwoman Wolpert inquired about the annexation of the Industrial Park area. There was a brief discussion on the removal of the Snodgrass and Tankersley property. Mayor Booth noted that they would be taken out of the annexation, Mayor Booth had spoken directly with Mr. Tankersley. Mayor Booth also thanked the City of Philippi for taking down the Christmas lights.

Motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. by Councilman Alth, Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor



City Clerk