

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE AND LEGAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 13, 2026 5:30 PM**

Chairperson Stiehl called the meeting to order.

Members present on roll call: Alderperson Dowling-Urban, Alderperson Randle, Alderperson Anthony, Alderperson Kaiser, Alderperson Elmore, Alderperson Sullivan, Chairperson Stiehl.

Alderperson Excused: Alderperson Whitaker.

Department Heads Present: Mayor Gain Meyer, City Attorney Hoerner, Fire Chief Curt Lougeay, Director of Public Works Jason Poole.

Guest Alderpersons: Alderperson Schneider, Alderperson Ovia.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MINUTES

Alderperson Randle made a motion second by Alderperson Dowling-Urban to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 meeting.

All members present voted aye.

Motion carries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairperson Stiehl: The Ordinance and Legal Committee asked us to come back with a draft Ordinance which is 7-C Discussion and Possible Motion to Amend Title 15, Land Usage Chapter 150, Building Code, (Building Regulations) and Section 150.37 Dumpster Permit for possible requirement of pavement weight protection. Is there any discussion? Alderman Randle? Jason?

Alderperson Randle: Yes, I would just like some clarification when these dumpster get permits and how do we know how long they are there.

Director of Public Works Poole: So, our Housing Department issues the Dumpster Permits, and then we place the barricades at the dumpsters themselves on the street, if they're on the street. So, if it's a Dumpster Permit, that's needs a Dumpster Permit issue, but it's not on the street, we don't, I don't necessarily know that it's there. So, if it's in the driveway, I'm not gonna know it's there. Any other. I don't have any other.

Mayor Gain Meyer: Issuing a permit is not proof of the date of dumpster delivery.

Director of Public Works Poole: Yes.

Alderperson Randle: What is the permit process.

Director of Public Works Poole: I can tell you what internally, what happens. We get a Dumpster Permit; it comes from the Housing Department. We send somebody out. If it's not there, then we kind of just keep

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an eye and look for the dumpster to be there today or two or three. And then a week later, one of my guys will go by, hey, the dumpsters still there. The dumpster's gone. I grab the barricades. That's what happens internally for me.

Alderson Randle: At what point do you receive the permit? Does Housing send to you?

Director of Public Works Poole: Yes, sure. I'm not going to guarantee that I get the permit the same day that the permit is issued. Yeah.

Alderson Randle: (Inaudible)

Director of Public Works Poole: Yes, yes, yes. Correct.

Alderman Elmore: (Inaudible)

Mayor Gain Meyer: Sure, but that does not mean you have to (inaudible).

Attorney Hoerner: I would note that this proposed ordinance, Subsections A and B are what currently exists and subsection C is what is proposed to be added just for clarification.

Alderson Randle made a motion second by Alderson Elmore to approve the Subsection C.

Members voting aye on roll call: Dowling-Urban, Randle, Anthony, Kaiser, Elmore, Sullivan, Stiehl.

Motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS/NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible motion to amend Title IX (General Regulations), Chapter 90 (Animal Control), Section 90.06 (Animal Care) specifically Farm Animals as they relate to 4H and other animal husbandry programs at Belleville School Districts.

Mayor Gain Meyer: So, what this is just some language and the language can change. I met with this 201 and they're wanting to bring back basically the 4H husbandry type programs. Obviously, our current Ordinance doesn't allow farm animals in the city limits. This would only be for the school districts. This would not allow for any residential or commercial, this is strictly for them.

Alderson Elmore: Can I ask what husbandry is?

Mayor Gain Meyer: Husbandry is like the teaching of agricultural. Agricultural type things, animals.

Chairperson Stiehl: They have a program at U of I in it, animal husbandry.

Mayor Gain Meyer: I don't know what they call it anymore. So, I just want to. I added that because I don't know if it's just 4H or they'll have other programs.

(Inaudible)

Chairperson Stiehl: So, would we make a motion then, Mayor for the.

Mayor Gain Meyer: Well, we just need to add that. That you guys would allow that.

Chairperson Stiehl: And we would put

Mayor Gain Meyere: Within the school districts only. I mean, it's not changing anything for residents or commercial.

(Inaudible)

Mayor Gain Meyer: Yeah, I put it in blue. What I wanted to add. I don't even know that that's the right language. I just added it. I mean, the city attorney, that's his job to clean it up.

Chairperson Stiehl: He'll put the right language in.

Aldersperson Randle made a motion second by Aldersperson Kaiser to approve the request.

Members voting aye on roll call: Dowling-Urban, Randle, Anthony, Kaiser, Elmore, Sullivan, Stiehl.

Motion carries.

Discussion and possible motion to amend Title XIII (General Offenses), Chapter 130 (Offenses Against Public Peace & Safety), Section 109.07 (Burning) as it relates to Bonfire Permits and Agricultural and Commercial Burning.

Fire Chief Lougeay: So, we've had a few instances of some of the neighbors complaining about different bonfire activities, people burning illegal things, obtaining a permit, and not operating inside the ordinance. Generally, by the time the Fire Department is notified of it, we get out there, anything that's in the pile is burned beyond our ability to determine what was there. So, in addition to our normal permitting process, we would have a member of the Fire Department staff go out and inspect the burn pile to ensure that they're not burning anything that is outside of the ordinance prior to the issuance of the permit. That would kind of give us an opportunity to know exactly what's in the pit. And then if something shows up later when we get called for complaints, we have a good handle on what was there originally. We cleaned up some language in there and changed some of the dimensions and the Special events. We put both the residential and the special event permits, which is a larger fire but kind of to be similar. And then we've had a couple of instances, we also increased the fee on the Special events to be more consistent with what our costs are if we have a crew out there. And then we had a couple of instances out towards Eckert's where some of the excavation companies were burning seasoned wood out in the field to clear areas for creek beds and things like that. We didn't have anything in the bonfire permit that addressed this. So, we've added some language there to make sure that we're aware of it and we're able to keep track of what's going on with that.

Aldersperson Elmore made a motion second by Aldersperson Dowling-Urban to approve the proposed changes.

Members voting aye on roll call: Dowling-Urban, Randle, Anthony, Kaiser, Elmore, Sullivan, Stiehl.

Motion carries.

There's a motion to amend Title 3, Administration Chapter 33, Public Safety Law Enforcement Section 33.049, Non-Emergency Medical assistance fee in accordance with the state law regulations.

Fire Chief Lougeay: So, on January 1st, the legislature passed House Bill 2336 that basically outlines when Fire Departments can bill for lift assists in assisted living facilities. We had language that allowed us to bill for those. Current language in the new House Bill states that we must go to the same facility six times within a calendar year before we can bill. So, I have amended the language to reflect the change in the state law.

Chairperson Stiehl: Thank you. So, we'll need a motion to amend Title 3, Administration Chapter 33.

Aldersperson Anthony made a motion second by Aldersperson Randle to approve the changes as described.

Aldersperson Anthony: The City can bill for these services?

Fire Chief Lougeay: The State Law now says you have to go six times within a calendar. Yeah. Yeah. That's what the House bill says now, correct.

Aldersperson Anthony: And basically, that is after responding six times.

Fire Chief Lougeay: Yeah. that's a little bit disheartening compared to what we were fighting to get through before.

Aldersperson Anthony: How will the Fire Department handle these calls?

Fire Chief Lougeay: I mean, the operations are going to stay the same if we're called and there is assistance needed, obviously we're not going to let someone stay in a precarious position. So, we'll do what we can. Obviously, this was set up because we'd had a few instances of injury and we were trying to discourage that. Fortunately for us, it has helped to some degree. Obviously, it's not 100% foolproof. So, I'm banking on the fact that maybe we've established a precedent that they're not going to make us their first call.

Unidentifiable Aldersperson: (Inaudible)

Fire Chief Lougeay: Correct. And then this, this only affects non-emergencies. So obviously if there's, we're called for lift assist in relation to them going to the hospital. We weren't billing anyway because that was part of an emergency service. This is more of a fallen out of bed or out of a chair and they need help getting back into that chair or something of that nature.

Chairperson Stiehl: Chief, I have a question. Oh, do you have a. Go ahead. I have a question about is it just facilities in the city or anything that you do.

Fire Chief Lougeay: So, we only will respond to any of the facilities in the city. We don't generally go outside the city to assist other agencies for those kind of things.

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Aldersperson Anthony made a motion second by Aldersperson Randle to approve the new language.

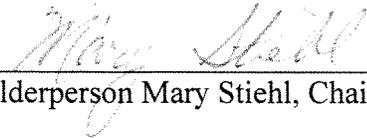
Members voting aye on roll call: Dowling-Urban, Randle, Anthony, Kaiser, Elmore, Sullivan, Stiehl.

Motion carries.

Aldersperson Randle made a motion second by Aldersperson Kaiser to adjourn at 5:47 PM

All members present voted aye.

Motion carries.



Aldersperson Mary Stiehl, Chairperson

