

STREETS & GRADES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 17, 2026

101 S. Illinois St., Belleville, IL

CHAIRMAN Alderperson Lillian Schneider, Ward 1
MEMBERS Alderperson Carmen Duco, Ward 2
IN ATTENDANCE Chairperson, Alderperson Kent Randle, Ward 3
Alderperson Raffi Ovian, Ward 4
Alderperson Ed Dintelman, Ward 5
Alderperson Mary Stiehl, Ward 6
Alderperson Dennis Weygandt, Ward 7
Alderperson Kara Osthoff, Ward 8

ABSENT/EXCUSED

STAFF Scott Saeger, City Engineer
Jason Poole, Public Works Director
Rene Thompson, Engineering Secretary

GUEST/ALDERMEN Alderperson Bryan Whitaker, Ward 1
Alderwoman Kathy Kaiser, Ward 5
Brandon Beckemeyer, Oates Associates

PUBLIC ATTENDING None

Chairperson Randle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Participation

None.

Approval of Minutes

(01:25) Alderperson Weygant made a motion to approve the minutes from January 20, 2026. Alderperson Osthoff seconded the motion. All members were all in favor by voting aye.

Director of Public Works

(01:47) Jason gave an overview of departments.

The winter/snow trucks are undergoing repairs.

Mt. Hope Cemetery project began. The project consists of filling the ravine where a storm line broke.

The project is scheduled to be completed quickly.

Culvert Replacements are being performed in several locations throughout the city.

New Business

1. (2:56) North Douglas Ave. CDBG Resolution

Motion to approve a Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for N. Douglas Ave. contributing \$623,100.00 of local match with a requirement to expend said amount by 50% completion of the project. (HRST and MEPRD Grant Funds)

Alderperson Stiehl made a motion to approve a Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for N. Douglas Ave. contributing \$623,100.00 of local match with a requirement to expend said amount by 50% completion of the project.

Alderperson Osthoff seconded the motion.

Members voted aye in a roll call vote: Schneider, Duco, Ovian, Dintelman, Stiehl, Weygandt, Osthoff, Randle. Motion carries.

2. (03:49) Contract Renewal for MFT Traffic Signals and Street Light Maintenance Program

Motion to approve renewal of contract 26-00000-02-GM with Electrico, Inc. as stated in the Special Provisions; Option to Renew, at the current unit prices totaling \$125,693.06 for FY 2026-2027. (MFT and TIF Funds)

Alderson Dintelman made a motion to approve renewal of contract 26-00000-02-GM with Electrico, Inc. as stated in the Special Provisions; Option to Renew, at the current unit prices totaling \$125,693.06 for FY 2026-2027.

Alderson Stiehl seconded the motion.

Members voted aye in a roll call vote: Schneider, Duco, Ovan, Dintelman, Stiehl, Weygandt, Osthoff, Randle. Motion carries.

3. (04:46) Resurfacing of Belleville Crossing Street

Motion to approve Christ Bros. Asphalt for resurfacing Belleville Crossing intersection and Electrico to replace detector loops in the amount of \$119,860.64.

Scott gave an overview of the project, recommending the project to be tabled to next Fiscal Year due to funding.

Alderson Stiehl made a motion to Table Christ Bros. Asphalt for resurfacing Belleville Crossing intersection and Electrico to replace detector loops in the amount of \$119,860.64, to Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Alderson Weygandt seconded the motion.

All members were all in favor by voting aye. Motion carries.

4. (05:25) Fourscore and Kilmar Woods Dr. Supplemental Resolution

Motion to approve Supplemental Resolution for Fourscore and Kilmar Woods Dr., in the amount of \$19,212.21 (MFT Funds)

Scott gave an explanation of the motion.

Alderson Stiehl made a motion to approve Supplemental Resolution for Fourscore and Kilmar Woods Dr., in the amount of \$19,212.21.

Alderson Weygandt seconded the motion.

Members voted aye in a roll call vote: Schneider, Duco, Ovan, Dintelman, Stiehl, Weygandt, Osthoff, Randle. Motion carries.

5. (07:02) Public Works equipment to dispose/sell/auction

Motion to dispose/sell/auction the following equipment from the Public Works Department:

- ♦ 2011 Exmark Laser Z zero turn mower, Serial # 965415
- ♦ 2007 Exmark Laser Z Zero turn mower, Serial # 708128

Alderson Weygandt made a motion to dispose/sell/auction the following equipment from the Public Works Department: 2011 Exmark Laser Z zero turn mower, Serial # 965415, 2007 Exmark Laser Z Zero turn mower, Serial # 708128.

Alderson Duco seconded the motion.

All members were all in favor by voting aye. Motion carries.

(07:42) Old Business

None

Miscellaneous/Aldermanic Discussion

1. (07:53) Sidewalk along Carlyle Ave.

Scott gave an overview of the Sidewalk, explaining Belleville East High School is interested in connecting sidewalks along Carlyle Ave. for the safety of the students. If the interest is for the City to head the project, Scott recommends grant funding to be considered. It is an IDOT Right-of Way, therefore we would need approval by IDOT.

Alderson Whitaker notified the committee of a partner project for consideration between St. Clair County and the Metro Transit District to expand the bike trail from SWIC to Belleville East. This could be the opportunity for the City to continue the bike trail to Douglas Ave. where the City's bike trail exists. Transit Funding may be utilized to assist with the funding.

As the Metro Transit District plans to expand, this would be a good opportunity for the City to connect the sidewalks.

Alderson Stiehl recommends drawings of the sidewalks around Belleville East and where the new proposed sidewalks would be.

Scott suggested to add the budget of the sidewalk installation along with the drawings.

Aldersperson Ovian added, the collapsed sidewalk at IL-157 & 89th St. has not been repaired. The hole is from storm water drainage and sanitary sewer drainage. It is a problem for E. St. Louis and they have not fixed it. EPA has been contacted and they have notified E. St. Louis. Unless we push the issue, it will never get settled.

Aldersperson Chairperson Randle recommends contacting Metro Transit District and St. Clair, getting together with City Engineer and the Director of Public Works to see where the discussion goes.

Aldersperson Ovian requested the collapsed sidewalk at IL-157 & 89th St. to be added to next months agenda.

Aldersperson Chairman Randle asks if this is within the city.

Aldersperson Ovian explains the sidewalk is in the City of Belleville, the sewer system is not.

Jason requests confirmation of the sidewalk location. 89th St. is numbered from E. St. Louis direction. According to the jurisdiction, the sidewalk is in E. St. Louis. Jason agrees it is a problem, however, it is hard to justify spending taxpayers' dollars outside the city limits.

Aldersperson Ovian suggests the city to enforce the issue.

Aldersperson Chairperson Randle suggests Aldersperson Ovian to discuss the issue with the City Attorney. If this is not in the City of Belleville jurisdiction, what standing do we have?

2. (17:07) **MS4 Stormwater Permit Presentation**

A request by the Director of Public Works, to enter into these meeting Minutes, MS4 information has been made available for public inspection at this public meeting of the Streets and Grades Committee.

Jason presented the MS4 Stormwater Permit to the committee. No discussion followed.

Adjournment

(23:24) A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aldersperson Osthoff at approximately 6:25 p.m. Aldersperson Stiehl seconded the motion. All members voted eye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Thompson
Engineering Secretary

Date Approved: 3/14/2026

Kent Randle

Aldersperson Kent Randle
Committee Chairperson

Scott Saeger

Scott Saeger, P.E.
City Engineer