

**City of Belleville – Health, Housing and Building Committee**  
Meeting Minutes



101 South Illinois Street, Belleville IL  
Second Floor Conference Room

**APPROVED**

Alderman Chris Rothweiler – Chairman

**DATE:** May 17, 2023

**PRESENT:** Committee Aldermen – Chris Rothweiler, Chairman; Kent Randle- Ward 3; Scott Ferguson- Ward 3; Kara Osthoff- Ward 7; Trish Tialdo- Citizen Member

**Staff Members** Scott Tyler, Health, Housing & Building Director; Officer Sam Parsons, Belleville Police Department; Steve Thouvenot, Building Commissioner; Lloyd Cueto, Assistant City Attorney.

Absent: Jamie Eros- Ward 2, excused.

**GUESTS:** Cody Baker  
Michael Hagberg  
Raffi Ovian  
Andrew Tuftow  
Megan McCarron  
Louis Holm

- **CALL TO ORDER**
  - Chairman Chris Rothweiler called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.
- **EXPLANATION OF DISASTER PROCEDURE**
- **ROLL CALL OF ALDERPERSONS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- **ROLL CALL OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**
- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
  - Mr. Ovian stated that 8300 W Main St is causing property values to go down, but the house can be saved.
  - Mr. Tuftow expressed support to raise chickens inside the city limits similar to the ordinance Swansea, IL has.
  - Mr. Baker expressed support for raising chickens inside the city limits due to being economically helpful to the household that they are being raised for.
  - Ms. McCarron expressed support to raise chickens inside the city limits. She stated that she has had several friends not move to the city due to being allowed to have chickens.
  - Mr. Holm expressed support to raise chickens inside the city limits. He stated that chickens are not loud and he has found no evidence of allowing chickens causing property values to go down.
  - Mr. Hagberg asked Scott Tyler about 30 S 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - Motion to Approve the minutes of the Health, Housing and Building Committee meeting May 17, 2023.
  - Motion made by: Alderperson Scott Ferguson

- Seconded by: Alderperson Kent Randle
- Voice Vote: Passed

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion on chickens/chicken coops
  - Alderperson Chris Rothweiler would like to make a motion to refer this to ordinance and legal for preparation, proper zoning, and licensing of chickens (licensed yearly, inspected yearly and appropriate fees).
  - Scott Tyler stated he is indifferent to this ordinance, and he is willing to enforce it.
  - Alderperson Kent Randle states that he thinks this ordinance should go as a referendum at the next general election so the entire city could be a part of this decision.
  - Motion made by: Alderperson Scott Ferguson
  - Motion Seconded by: Alderperson Kara Osthoff
  - Voice Vote: Passed 3 to 2
  - Motion Passed to send to Ordinance and Legal
- Discussion of 24 demolitions
  - Scott Tyler stated all properties have been demolished and he has before and after pictures if needed.
- Discussion of on urgent properties
  - He has a limited amount of money as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. He listed the top 10 that need to come down.
  - Assistant Attorney Lloyd Cueto presented a PowerPoint regarding the demolition process and discussed why it could take so long for the city to get ownership of a property.
- Belleville Crossing Landscaping-
  - Scott Tyler stated he has been in contact with the landscaper and the property manager for Belleville Crossing.

- **OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE:**

- 8300 W Main St-Assistant City Attorney Lloyed Cueto gave an update.
- 9 N 80<sup>th</sup> St- Assistant City Attorney Lloyd Cueto gave an update.
- Alderperson Kent Randle inquired about 6901 W Main St. Scott Tyler replied that it is a city owned property and will be demolished.
- Alderperson Scott Ferguson inquired about 4 Rue Deau Ville. Scott Tyler replied that it was sent to Lloyd Cueto.
- Steve Thouvenot gave an update on 10606 W Main St.
- Steve Thouvenot stated Schaefer Excavating has a contract to demolish the property Payday Loan Building at W Main and North Belt West.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to Adjourn: Alderperson Kent Randle, Ward 3
- Motion Seconded: Alderperson Scott Ferguson, ward 3
- Voice Vote: Passed, Meeting Adjourned: 6:53 P.M.
- Next meeting to be held July 19, 2023.



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