

**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:** June 21, 2023

**PRESENT:** Committee Aldermen – Chris Rothweiler, Chairman; Jamie Eros- Ward 2; Kent Randle- Ward 3; Scott Ferguson- Ward 3; Kara Osthoff- Ward 8; Trish Tialdo- Citizen Member

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

**GUESTS:** Louis Holm  
Michael Hagberg  
Aldersperson Raffi Ovian  
Andrew Tuftow  
Megan McCarron  
Tom McGelligan  
Aldersperson Lillian Schneider  
Cliff Cross-Director of Economic Development

- **CALL TO ORDER**
  - Chairman Chris Rothweiler called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.
- **EXPLANATION OF DISASTER PROCEDURE**
- **ROLL CALL OF ALDERPERSONS/COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- **ROLL CALL OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**
- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
  - Mr. Holm expressed support for raising chickens inside the city limits and said the noise/waste is no worse than dogs.
  - Ms. McCarron expressed support for raising chickens inside the city limits to produce fresh eggs for her family.
  - Mr. McGelligan asked about 314 N Charles St and is worried about homes being demolished when they could be historical homes.
  - Aldersperson Ovian wanted to know the status of 85 N 98<sup>th</sup> St and 4529 W Main St.
  - Ms. Dean expressed support for raising chickens inside the city limits and said they make less noise than dogs.
  - Mr. Stewart expressed support for chickens but feels like there should be a restriction of 5 or less chickens and no roosters.
  - Mr. Eastman thought chickens were always allowed.
  - Audience member supports raising chickens in the city because it will save families money.
  - Mr. Hagberg asked for an update on 625 State St and stated 813 Centreville Ave is no longer secure and homeless people possibly living there.


- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Motion to Approve the minutes of the Health, Housing and Building Committee meeting June 21, 2023.
- Motion made by: Alderperson Scott Ferguson
- Seconded by: Tricia Tialdo
- Voice Vote: Passed

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Assistant City Attorney Lloyed Cueto gave an update on properties that have been fast tracked for demolition.
  - 49 Scarlet Dr- Received default judgement
  - 14 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St- will be sent to judge for default judgement
  - 520 N Illinois St- will be sent to judge for default judgement
  - 140 S 35<sup>th</sup> St- will be publicized in BND on June 22- June 23, 2023.
  - 312 N Charles St- will be sent to judge for default judgement
  - 602 W Lincoln St- will be sent to judge for default judgement
  - 216 N 13<sup>th</sup> St- will be sent to judge for default judgement
  - 314 N Charles St- will be contacting owner because he stated he would like to fix up the house instead of having it demolished but money is an issue.
  - 322 N 8<sup>th</sup> St- will be publicized in BND on June 22-June 23, 2023
  - 510 N 1<sup>st</sup> St- will be publicized in BND on June 22-June 23, 2023
  - 625 State St- will be publicized in BND on June 22-June 23, 2023
  - 134 N Virginia Ave- Received default judgement
  - 85 N 98<sup>th</sup> St- will be publicized in BND on June 22-June 23, 2023
  - 1817 E "C" St- in early stages of demolition process
  - 8300 W Main St- plan on selling home

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Motion to refer domesticated chicken ordinance to Ordinance & Legal with the following included in the ordinance.
- Motion made by: Alderperson Jamie Eros
- Seconded by: Alderperson Scott Ferguson
- Voice Vote: Passed
  - No more than 6 chickens and no roosters (distinction between domesticated animals versus livestock)
  - Chickens are to be in the rear yard only.
  - ~~Inspect once every two years after initial inspection.~~ 
  - Chickens are only allowed in residential zoning.
  - The pilot program only allows for 50 permits for entire city.
  - Fee shall be \$50.00 every two years.
  - Neighbors do not have to be notified.
  - Homes must be owner occupied.
  - The owner must have current occupancy permit.
  - No outstanding fees owed to the City (sewer bills etc.)
  - HOA's defer over the City.
  - Waste disposal to be similar with language in Edwardsville ordinance.
  - Owner must sign agreement for City to investigate complaints and do inspections.
  - The chicken coop must have the following:
    - At least 4 square feet of coop per chicken.

- At least 10 square feet of area for run space per chicken.
- The coop cannot be higher than 6' tall and in good repair.
- 10' set back from neighbor's house to wall of coop.

- Specify types of chicken similar to language in Swansea's ordinance.
- Revocations will be the same as housing appeals.
- No commercial sales on site.
- Chickens are to be for egg production only and cannot be raised for consumption.
- If a chicken passes away, the owner can replace it if the ordinance has not been revoked or repealed. There will not be a grandfather clause. Proper disposal of deceased chicken.
- Noise limitation
- Fines and penalties with language similar to Edwardsville ordinance.
- Appearance of chicken coops similar with language to Edwardsville ordinance.
- Rehoming of chickens to Red Barn Rescue.
- The motion was amended to have yearly inspections and the fee should be \$25.00 yearly.

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

- Alderperson Shneider inquired about 820/822 Sycamore and 826 Sycamore St
- Alderperson Ferguson inquired about 4 Rue Deau Ville and 4529 W Main St
- Tricia Tialdo inquired about a house across from 1150 Lilac that was overgrown and Officer Sam Parsons stated it has been sent to the cutter.
- Alderperson Randle also inquired about 4529 W Main and Schaefer Excavating. He inquired about 4508 W Main St and why it was taking so long to clean up.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to Adjourn: Alderperson Jamie Eros, Ward 2
- Motion Seconded: Alderperson Kent Randle, Ward 3
- Voice Vote: Passed, Meeting Adjourned: 7:42 P.M.
- Next meeting to be held August 16, 2023.



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Chairman, Chris Rothweiler, Ward 6