

Minutes to the Regular City Council Meeting
held on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ron Schoof opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Answering roll call were Aldermen: Jason; Hattan; Modro; Wabel; Hoskins & Strawn. City Clerk Anderle and Treasurer Davis were also present.

Public Comment

Denise Smith, homeowner at 413 School Street asked if the council would consider having curbside pick-up more often. Denise asked if complaints of unkempt property are followed up with ordinance violations.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Hattan moved to approve the July 10, 2017 Regular City Council minutes. Alderman Wabel seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Pay Monthly Bills

Alderman Jason moved to authorize payment of bills as presented. Alderman Hoskins seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Old Business

Mayor Schoof presented a handout to the council estimating what the calculation would be if the TIF I 37% surplus refunds were given this year. Mayor stated the actual refunds do not start until next year. These calculations will help with planning for next year's reimbursements.

New Business

Katie & Kaya Jason addressed the council asking to have up to 6 or 8 hens on her property located at 521 Fourth Street. Kate stated this would be a project for her children who are home schooled. Alderman Jason made a motion to permit Katie Jason to have a 1 year permit for chickens with signatures of approval from neighbors. Alderman Hattan seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Madelyn Waller, a junior at Midland High School informed the council of her attendance at the World Leadership Congress. Madelyn has started a local Key Club which consists of a group of students. When school resumes we will be pledging to complete 100 community service hours by the end of the school year. Council will keep this program in mind for future needs.

Jane Johnson, President of the Lacon Area Community Center thanked the council for their donation last year. Jane noted those funds were used to replace a water heater and repaired one of the furnaces. This year we are requesting a donation of \$3,200. They would use \$2,200 to replace sidewalks to the building and \$1,000 for general operation expense. Alderman Modro made a motion to approve \$2,200 from TIF funds and \$1,000 from General fund. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Modro made a motion to approve a live outside music permit for Kenyon's Restaurant on September 15, 2017. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Jason made a motion to approve a live outside music permit for Marshall County Old Settler's Celebration on August 25 & 26, 2017. Alderman Wabel seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Modro made a motion to approve the disposition of 2010 Ford Crown Victoria police squad car with a minimum bid of \$2,000. Alderman Jason seconded. The city clerk will run a Public Notice bid for two weeks in the local paper with bid opening on September 5, 2017. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Mayor Schoof stated Mr. Mike's restaurant business is being sold, the city has a 5 year lease with current tenant Carol Difiori and the lease can be assigned if the business is sold. New owners Ali Hedden & Russell Edwards stated they are planning to keep the same menu and closing for a few months in the winter. The terms of the lease will stay the same; \$400 rent due on the 15th of each month with an option to renew for an additional 5 year period in 2020 and at that time rent will increase to \$425. Alderman Hattan made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Assignment of Leasehold Interest. Alderman Wabel seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Hattan stated on August 7th we had the bid opening for the High Street Water Main Improvement project. The committee and the engineer recommend accepting the low bid from Walker Excavating for a base bid of \$84,255.38. Alderman Hattan made a motion to approve the bid for \$84,255.38 from Walker Excavating. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Strawn stated on August 10th we had the bid opening for the 2017 Street Improvement Project. The committee recommends we go with the low bid from Advanced Asphalt at \$53,743.25. Strawn stated the bid came in higher than expected so we will adjust some of the work we will be doing to keep the project in budget. Alderman Strawn made a motion to approve the bid from Advanced Asphalt for \$53,743.25 for street improvements. Alderman Wabel seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Mayor Schoof stated the council was given an ordinance to increase the simplified municipal telecommunication tax from 1% to 4%. This is a tax the state collects from landline and cell phone service. Over the last 6 years we have seen a reduction of 28% in our income. This 4% increase will start in January 2018. Alderman Hattan made a motion to approve 2017-15 Ordinance approving the Simplified Municipal Telecommunications Tax Rate Change to 4%. Alderman Hoskins seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Reports

Alderman Strawn reported sidewalk repair is going on at various locations around town. Repair to the Park Lane storm sewer has been completed.

Alderman Wabel stated he has been working on the streetscape grant again for the downtown area.

Alderman Hattan reported there have been 3 water leak repairs completed.

Alderman Jason reported the house that caught fire at 314 S. Washington Street has been demolished.

Mayor Schoof reported the house at 116 N. High has been demolished and fill work has begun. Also, Mitch Lishman has received his class C water license.

At 7:38 p.m. Alderman Modro made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss Purchase or Lease of Property 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(5), litigation 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) and employment compensation 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

At 8:07 p.m. Alderman Strawn made a motion to enter back into open session. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Wabel made a motion to approve employee Troy Parker moving from receiving wavier payment for city paid health insurance to accepting the city provided health insurance. Alderman Hattan seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Mayor Schoof with saddened heart read a letter of resignation effective noon August 18th or when the city council elects to replace the mayor due to health issues within the family. Mayor Schoof stated he has enjoyed his time as mayor and satisfied with the accomplishments made while mayor.

Clerk Anderle handed out information the council will need to proceed with filling the vacant mayor seat. It was decided to have Alderman Hattan act as Mayor Pro Tem and schedule a meeting to appoint an acting mayor.

General Fund:

Checking: \$178,027.33
General Fund MMDA \$280,096.59
US Bank (Illinois Funds) \$ closed

Band Fund: \$8,195.96

Motor Fuel Tax:

Checking: -0-
MMDA: \$322,952.75
US Bank \$ closed

Water & Sewer Fund:

Checking: \$ 106,331.79
W & S MMDA: \$ 64,424.58

TIF Fund:

TIF I MMDA: \$699,718.44
TIF II MMDA: \$ 35,626.66
TIF III MMDA: \$ 91,985.31
TIF IV MMDA: \$ 1,995.88
TIF V MMDA: \$ 7,785.15

Alderman Modro moved to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Aldermen Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Connie Anderle – City Clerk

Ron Schoof – Mayor