

Minutes to the Regular City Council Meeting  
held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Acting Mayor John Wabel 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

None

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Jason moved to approve the August 14, 2017 Regular City Council minutes. Alderman Hattan seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Modro moved to approve the August 30, 2017 Special City Council minutes. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call; 6 ayes.

Pay Monthly Bills

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

New Business

Zoning Chairperson Justin Meierkord stated the Zoning Board met prior to this meeting and the recommendation from the board was to amend the zoning for 102 S. Prairie (existing Freedom Station) and 122 S. Prairie ( Schoepke property) from R-1 to C-3 and also grant a variance of 6ft set back on the south lot line of the proposed building with a restriction that they have to construct a solid wall or solid fence along the entire south property line no less than 6ft high and no more than 7ft high.

Alderman Hattan made a motion to approve 2017-16 Ordinance Amending Zoning for 102 S. Prairie (Existing Freedom station) from R-1 to C-3. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Strawn asked Chairman Meierkord about clarification of solid wall. Meierkord stated in the zoning code it states a commercial building is within 40ft of a residential district they are required to have a solid wall or solid fence. Chairman Meierkord stated that there were some legitimate concerns from people who objected to the rezoning. Chairman Meierkord stated he had concerns with semi-truck parking along Route 17 and Route 26 and causing an issue for homeowners exiting their driveways. Acting Mayor Wabel stated that this would have to be discussed with IDOT.

Alderman Hattan made a motion to approve 2017-17 Ordinance Amending Zoning for 122 S. Prairie (Schoepke property) from R-1 to C-3. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes; 1 nay (Modro).

Acting Mayor Wabel stated the council could override the zoning board approval for the variance to reduce the set back on the south side of the proposed building site. . It was noted there was not a motion to override the zoning board decision.

Alderman Jason made a motion to approve the annual Spooktacular Event on September 30, 2017 to benefit Ron and Josie Booth. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Hattan made a motion to approve 2017-18 Ordinance Authorizing a TIF I Redevelopment Agreement with Lacon Community Center for \$2,200 to build new sidewalks. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Modro made a motion to approve Project Facelift Grant application in the amount of \$2,400 for Victoria Riddle at 205 N. Washington Street building to install new windows and an awning over the door of Two Friend Flowers store front. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Modro made a motion to approve Authorizing the Sale of 2010 Crown Vic squad car to Kathryn Dittmeier for \$4,650.00. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Reports

Alderman Strawn reported Advanced Asphalt will start road repair work next week. Strawn indicated that we will need to inform homeowners at Eagle Drive of the upcoming work.

Alderman Modro asked if the city has a reciprocal agreement with the First National Bank. Clerk Anderle sated we have a signed agreement with the bank.

Alderman Hattan reported he has not received word from the engineer as to when Walker Excavating will start the High Street Water Main Improvements.

Acting Mayor Wabel thanked Ron Schoof for all he did as mayor. Wabel also thanked the council for electing him as the acting Mayor and fortunate to have such a wonderful group of people to work with. Wabel stated he will be keeping the committees and appointed officers the same.

**General Fund:**

Checking: \$161,028.31  
General Fund MMDA \$280,120.38  
US Bank (Illinois Funds) \$ closed

**Band Fund:** \$8,730.51

**Motor Fuel Tax:**

Checking: -0-  
MMDA: \$327,457.87  
US Bank \$ closed

**Water & Sewer Fund:**

Checking: \$ 126,843.94  
W & S MMDA: \$ 64,430.05

**TIF Fund:**

TIF I MMDA: \$713,396.94  
TIF II MMDA: \$ 36,358.29  
TIF III MMDA: \$ 97,264.76  
TIF IV MMDA: \$ 2,033.52  
TIF V MMDA: \$ 12,424.71

Alderman Strawn moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Aldermen Modro seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

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Connie Anderle – City Clerk

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John Wabel – Acting Mayor