

Minutes to the Regular City Council Meeting
held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Zellmer moved to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2019 Regular City Council meeting. Alderman Hattan seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Schoof moved to approve the minutes for the January 9, 2020 Special City Council meeting. Alderman Modro seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Pay Monthly Bills

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

New Business

Chief Palm reported full time officer Dustin Bays resigned and he would like to hire Matt Reinhart to fill the position. Reinhart has worked for the city as a part time officer for over a year. He will have to complete a two week transition course at a later date. Alderman Strawn made a motion to approve hiring Matt Reinhart as a full time police officer effective immediately. Alderman Zellmer seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Beth Hattan from Marshall County Old Settler's committee addressed the council asking for permission to have fireworks on Saturday, August 29th for the Old Settlers 150th Anniversary celebration. Central States Fireworks will do the display, they do the fireworks display for the Peoria Chiefs. They will complete an application for the Coast Guard by the first week in April. The council discussed two locations to use for setting off the fireworks. Alderman Hattan made a motion to approve fireworks tentative upon final location approval. Alderman Schoof seconded. No roll call was taken.

Beth Hattan reported the committee has received interest in adding semi-trucks to the Old Settler's car show on N. Washington Street, but they would need more space. Beth asked about moving some of the car show back to Route 17. The council recommended using S. Washington Street for semi-trucks and Sixth Street east of N. Washington and not closing Route 17. Beth Hattan will come to get approval for street closure after committee works out details on which streets to use.

Beth Hattan stated there were complaints last year about the barricades to close street for the parade being put in place too early. City will look at this issue.

Alderman Schoof made a motion to approve a donation of \$1,500 for Old Settler's Celebration with an extra \$500 for fireworks. Alderman Zellmer seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Betsy Reed, Head Librarian from Lacon Public Library addressed the council asking the city for TIF funds to help replace the front double doors at the library. Alderman Schoof made a motion for

the city to pay for the lowest bid of \$4,124 from Grawey Glass Co to replace the doors. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes, 1 nay(Hattan).

Alderman Strawn made a motion to approve street closure of 100 block of N. Washington Street and 300 block of Sixth Street for Small Town Girls Boutique Makers Market on April 18th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Strawn made a motion to approve E.J. Equipment proceeding with repairs to the street sweeper at an estimated cost of \$7,082.55. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Reports

Alderman Strawn stated Engineer Mike Richetta has been looking into possible grants to help with doing 80 thousand pound road construction for 3 blocks of N. Main Street for truck traffic. Richetta stated the best option would be to apply for an Economic Development Program matching grant. There was discussion about using North Central Council of Government to help with the grant application process. The grant process can take about 18 months. Strawn stated we would put the asphalt project for N. Main Street on hold, but will continue with storm sewer project on N. Main Street.

Strawn reported in the 200 block of Sixth Street there is an issue with a broken clay tile and deteriorated culvert on south side of street by alley. Engineer Richetta has estimated a cost of \$42,234 to replace this half block of storm sewer. Richetta will contact Hoerr Construction and prepare a change order to include replacing this 8” storm sewer on Sixth Street with the storm sewer project already awarded to Hoerr Construction for N. Main Street.

Alderman Hattan stated he will be having a committee meeting soon to start working on FY 2020-2021 budget.

Clerk Anderle provided the council with a copy of a Public Notice from US Army, Corps of Engineers from applicant Ozinga Materials project to convert their quarry at Weers Lake into a Clean Construction Demolition Debris facility. This notice was given to city hall by a homeowner adjacent to the gravel pit. Anderle contacted POC Jackie Groves to explain that the city did not receive the public notice, it was suggested the city email the Corps of Engineers to request more time to respond to this public notice which expires January 15, 2020. Alderman Hattan stated not all homeowners adjacent to the quarry received a notice from the corps. Mayor Wabel will request another meeting with Ozinga Materials since the original plans for fill at the quarry have changed.

Mayor Wabel reported he received notice from Sustainable Holdings (Sunrise Energy) stating they have elected to terminate the extended diligence period option on the lease for the community solar project in the Industrial Park. Wabel has asked them to send an official letter stating their plans to terminate the lease.

Engineer Richetta stated the importance of the city getting the word out for residents to complete their Census Survey for the purpose of helping the community with rural grants that help with residential and municipal projects.

General Fund:

Checking: \$172,137.34
General Fund MMDA \$280,902.73
US Bank (Illinois Funds) \$ closed

Band Fund: \$ 8,027.75

Motor Fuel Tax:

Checking: -0-
MMDA: \$454,061.44
US Bank \$ closed

Water & Sewer Fund:

Checking: \$ 172,149.93
W & S MMDA: \$ 164,726.62

TIF Fund:

TIF I MMDA: \$1,246,680.75
TIF II MMDA: \$ 48,075.64
TIF III MMDA: \$ 110,010.73
TIF IV MMDA: \$ 4,599.17
TIF V MMDA: \$ 8,211.56

Alderman Zellmer moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Aldermen Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Connie Anderle – City Clerk

John Wabel – Mayor