

The City Council met in regular session at the City Center. Mayor Stadsholt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk, Jesse Hall called the roll and the following Alderpersons answered to their names: Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, Gus Stroh, Portia Brown, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.  
Absent: Becky Chaney.

A quorum was present. The minutes were recorded by City Clerk, Jesse Hall.

The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was repeated by all City Officials and guests.

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

**DISCUSSION:** Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy, welcomed Mayor Stadsholt back. Mayor Stadsholt thanked Jewel and everybody else who either called, text or came over to the house to help her continue to do city business. City Clerk, Jesse Hall, has been very kind to bring things in and out for signatures. Gus has been overly kind to go into City Hall every day as Mayor Pro Tempore and check on everybody. I couldn't ask for a better city staff. Also, May 2, 2023 we will be here at the City Center for the public hearing on the Energy Transition Community Grant Funding.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of April 4, 2023.

**ACTION TAKEN:** There being none, the minutes are approved as submitted.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Alderperson Ray made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

#### **FINANCE REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Griffin made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Finance Report. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown and McDowell

Voting No: None

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Mayor Stadsholt read a proclamation declaring May 20-27 to be National Safe Boating Week.
- Mayor Stadsholt presented plaques to Alderperson Brown and Alderperson Ray for their years of service to the City of Havana. Alderperson Brown was on council for 23 years and Alderperson Ed Ray was on for 22 ½ years. Neither one refiled in November.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **CITY TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff, reported on the following items:

- We had Third Tuesday Coffee today and it was well attended. It was a good group meeting about what's going on downtown.
- I've been working on the banners, if you've noticed some of our banners have gotten destroyed by the wind.
- April 14, we had a shop hop from Washington. In May we have another shop hop and in June the Tazewell Farm Bureau Seniors are coming for lunch and a shopping event.
- Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff showed the council the Experience Havana, Illinois on The Illinois River map that the city is advertised in.
- I have been working on Tivoli lights for the downtown and I have received one bid, I am trying to get another. The bid I received is about \$18,500.00 and that is with them installing the Tivoli lights.
- I am still waiting on a bid for signage and I am also working on the EV charger.
- The Chamber is working on a digital billboard and they have asked if the city could help them with the cost. It is a 4 week campaign on the Springfield Dirksen Parkway the total is \$13,000.00. The city would be paying \$650.00.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy reported on the following items:

- Everybody has been calling wanting to know when the citywide cleanup will be. It will be the first full week in June.
- Also, I would like to pursue with trying to hire a full-time Public Works employee. We are still short one and summer is coming up and we are going to need some extra hands.
- Don't be shocked at the resolution on the MFT its just outrageous, but that is what it is this year.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FINANCE AND PURCHASING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Cooper made a motion to support the Chamber of Commerce for a 4 week campaign on the Springfield Dirksen Parkway billboard in the amount of \$650.00, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Ray, Stroh, Brown, McDowell, Urish, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Ray made a motion to approve Ordinance 1471, the Annual Budget for Fiscal year 2023-2024, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. Alderperson Griffin said we never went over line item Mayor/Hospitality and asked why it went up \$3,000.00. Mayor Stadsholt explained it's for refreshments like for tonight, Third Tuesday Coffee's, for the annual trick or treat we order bags and ducks for

the children and we also order ducks for all the parades. Everything has gone up in cost. There being no further questions, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

### **PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Urish made a motion to approve Streetscape Phase B application, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Stroh, Brown, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin and Ray

Voting No: None

### **PROPERTY AND ZONING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Chamber of Commerce to use the city sidewalks for 1<sup>st</sup> Friday's May-October, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh and Brown

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by the Downtown Retailers + Businesses to use the city sidewalks on July 22, 2023, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by the Downtown Retailers + Businesses to use the city sidewalks on August 19, 2023, seconded by Alderperson Urish.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, McDowell, Urish, and Cooper

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Chamber of Commerce to place a banner promoting the Riverfront Concert Series at the business park at the corner of Route 136 & Prairie Ridge Dr , seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Brown, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, and Stroh

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by the Street Market Committee to place yard signs at various points to the downtown Market, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to amend a request by the Havana Fire department to

use the city streets on May 10<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup> for a carnival, seconded by Alderperson Urish.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown and McDowell

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Fire department to use the city streets on May 10<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup> for a carnival as amended, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Brown made a motion to approve 2023 Motor Fuel Tax Resolution 04-23, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Stroh, Brown, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin and Ray

Voting No: None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to approve a new contract for Economic Development Coordinator Brenda Davenport-Fornoff, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Ray, Stroh, Brown, McDowell, Urish, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

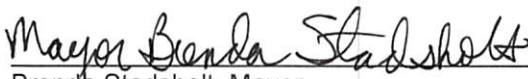
**PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson Urish, and seconded by Alderperson Ray.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm

  
Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
Jesse Hall / City Clerk

**Guests:** Jeremiah Hindhal  
Matt Fliege  
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff  
Christopher Rilea  
Helen Spencer

Jewel Bucy  
Jay Sarff  
Alex Noble  
Denis Bryant