

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: Portia Brown, Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, James Stroh, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.

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:** Gerald Sawyer, introducing himself as a pharmacist and preacher, and also co-founder of the Mission of Hope, has been making the rounds of public meetings to promote opposition to the Equality Act or HR5 which was passed by the House of Representatives in late February. This bill would ban discrimination against people based on sexual orientation and gender identity. It would also substantially expand the areas to which those discrimination protections apply. "This act basically changes all of our rights and there's a group of people that have rights above us" Sawyer said. He explained that if he were a boy, he could say he was a girl and play on the girls' basketball team and steal away the scholarship that a hard working girl had earned.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of April 6, 2021.

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

### **FINANCE REPORT**

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

**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: Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Brown and Cooper.

Voting No: None.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

- The Third Tuesday Coffee for April was held earlier today and was very informative.
- We also had meetings with IRBS today and with the county on the closing of the Power Plant.
- Mayor Stadsholt congratulated the new elected city officials.

**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:

- The IRBS meeting went very well today.

- We are still on the short list on the Historic Water Tower but hopefully we will hear something back soon.
- McDaniel's Marketing is working on different branding items that they will be sending to the focus group.
- Still working on the mobile walking museum.
- The Third Tuesday Coffee has really been helpful for networking.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

- I talked to Mike Pedigo about the 2021 Motor Fuel Tax.
- The city wide cleanup will be June 7<sup>th</sup> thru June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Well 5 is back together we got one clean sample and it is pumping quite nicely.
- We have an issue with the Illinois street lift station display screen.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **FIRE MARSHALL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Fire Marshall, John Kachanuk reported on the following items:

- The fence is up at the station and it looks spectacular, Jayme Sarff is the person who installed it.
- Code Enforcer Officer, Julie Ishmael and I were off on vacation last week. She is back out patrolling and is getting caught up.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Gary Davis, with Farnsworth Engineering, reported on the following items:

- The Railroad has submitted their draft report for the city that we have been waiting on for the Business Park Sidewalk Project.
- The EDA Grant Closeout for the Business Park will be done in May.
- We will be doing a warranty walk through on Main Street and we will set up an appointment with Jewel and Mayor Stadsholt.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **FINANCE AND PURCHASING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Cooper made a motion to sponsor the Chamber of Commerce Tivoli Lights. 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: Urish, Brown, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Chaney and McDowell.

Voting No: None.

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Cooper made a motion to accept the bid from CassComm for Hotspots downtown in the amount of \$1,800.00. Seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

**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, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Brown.

Voting No: None.

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve the purchase of a half page ad for the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$1,750.00. 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: Ray, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Brown, Cooper and Griffin.

Voting No: None.

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Chaney reported that the Mason County health officials were saddened to report that the county has now experienced its 43<sup>rd</sup> COVID related death since the pandemic started a year ago. The Mason County Health Department will be moving away from the “mass vaccination” model to usher larger numbers through the Alco vaccination site.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None.

**LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Griffin entertained a motion to approve Ordinance 1448, the Annual Budget for Fiscal year 2021-2022. Seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

**ACTION TAKEN:**

Alderperson Cooper made a motion to amend the current motion and to accept the changes to the budget. Seconded by Alderperson McDowell. There being no further questions, the amended motion passed with the following vote:

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

Voting No: None.

**DISCUSSION:** With the motion to pass Ordinance 1448 already on the floor, Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or concerns. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

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

Voting No: None.

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Griffin entertained a motion approve Ordinance 1449, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois. 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: Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Brown, Cooper, Griffin and Ray.

Voting No: None.

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Griffin reported that we do have an Ordinance 12-04-060 which states that you must put back concrete from the curb to the sidewalk for anyone that is requesting to do a curb cut. Alderperson Griffin stated that he has had a request from restaurant owners to lower the time frame to serve alcohol on Sundays. Alderperson Griffin stated that we will be having a Committee Meeting next Council Meeting on discussing a camping Ordinance.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None.

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PROPERTY AND ZONING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Ray made a motion to accept the IRBS's lease agreement. 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: Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Brown, Cooper, Griffin, Ray and Stroh.

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Brown made a motion to approve the 2015 Motor Fuel Tax Resolution 04-21-1, a Supplemental Resolution covering extra expenditures in the amount of \$5,105.11. Seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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

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

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Brown made a motion to approve the 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Resolution 04-21-2, a Supplemental Resolution covering extra expenditures in the amount of \$5,105.11. Seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

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

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

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 McDowell, and seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

  
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Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
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Jesse Hall / City Clerk

**Guests:** Brenda Davenport-Fornoff  
Jeremiah Hindahl  
John Kachanuk  
Gerald Sawyer  
Jewel Bucy  
Gary Davis