

The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. Mayor Bryant 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, William Janis, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, Brenda Stadsholt, James "Gus" Stroh and Ross McDowell.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

DISCUSSION: Pastor Green with The First Assembly of God and his congregation, address the council about the consideration of no parking on South Orange from Washington – Dearborn on the east side. It would create an issue for people that attend our church to not be able to park along that side of the street. For one thing, our church is ADA compliant, which means that side of the street has access to our building, our lower level, which is where our elevator is, that anyone can take to any floor of our church. Therefore, you would absolutely be limiting access to do that. It would cause issues with people who need to use the elevator, people who need to get in through our ramp that comes in from the street on the east side of Orange Street, not to mention we just have a lot of people that park along the street on Wednesdays in the evening and on Sunday mornings because of just the excess of parking. Our church has grown tremendously since we moved. We do use the parking and it would create an issue for our church to not be able to park there, and so we would really ask that you consider not doing that.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea reported that he would have a 15-minute committee meeting prior to the next council meeting about the consideration to amend Ordinance 1458 – operation of certain non-highway vehicles on streets.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of March 24, 2026.

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

FINANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Rilea made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Bryant 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, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh, McDowell and Cooper

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Bryant asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Consent Agenda. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh, McDowell, Cooper, Griffin and Janis

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant reported on the following items:

- We have started interviewing for the open position of Administrative Assistant here at City Hall. I hope to finish interviews next week.

- April Burgett presented to the council outline and budget for the plans and activities we hope to carry over the July 3-5 weekend:

Friday July 3rd:

Food vendors @ Riverfront lunch and dinner 11am-dusk

Live Music @ Riverfront Madison 221 6-9pm (Cost: \$100 (\$600 minus \$500 raised by park district with flag sponsorships)

Lighted boat parade on IL River just prior to Fireworks @ dusk

Fireworks on the River @ Riverfront Park at dark (Cost \$12,500 covered by donations and the City of Havana for any shortfall, Council previously approved)

Saturday, July 4th:

Fourth of July Parade downtown @ 10 am

Ceremony on the Courthouse Lawn by Havana VFW and American Legion @ 10:30 am

Little Miss Sparkler and Mister Firecracker Pageant @ Riverfront Sunset Stage @ 11:30 am

Food Vendors @ Riverfront park lunch and dinner

Bounce house and bounce house obstacle course @ Riverfront 1-3pm (Cost \$600 package deal for both the commercial size bounce house and big obstacle course blowup)

Live Music - The Mason Dixies 2-5pm (Cost \$500)

The Polka Minstrels trio available for three hours to travel to various locations providing vibrant live polka (examples are: half hour prior to the parade on a street corner; immediately after the parade on a different street corner, on the porch of the Riverside clubhouse before and/or after the pageant) (Cost \$300)

Sunday, July 5th:

All denomination community church services @ sunset stage @ 10am

Budget for Havana Celebrate 250! July 3-5 Extravaganza

Live Musical entertainment:	\$900
Madison 221	\$100 after \$500 flag sponsor money
The Mason Dixies	\$500
Polka Minstrels	\$300
Bounce House and Obstacle Course for kids:	\$600
Downtown 250 Banners for City light poles:	\$500

Marketing for the event:		\$1500
Radio advertising on 2 Canton stations:	\$500	
CassComm television ad commercial:	\$500	
Newspaper ad / press release	\$100	
Posters design & printing:	\$150	
Banners for 136 at bridge & County Market	\$250	

Total Budget: **\$3500**

Large scale mural on the West facing water tower wall celebrates our patriotism and the birthday of our Nation. Centered top to bottom and 15-18 feet wide - **\$3000**. Can go larger if the budget allows.
*Mock up idea attached.

Other ideas for the weekend festivities:

Encourage businesses to offer a specific item to draw shoppers in for \$2.50 and bar and restaurants to offer a special drink or appetizer or both for \$2.50; or alternatively 25% discount on something at retailers to tie into the 250th celebration!

Ask the Chamber to sponsor a patriotic window decorating contest to be in place by Flag Day (June 14th) and judged on July 4th (during parade judging) lasting throughout July

Havana Museum to sponsor scavenger hunt or “passport” of local places of historic importance? Leading them around special sites within the downtown / city

Arts Council to sponsor a patriotic art competition to be displayed that weekend at MAM

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: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: Public Works Director, Jay Sarff, reported on the following items:

- I did conduct some interviews last week for a full-time public works employee. I would still like to know the councils thoughts on hiring a part-time employee just for the back of the garbage truck.
- We have been having problems with Tinkham Street lift station, the check valve on Washington Street and a check valve on Jefferson Street. Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating gave me a quote for \$30,885.00. I talked with City Treasurer, Alex Noble, about using utility surcharge funds to pay for the project.
- Down on Washington Street and Charlotte, there is a homeowner having some sewer issues. He had his pipes replaced last year, out to the side of the road, started having problems again. I sent people

down to jet it out. They went in about three feet and pulled out nothing but sand. Soon as they pulled the hose out of it, a whole bunch of sand fell back in. Therefore, I have Kinsel Trucking & Excavating coming tomorrow. Its 10 feet deep and it is something we cannot handle.

- Maguire Iron was here today to inspect the water tower.

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 approve the Revolving Loan for James and Carson Harris, seconded by Alderperson Stadsholt.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1513, an Ordinance authorizing the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to re-adopt Ordinance 1513, an Ordinance authorizing the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1514, an Ordinance amending Chapter 8.36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1514, an Ordinance amending Chapter 8.36 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea presented Ordinance 1515, the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Griffin reported on the behalf of Fire Marshal, Matthew Fliege. We have a property at 529 North Pearl that caught fire last year. He has received one quote for the demolition and is still waiting on a second quote. He still has money in this year's budget to have the property removed.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stadsholt made a motion to approve the BLR 05621 – LPA Cost plus Fixed Fee invoice – 25-00038-00-PV, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer, Cody Godbey, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Heather Johnson as a full-time Dispatcher, seconded by Alderperson Stadsholt.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Police Officer. Tristian Pringle, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Police Officer. Aaron Grubb, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

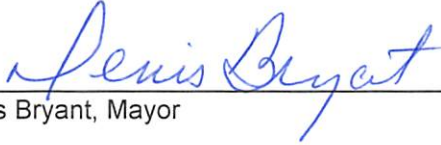
PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None
ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson McDowell and seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Denis Bryant, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests:

Jeremiah Hindahl
Alex Noble
Jay Sarff
Carson Harris
Jim Harris