

The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. 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: Denis Bryant, Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, Gus Stroh, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Regular Council Meeting minutes of July 18, 2023.

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

FINANCE REPORT

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

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

Voting Yes: Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Urish, Bryant and Cooper

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson Cooper made the motion, 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: Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Urish, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin and Rilea

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Mayor Stadsholt encouraged the City Council to have more committee meetings.
- August 15, 2023 we will have our normal Third Tuesday Coffee the scheduled speakers will be, Felicia Farden (Regional Council Manager) and Britney Logue (Family and Community Engagement Specialist) from the State of Illinois Birth to Five program office.
- The Havana Area Chamber of Commerce will work together in partnership with the City of Havana, utilizing their Havana City Center, Havana Public Library, the Mason County Historical and Genealogical Society, Havana Community Unit 126 School District, Spoon River College and other local organizations and volunteers to create the Havana Exhibit to be displayed alongside the Smithsonian Exhibition. This event will run for 5 weeks – January through February.
- Also, we are still working with Illinois River Biological Station on trying to receive a grant for the Illinois River Biological Station building.
- The State Treasurer is hosting a picnic for elected officials August 19, 2023 on the fairgrounds from 12:00-2:00pm if any of you are interested.
- Brenda Davenport-Fornoff and I worked on a nomination for our Riverside Renovation and Restoration Committee for the Governor's Hometown Award. We made the top forty, but we did not make the final cut. We are going to be receiving a certificate in the mail and we'll make sure that we present that to the Riverside Club Volunteer Committees.
- Bill Knuppel has donated to the City a desk that has been in his office for many years from the Scott Lucas estate and we will be putting it at the Riverside Club.

- Tuesday, July 11, 2023, Jewel Bucy, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff, Terri Brownfield and I were guest at the Riverside Club Luncheon.
- Mayor Stadsholt reported that Grace Mott had contacted Steve Kline regarding the removal of the Riverfront Park property in the Business Development District.

Hello Mayor Brenda,

I have been communicating with Steve Kline with the Economic Development Group and he has asked that I contact you. I will copy below, my last communication with him:

Hello Steve,

I see that the Havana City Council voted to move forward with the Business Development District. Congratulations! We understand that your next step is to evaluate all the properties proposed to be in the District.

The Havana Park District Board is concerned that part of our Riverfront Park is in the BDD at this point. Our Park land is not a business, nor is it developable, and additionally, we are a separate tax exempt government entity. No part of our Riverfront Park that you have included in the initial BDD group of properties generates sales tax either.

For these reasons, we are specifically asking to have our Riverfront Park property removed from the Business Development District as you go through and finalize the new District area.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions at all.
Gracie~

He responded:

Please contact the Mayor and discuss this with her. We'll adjust the BDD Study Boundary as directed by the City, but I do not understand why the Park District would not want this area to be included in the Business Development District. The BDD has nothing to do with real estate taxes, or TIF. If Riverfront Park is excluded from the BDD Area, the City would not be able to use future BDD funds it generates in the BDD Area to assist the Park District with any improvements along the riverfront.

Steve K.

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: No report

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 a Revolving Loan for Carolyn Sue Schaeffer in the amount of \$10,590.40, seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

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

Voting Yes: Urish, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, 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 1473, An Ordinance to Propose the Approval of a Business Development District Redevelopment Plan and Establish a Date for a Public Hearing for the Havana Business Development District NO. 1, 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: Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1473, An Ordinance to Propose the Approval of a Business Development District Redevelopment Plan and Establish a Date for a Public Hearing for the Havana Business Development District NO. 1, seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or comments. Alderperson Griffin asked if this was to move forward to have a Public Hearing. Mayor Stadsholt said yes, this is to establish that the Public Hearing for the BDD will be held at 6:15pm on September 5, 2023 so that all the paperwork can be in by the October 1st deadline. Alderperson Griffin asked if we were going with the full 1.0% or if there will be discussion later before the final vote is put in? Mayor Stadsholt said she assumed we did that at the last meeting. Alderperson McDowell said that the closest the council came to a discussion was hearing Steve Kline recommend that the council go with 1.0%. There being no further questions, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: McDowell, Urish, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore and Stroh

Voting No: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Alexandria Matheny as a full-time Administrative Assistant, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Urish and Bryant

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to increase City Attorney, Blake Lindner's salary by \$5,000.00, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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

Voting Yes: Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Urish, Bryant, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer, Cooper Elam, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

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

Voting Yes: Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

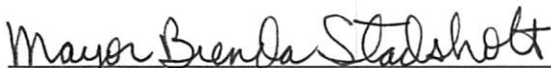
DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

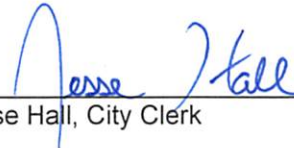
ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

- Guests:**
- Jewel Bucy
 - Jeremiah Hindahl
 - Matt Fliege
 - Jay Sarff
 - Wendy Martin