

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, James "Gus" Stroh, Ross McDowell and Heather Miller.

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:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of August 6, 2024.

**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 Stroh made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

**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: Miller, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

#### **FINANCE REPORT**

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

**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: Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

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

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

- Josh Mercer with WIRC, who we have worked with since 2013, has contacted me. There is a rehab grant going to be available again through CDBG, and it will be due December 4, 2024.
- The Peoria Charter Bus Company brought 46 women to Havana to enjoy lunch and shopping on August 9, 2024.
- Havana's First Friday's and Second Saturday music and art events have been well attended.
- Third Thursday Style Show will continue through October.
- Third Tuesday Business Coffee featured Matt Fliege as the key speaker.
- Mary Evans, with the Riverside Club Renovation and Restoration Committee. I'm an outsider. I came here in 1975, because my husband was just out of the military and they needed a dentist. Daryl Hiltz was extremely instrumental in getting us here. My husband was given some money through the McFarland to buy dental equipment, and he served as a dentist in this town for 30 years. I worked at the Havana High School. I was a home economics teacher. I was there seven years, went back and got an additional degree, and then I worked for University of Illinois Extension for 14 years in our community. We still live here we still own our house. We are in Florida about seven months out of the year. But, I love coming back to my home and small town America. I started through the Leadership Academy at Spoon River College. Our church was cooking at the Riverside Club and being a home economics teacher and licensed in sanitation for about 25 years. I was appalled, because as I would be mixing my cookie dough, plaster would be falling down from the ceiling, there were birds living

upstairs, and so I suggested we do something about improving the sanitation for our elderly attendees at the senior citizen meals. I still cook for senior citizens in the summer when I am back. We only cook on Tuesdays now, I am making pies next month, and they told me to make for 45 people. Therefore, I love doing that. It is very rewarding. I love the Riverside Club. It is a landmark in our community. It has been improved immensely. I am very proud of it. I have donated 15 years, I believe, on the board of that organization; I am Secretary when I am here. I just think it is a landmark, and I think any money that the city has put towards that building is wonderful. I think everybody in the community is proud of it.

**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 item:

- Savvy Citizen app is live and the community really loves it. Right now, we have 113 people signed up.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

- BioSurvey Group did our Mussel Survey last Friday. I have not received the report yet.
- We purchased a new camera today, and we are going to put it at the tree dump. We have had many complaints about the tree dump not being open, and of course, it is not open for a reason. It is a tree dump. It is not a trash dump and people need to realize that. However, we did purchase a new camera, and we are going to put a speed bump in front of the gate, to slow people down a little bit, and then we will keep the back gate locked, but starting tomorrow, we'll open to the public.
- We have two pieces of sidewalk to pour on Pearl and these two pieces out here on Orange.
- I have a quote here from Coe Equipment for the Vactor, which is where we purchased it and that is where we have to have it worked on. I told them that we really wanted to have it inspected thoroughly. Therefore, I got a five-page quote here for \$34,000.00.
- I ordered two loads of black mulch for the new bump outs that are getting put in on Plum Street.
- Are summer help is finished.
- Hein Construction poured the North end of Plum Street up against the buildings, and they are supposed to pour the South end tomorrow.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Police Chief, Jeremiah Hindahl, reported on the following items:

- I have applied for and was granted a Records Disposal Certificate again. Some of you may remember when I first came on; one of my big projects was going downstairs with all the records and sorting through all of those. I am in the process of doing that again. 37 boxes are due to be shredded the first part of September. I have been talking with City Clerk, Jesse Hall, and I am going to help him with his Records Disposal Certificate.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Fire Marshal/Zoning Officer, Matthew Fliege reported on the following items:

- I wanted to report on the Lawford Theatre, there has been nothing short of constant phone calls and news outlets asking questions and wanting answers. I am in contact with the owner daily, on the progress. They have picked their contractor and they are going to basically remove the pitched roof that you see up there now also, remove the original flat roof and finish removing everything from the lobby to the alley. They are going to keep the front lobby and office area, along with the projection room upstairs. They will get that all dried in and then work on bids for rebuilding the auditorium. That is the current plan. The demolition crew is slated anywhere from 10-14 days before they can start. We are working on the timeline, because we will need to relocate City Hall when the demolition begins as a precaution. Same goes for Neverending Story and Perbix and Morgan Law Office for half a day or so. There will be some temporary street closures during that time. I have high hopes that they are going to rebuild the theatre; I know a lot of people are wanting to see it come back. We are very optimistic and things are moving right along.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **FINANCE AND PURCHASING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea presented Ordinance 1485, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District NO. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Havana, Illinois and Joseph P. Dolaz and Rachel E. Dolaz (300 W. Main St.)

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **PROPERTY AND ZONING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Griffin made a motion to approve the use of ARPA Funds to purchase two AC Power Radar Signs in the amount of \$6,288.00, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

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

Voting No: None

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stroh asked Fire Marshal/Zoning Officer, Matthew Fliege to explain the tax abatement process. When we have a property, where someone has left abandoned and it becomes a nuisance to that neighborhood. It is a process in getting it in kept condition and getting it maintained. Many of these properties are just left to sit. They go on a tax cycle, which is a three-year cycle. Therefore, we had some discussion with the City Attorney, Blake Lindner, about our abatement process, which we have had on the books for a long time. The abatement process starts as a property that we deem a nuisance. We do a 30 day public notice for them to get there affairs in order. If they chose not to do anything with the property after that 30 day notice. We can abate the property so it will get cleaned up on the outside. It goes on our mowing list and then any money that is incurred will be put back to lien on that property. Therefore, when it does go up for tax sell those liens have to be satisfied when the sell occurs.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Dylan Hayes as a part-time Public Works employee, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

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

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Allyson McComic as a full-time Dispatcher, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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

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

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 Bryant.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

  
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Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

- Guests:**
- Jewel Bucy
  - Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
  - Matthew Fliege
  - Jeremiah Hindahl
  - Alex Noble
  - Jay Sarff
  - Carson Harris
  - Jim Harris
  - Mary Evans
  - Wendy Martin