

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: Portia Brown, Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, James Stroh, Becky Chaney and Nick Urish.
Absent: Ed Ray 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: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of July 20, 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 Chaney made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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, Stroh, Chaney, Urish, Brown and Cooper

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson Stroh made the motion, 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: Chaney, Urish, Brown, Cooper, Griffin and Stroh

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Mayor Stadsholt recommended to the council to keep a mask handy due to the new delta variant of COVID 19.
- Mayor Stadsholt asked the council if they would like to have the Council meetings at the City Center.
- Illinois Country Living magazine featured Havana in a beautiful article.
- First Friday will be held by the Chamber of Commerce this Friday, August 6, 2021.
- Mayor Stadsholt said a citizen had filed a FOIA for the minutes, and the city asked their attorney for advice. The attorney told them the 6:40 p.m. session was not legally called and wouldn't stand a review under the state's Open Meetings Act. To be valid, Stadsholt said she was told by City Attorney, Blake Lindner that the council would have had to open its 7:00 p.m. regular session, then vote to enter an executive session that would close the meeting to the public.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer, Alex Noble, reported that we closed out the EDA matching grant and we are all set to move forward with the American Rescue Plan.

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 façade program we started last year has picked up again. 309 West Main, Market Street Boutique and Corks By the River are finished. Larry's World of Color will be working on painting The Stag, Todd's Barber Shop, and Babes.
- Illinois Country Living magazine is far reaching. Today I received a phone call from the Village of Greenup, IL. asking to come meet with Mayor Stadsholt and myself.
- History Day will be on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the City Center from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.
- Stella Mae's Coffee Shop is having a soft opening this Friday, August 6, 2021.
- The bench plaques arrived, but are not installed.
- The American Rescue Plan Act is very limited to what you can spend the money on.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Brown reported on behalf of Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy.

- WebEx meeting with IDOT pertaining to Semi Truck parking along RT. 78 and the damage being done beyond the shoulder. The City did not repair the damages, I thought the State repaired it but one of the elevators must have repaired it. The State is upset that State approved materials were not used. City Clerk, Jesse Hall and hopefully Police Chief, Jeremiah Hindahl will also be on the WebEx with me.
- I have not yet heard from Illinois Road Contractors on a time line for our MFT Oil and Chipping program.
- We are planning on watering the Planters uptown tomorrow again as it has been pretty dry.
- I would like to have a committee meeting before the next council meeting on August 17th in order to discuss and answer questions on pricing/work to be done and answer any questions/concerns on repairs and painting of the Water Towers.
- Ameren is supposed to erect three new street lights on the Broadway Boulevard within the next two weeks.
- Waste Management has sent us a letter notifying us our rate will be increased the first of September. I have not heard how much of an increase yet.
- If you have any issues in your Ward or questions give me a call.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

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

- The Police Department has had another busy month. We had 154 calls of service as well as many arrests.
- Code Enforcer Officer, Julie Ishmael, has been busy, she has had 42 calls of service.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHALL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

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

- I received an email from Administrative Assistant, Savannah Burgett that Frank Hofreiter wanted a copy of street permit from IDOT. Frank should have a copy of that now.

- We do have a punch list for the Corridor Project that we put together. Hein Construction is going to be coming back to fix the curb.
- ITEP grant is \$264,000.00 \$240,000.00 of that will go to the construction \$24,000.00 of that will go to the engineering. The local share of the project is \$103,000.00 for construction and \$6,000.00 is for construction engineering. The local share of the project is around \$109,000.00. The design has been done, IDOT approved the design back in 2018. There is a reimbursement agreement between the railroad and the city that Mayor Stadsholt will have to sign. The city has already paid \$11,000.00. \$1,000.00 of that was for the application fee, \$1,750.00 was for the right of way. The rest of it is for Benesch engineering which is an engineering firm based out of Chicago which all of the railroad works. Construction will start in the spring of 2022.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to accept the City of Havana FY 2021-2022 WIRC membership fee in the amount of \$1,980.60, 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: Urish, Brown, Cooper, Griffin, Stroh and Chaney

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Griffin made a motion to sponsor the Polka Pace Race and Polka Dot Fun Run in the amount of \$100.00, 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: Griffin, Stroh, Chaney, Urish, Brown and Cooper

Voting No: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh made a motion to open the minutes from the closed meeting held on July 20, 2021 at 6:40pm, 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: Stroh, Chaney, Urish, Brown, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by Lyn Pedigo to use the city streets for the Mason County Recovery Walk on Saturday, September 25th from 1:00-3:00 p.m., 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, Stroh, Chaney, Urish and Brown

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: 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 Chaney, and seconded by Alderperson Urish.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall / City Clerk

Guests: Jeremiah Hindahl
Gavin Maliska
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Alex Noble
Gary Davis