

The City Council met in Regular Session in the Havana 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: 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Regular City Council meeting minutes of July 16, 2024.

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 Bryant made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

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, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant and Cooper

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt made the following appointment for FY 2024-2025:

Mayor Stadsholt asked for a motion to appoint City Clerk, Jesse Hall, as BDD Collector. Alderperson Shore made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Miller.

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: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following item:

- Dan Gunter with the American Legion Post 138 addressed the City Council. The reason I have come here tonight, is to explain to you what the American Legion organization is to the community. I know we have a lot of organizations in the community that do a lot of great things. In addition, there are two veterans' organizations in the City of Havana and oftentimes people confuse the American Legion with the VFW. The VFW has visibility, they have the post. They just have a lot more advantages as far as public visibility, places that people go to visit. We rent the Odd Fellows home at 407 S Broadway Street, Havana, IL, 62644. Therefore, many people do not even realize where we are. We hold meetings there and we store equipment and supplies there. One of the things that I wanted to let people know about is really the difference between the two organizations, and that is the membership. The membership from the VFW requires that a person has been overseas. American Legion allows any member that has been honorably discharged from the service to be a member. Therefore, the VFW is a little stricter

on their membership requirements than the American Legion. As many of you may or may not know. The American Legion Post was chartered in 1919. The very first Legion Commander here was Scott Lucas, he was actually the very first commander and I am very proud of following in his footsteps. As many of you know. He was an Attorney, the Mason County State's Attorney, and he was also in the US House of Representative, Senator. He served in the army and became a lieutenant in World War I. Therefore, I am very honored that the American Legion has someone in our history with his prestige and presence.

- I continue to thank the Chamber of Commerce and all the volunteers who make Havana's First Fridays an exciting event.
- Riverfront Summer 2024 Concerts August 10, 2024 The Baker Family Band from 6:00-8:00pm.
- Havana Ladies of the Garden Luncheon and Retailers Show will be on Thursday, August 15, 2024 11:30am-1:00pm.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Clerk, Jesse Hall, reported that the Consolidated Primary Election will be held on February 25, 2025, if necessary, and the Consolidated Election will be held on April 1, 2025. The filing dates for the City of Havana are from October 21 through October 28, 2024. Petitions may be circulated beginning July 30, 2024.

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:

- The Annual Havana Riverfront Car Show will be at the Riverfront Park Saturday, August 10, 2024.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- Tonight, the 100 block of North Plum is closed due to construction.
- We had a water leak on South Promenade Street.
- We are going to start spraying for mosquitoes.
- Next Wednesday, August 14, 2024 will be Lauren Herbst's last day as a Public Works employee. She worked for us this summer, and she did an outstanding job.

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: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation. A variance to Ordinance 17.04.050, Ground Floor Living. The variance be limited to the property located at 110 North Orange Street Havana, IL 62644. The variance be granted for temporary accommodations only, 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: Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin and Rilea

Voting No: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Griffin made a motion to approve the Prairie Power, Inc. Material Storage Agreement, 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: Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Bryant made a motion to approve a curb cut request from Ronald and Deanna Murphy at 303 North Promenade Street, 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: Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Miller and Bryant

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Bryant reported that he met with Maurer-Stutz Inc. and Hein Construction today on the Plum Streetscape Project. This is the third meeting we have had and I believe they are committed to finishing the project by the deadline if not before.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

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

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 approve the salary increase for Police Chief, Jeremiah Hindahl, seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

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 approve the salary increase for Deputy Police Chief, James Stark, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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 approve the hourly increase for Water Clerk, Alexandria Matheny, 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 approve the hourly increase for City Treasurer, Alex Noble, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

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

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 7:39 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

- Guests:**
- Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
 - Jewel Bucy
 - Matt Fliege
 - Jeremiah Hindahl
 - Jay Sarff
 - Wendy Martin
 - Dan Gunter
 - Jim Harris
 - Carson Harris