

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.

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 December 3, 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 McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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

Voting No: None

FINANCE REPORT

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- On Monday, December 16, 2024, Katy Glynn, with ENGIE came down for the No-Cost Opportunity Assessment Site Walk. They also sponsored a luncheon at the City Center catered by Babes.
- Today we had our annual luncheon at the City Center for the Public Works Christmas Party. Babes catered it. The 1st graders were able to stop by during our lunch to sing us some Christmas carols which was great.
- Wednesday, December 18, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. is the annual Chamber and City Business After Hours at the Riverside Club.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer, Alex Noble, reported on the update for the audit. Last we spoke with CLA the plan was to have everything submitted before the New Year. Then we will go from there on having them come down. Once they send me the finalized financial statements. I will send the package out to everyone in an email.

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:

- Last Thursday, December 12, 2024, I went to a conference called the Western Illinois Pioneer Trail, but now we are going to call it the Great Western Illinois Experience. It is a trail from Springfield, Petersburg, Havana, Lewistown, Canton, and Galesburg. Helaine Silverman from University of Illinois and her Department of Anthropology have given the museum \$10,000.00.
- We have about \$2,400.00 for the fireworks. Which is less than we have had before due to donations. Matt will have to sign a contract in January and in the past. It has been about \$11,000.00-\$12,000.00. That means I need to raise \$10,000.00. Therefore, if we are going to move forward with the fireworks I need to know.
- The Energy Transition Grant should be coming out in January. I did hear that the second round of people, who were awarded the grant have not received it yet. They are falling behind so I am not sure that it will come out in January. I want to be prepared for that, we still need to decide on a project.
- The Welcome Signs will be installed tomorrow.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- Public Works would like to thank the City for the annual Christmas Party luncheon.
- We did get the Mud Mixer in yesterday.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

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

- If you remember a couple months back about the purchase on the solar powered speed limit signs. I have kind of taken over that project. I have gone and worked with IDOT to get one set up. We got our polls today and the signs are ready to go up once our application is approved. They are laying over at the station if you would like to go over and take a look at them.
- The Fire Department Holiday Party has been pushed back into February due to scheduling issues. We were double booked and did not find out until last minute. We have changed the venue as well, so I will be getting those invitations out to you.
- I did do the annual school inspections last week with the Board of Education. All four of the schools we did were just perfect. With just a few housekeeping things. Those schools are our biggest employers, so to have all of our facilities in such good shape and working order is good to know.

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: No report

ACTION TAKEN: 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: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

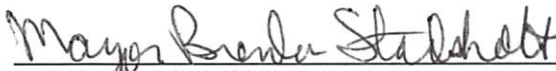
DISCUSSION: Carson Harris, with the Democrat said, I have really enjoyed my time in Havana. I have always looked at Havana as a very unique place. I have always enjoyed coming here every year for the fireworks. I know many people from Mason City that come over. You are doing a good job. I know it is hard, but Havana is very unique and I commend you for what you have done. The downtown is fabulous. I just wanted to say that I enjoy working here even though I am not a resident. I know how hard it is to get volunteers and people to do that. My husband and I have volunteered for so many things and it is hard, but I just wanted to say as an outsider. I think that many people think that Havana is unique. Anytime you want something in the paper or having an event coming up, just let me know. I will put something in.

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 7:52 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests: Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Matthew Fliege
Alex Noble
Jay Sarff
Carson Harris