

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: Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, Gus Stroh, and Becky Chaney.
Absent: Portia Brown, 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 additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of December 6, 2022.

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 Cooper made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Ray.

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: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh and Chaney

Voting No: None

FINANCE REPORT

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

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: Chaney, Cooper, Griffin, Ray and Stroh

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Many of us here at the City have had a busy month. Mary Layton invited us all to the Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon on December 13, 2022 at the Riverside Club. The luncheon was very well attended with over 50 senior citizens; not including out table. It was a very nice event and was great to have Gus and Jan Stroh attend.
- Bruce Hallmark's retirement luncheon was well attended. He's been with the City for 23 years and has done a wonderful job for us. He will be dearly missed at public works and Jewel did a great job with his presentation.
- Rather than having Third Tuesday coffee this month, The Chamber of Commerce and the City partnered for the Christmas party after-hours at the Riverside club.
- Tomorrow, Gary Davis is meeting Brenda and me at City Hall. He has willingly volunteered to help Brenda and myself present an opportunity for a grant with the Illinois Basis Funding and we've known this for two weeks at the most. They've invited people from state federal agencies to come to hear grant proposals. Brenda graciously put forms, applications and other information together and sent it into Dwight Reynolds with the USDA Rural Development. The meeting will be held at Spoon River College. We will be presenting at 10:30am tomorrow morning on Streetscape Phase B, it's an opportunity for the grant.

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

- I contacted Evan Jones with Illinois Rural Water, here in town, and he's given me three possibilities. So far, two of them are not interested to sign paperwork for the wastewater plant, but we might have one interested. I also did some calling up myself to Manito, Astoria and another company Test Inc. Test Inc. is the only one intrigued. They would be glad to come down. From what I understand with talking with Evan is, we're probably going to have to plan on paying four figures. I don't want to give any figures because I still have a bid coming in.
- I received an email yesterday from Keith Plavec with Maurer-Stutz Inc. and he had a list of stuff that he needs to know about the wastewater plant, so I have to get all that information together and email him back.
- It's been busy, we've worked a couple of days on decorations and I feel your pain Dan. Basically the last two days we've been getting trucks, plows and everything ready for this month's weather. Hopefully everybody lets their faucet run a little bit in this cold weather because of freezing pipes. It's cheaper to do that than it is to pay a plumber.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHALL/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 Ray made a motion to approve Ordinance 1468, an Ordinance approving a letter of engagement for engaging an independent registered municipal advisor, 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, Ray, Stroh, Chaney and Cooper

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to approve Ordinance 1469 – Tax Levy 2023/2024, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh and Chaney

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1470, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance NO. 1458 of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, 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: Ray, Stroh, Chaney, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to approve Ordinance 1470, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance NO. 1458 of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. Alderperson Chaney said she thought it wasn't just for the hospital. Stating, "I thought everybody could cross there." Chief Hindahl said we want to clarify that it is an open crossing for the public. I will be sending letters to all permit holders about the updated crossing. Alderperson Griffin said it would be nice to have a Committee Meeting after the first of the year to go over what some citizens have come to him about and asked for changes due to the fact that we are making this change for the hospital. There being no further questions, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Chaney, Cooper, Griffin, Ray 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: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Brenda Stadsholt

Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

Jesse Hall

Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests:

Jeremiah Hindahl
Matthew Fliege
Zach McKnight

Jewel Bucy
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff