

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, James Stroh, Portia Brown, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.
Absent: Ed Ray.

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 meeting minutes of December 7, 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 Stroh 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: Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Chamber of Commerce after hours went very well on December 16, 2021.
- The Riverside Club is being used very frequently this month.
- We did receive a request from the Mason District Hospital Foundation to donate money.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Clerk, Jesse Hall reported on the following item:

- Just a reminder to the council to complete the OMA training online now that the Illinois Attorney General website is back up.

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:

- I have continued to work on the blade sign program.
- I have also been working on the Main Street grant and getting letters of support.

- We had our 5 year planning meeting and we discussed that we need to utilize second story's in downtown buildings to create long term stays, so employees like IRBS technicians have suitable places to stay here in Havana.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Griffin reported that according to the Mason County Health Department Facebook page, we have 2,573 positive COVID-19 cases, 2,309 have recovered, four currently hospitalized and 57 have passed away.

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to waive the first reading for Ordinance 1456 - Tax Levy 2022/2023 as presented, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

Voting Yes: Griffin, Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve Ordinance 1456 - Tax Levy 2022/2023 as presented, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. Alderperson Griffin asked if this would cause taxes to go up, City Treasurer, Alex Noble said it is a .45% increase. There being no further questions, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Stroh and Brown

Voting No: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell said he will call a closed session meeting after the holidays.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Chaney made a motion to approve a one year lease agreement extension with Illinois Natural History Survey, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

Voting Yes: Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Stroh, Brown, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

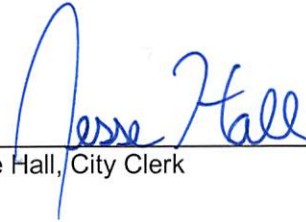
ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests: Matt Fliege
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Alex Noble

Jeremiah Hindahl
Gavin Maliska