

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 Stroh, 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.

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**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 November 21, 2023.

**ACTION TAKEN:** There being none, the minutes are approved as submitted.

**FINANCE REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to accept 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 comments. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

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

Voting No: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to accept 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 comments. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

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

Voting No: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the annual \$100.00 employee Christmas Bonus. Alderperson Griffin made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

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

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Mayor Stadsholt thanked Alderperson Stroh for acting as Mayor Pro Tempore while she was away to Florida with her family.
- The Smithsonian Exhibit will be here at the City Center from January 13, 2024 to February 17, 2024, and will feature a schedule of hours that visitors may explore the exhibit.
- New Central Winter Music Concert (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grades) will be on December 20, 2023 at the New Central Elementary School.
- The Public Works Department, Police Department and Fire Department have their Christmas lights put up. The Police Department and Fire Department bought a few new things this year from H/M Tax Expenses.
- The Riverside Club is being used on a regular basis. Next week is the senior citizens Christmas

party. Mary Layton told me in church Sunday that they have 70 reservations.

**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 have a 100 brand new LED lights for replacements for all the ones on Schrader Street that are out. We just haven't had enough people to put them in yet.
- We have yet to put the garland up on the light poles downtown on Main Street. Again, we just haven't had enough people available.
- We are going to have a Christmas party luncheon at noon on December 15, 2023 at Vic's Place or at the City Center. I do need a head count.
- The City of Havana published the Notice of Intent to Issue a Categorical Exclusion for the proposed wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and lift station improvements in the Mason County Democrat on November 15, 2023. City Clerk, Jesse Hall did not receive any written comments and he sent out the notice of Intent to Issue a Categorical Exclusion Public Comment letter to the EPA and to our engineer.
- MFT, the paperwork is at the County Engineer, Michael Pedigo's office and he is working on it.
- Merit Construction is almost finished, they have a few joints to caulk uptown yet and I think it's turned out really well.
- ZENNER will be putting up antennas next week for the new water meters.

**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 Ordinance 1476 – Tax levy 2024/2025, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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

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

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1477, an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 10.16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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

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

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1477, an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 10.16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or comments. Alderperson McDowell asked if the original figure on this was \$5.00 to \$10.00. Alderperson Rilea said \$5.00, if the payment is made within twenty-four hours of the time the alleged offense was committed. Alderperson Rilea said the Amended Ordinance will give the police officers the ability to almost use state statute. The state statute is \$164.00 we are actually going to be at \$165.00. It's going to be a \$165.00 ticket with the possibility of a \$100.00 court cost. Also in there is the no parking zone, it is unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle on East Laurel Street between Harpham Street and South Promenade Street. There being no further questions, the motion passed by the following vote:

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

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea reported, that he is going to be working with City Attorney, Blake Lindner on Ordinance 10.20.10. We need two stop signs on Teal Drive at its intersection with Franklin Street and Greenbrier Drive at its intersection with Franklin Street out at Highland Meadows subdivision. The current Ordinance doesn't say that there are stop signs there. Also, I put a packet in everyone's mailbox. Jewel, Deny and I had a meeting on December 1, 2023 and we have a few other Ordinances we would like to look over. I will have a 10 minute committee meeting before the next regular council meeting. These are not major changes.

**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:** 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 McDowell, and seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

*Mayor Brenda Stadsholt*

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Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

*Jesse Hall*

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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

**Guests:** Jewel Bucy  
Matthew Fliege  
Jeremiah Hindahl  
Alex Noble  
Jay Sarff