

The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. Mayor Brenda 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, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.
Absent: Portia Brown

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 November 15, 2022.
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 Chaney 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: Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper
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. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:
Voting Yes: Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray and Stroh
Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the annual \$100.00 employee Christmas bonus. Motion made by Alderperson Chaney, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.
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, Chaney, McDowell and Urish
Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- The Senior Citizens have invited all of us to lunch on Tuesday, December 13th at 11:30am at the Riverside Club to thank us for our support. The cost is \$6.00 per person, we need your reservation by this Friday. If you plan to come, please call Mariah and let her know.
- Chamber of Commerce and City after hours that we've had for the last few years together to thank our business people and city people for their cooperation and support. It will be at the Riverside club on December 8, 2022 from 4:30-6:00pm. If anyone is planning to attend, let Mariah know.
- We have the retirement lunch for Bruce Hallmark on December 15, 2022 at 12:00pm at the City Center. Please let Mariah know that if you plan to attend.
- Congratulations to the Havana Duck's seventh grade girls as they move forward on winning the state championship.

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 apologize that the leaves haven't been picked up. The City sweeper broke down a couple of weeks ago and it's just been a mess. We finally got it fixed and repaired and we're hitting it hard right now sweeping and hopefully we can get the streets swept before the snowfall and ice.
- Bridget Berry, from Farnsworth Group, reported that the sidewalks are going well. We're wrapping up here nearing the end. We'll have one more invoice this year, and then another one in the spring for any touch up things that end up happening, but we're coming to a close. I took a walk around myself yesterday and took some pictures that I'll be writing up in a little report. As far as the Mussel Survey goes. There are scheduling conflicts with EcoAnalysts after they provide us with the proposal, and I communicate this to the IEPA, and I think that since I provided them proof of the City's attempt to try, and get this worked out. They agreed that when the water gets warmer again in the spring we'll revisit it. Jewel Bucy said that until then we would just continue on our old NPDES permit.
- Since Bruce Hallmark is retiring, I got a hold of Illinois Rural Water and asked them if they had anybody available that could sign for the wastewater plant and Evan came by this afternoon. We talked about it and he has three possible guys that could sign the paperwork for the wastewater plant. It won't be cheap, but it will be legal.

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: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to purchase Christmas decorations for the light poles, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. Alderperson Griffin explained, that the decorations on the Main Street light poles have started to deteriorate over time and that the purchase would include lights, bows and garland. Mayor Stadsholt said, that the expense would come out of Hotel / Motel Tax. There being no further questions, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Ray, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

Abstained: Griffin

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray presented Ordinance 1468, an Ordinance approving a letter of engagement for engaging an independent registered municipal advisor.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray presented Ordinance 1469, an Ordinance Levying Taxes for all Corporate Purposes for the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of May, A.D., 2023 and ending on the 30th day of April, A.D., 2024.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Rotary Club, to use Main Street (between Plum and Orange) on December 10, 2022 for their Annual Bell Ringing Event from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 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: Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION Alderperson Ray made a motion to approve Maurer – Stutz Standard Short form Proposal and Agreement for Professional Services – Project Name: City of Havana – Wastewater Treatment Plant Study, 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: McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh and Chaney

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION Alderperson Ray made a motion to approve Maurer – Stutz Standard Short form Proposal and Agreement for Professional Services – Project Name: Planning Grant Application for Unsewered Communities Highland Meadows Subdivision, 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: Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray and Stroh

Voting No: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the retirement of Public Works employee, Bruce Hallmark, seconded by Alderperson Ray.

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, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: 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 McDowell and seconded by Alderperson Urish.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



City Clerk, Jesse Hall

Guests:

Alex Noble
Matthew Fliege
Chris Rilea

Jewel Bucy
Bridget Barry
Zach McKnight