

The City Council met in regular session at the City Center. 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, James 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: Larry Smith asked about the progress from the last meeting on the issue with the side-by-sides. Alderperson Ray said we had a health issue and didn't want a room full of people, but we will have a committee meeting on January 4, 2022.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Regular Council Meeting minutes of November 16, 2021.

ACTION TAKEN: There being none, the minutes will stand as approved and submitted.

FINANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Finance 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 Finance Report. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

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

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 Griffin.

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, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Chamber after hours will be on December 16, 2021 at the Riverside Club from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Illinois State Senator Jil Tracy came to Havana for a Coffee and Conversation event on Monday, November 29 at Grandpa's.
- Thank you to Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy and Alderperson Griffin on working on the courtyard of lights.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the annual \$100.00 employee Christmas bonus. Motion made by Alderperson Chaney, 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, Ray, Stroh, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

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

- Alex Noble, City Treasurer and I have been working on the tax levy and I will have it on the agenda for the next regular city council meeting.

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 items:

- I worked on the Streetscape Phase B grant.
- I am continuing to work on the blade sign program.
- I really have been doing a lot of the spotlights on local businesses.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- The handrail for the old water tower should be going up tomorrow afternoon.
- Mayor Stadsholt asked me to check on the lights on East Main Street. I called Ameren's construction supervisor, Robert Sawford. He said he is aware of the situation but street lights are not a priority, there are people without electricity and that is more important.
- Britton still has a PLC to put in at the water plant.
- I called Travis from HEIN Construction to see what is going on with the downtown and the business park. They fixed everything but they still have not put the bricks back downtown.
- On behalf of Public Works, thank you for the Christmas bonuses.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: Fire Marshall, Matthew Fliege, reported on the following items:

- The communication tower that the county has been putting up is completed.
- Greg Griffin who has been the Mason County Emergency Management Director for the past 36 years has retired. They will have a meet and greet at the Mason County Court House on Friday, December 17, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Also thank you on behalf of the Fire Department for the Holiday bonuses.

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 on the following item:

- Check the Mason County Health Department for all of your current COVID-19 information, as of right now we have 2,366 positive COVID cases, 2,216 have recovered, zero are currently hospitalized and 57 have passed away. If you are looking for any more information go to the Mason County Health Department's Facebook page.

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Madisyn Shore as the full-time Water Clerk, seconded by Alderperson Urish.

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

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 new tornado siren and pole installation in the amount of \$27,880.00, 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: Ray, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION Alderperson Ray made a motion to approve a request by Denis Bryant, to use the City Streets on November 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. for the Annual Santa Claus Parade, 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: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Optimist Club, to use Main Street on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for their Annual Toy Give Away, 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, Ray, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION Alderperson McDowell made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Rotary Club, to use Main Street (between Plum and Orange) on December 11, 2021 for their Annual Bell Ringing Event from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 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: Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper
Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION Alderperson Chaney made a motion to hire Farnsworth Engineering Group for Streetscape Phase B grant, 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: Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin and Ray
Voting No: 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 Chaney.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall / City Clerk

- Guests:**
- Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
 - Gavin Maliska
 - Jeremiah Hindahl
 - Matt Fliege
 - Madisyn Shore
 - Larry Smith