

The City Council met in regular session at the City Center. Alderperson Gus Stroh 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: Portia Brown, Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, Becky Chaney, 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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**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Ray made a motion to allow Alderperson Stroh to act as Mayor Pro Tempore, since Mayor Stadsholt is not in attendance. Seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Voting Yes: Brown, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Chaney, McDowell and Urish.

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tem Stroh asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of January 19, 2021.

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

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

**FINANCE REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tem Stroh entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Chaney made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Pro Tem Stroh 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, Urish and Brown.

Voting No: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tem Stroh entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Ray.

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

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

Voting No: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tem Stroh reported on the following item:

- Mayor Stadsholt has been working very hard on the Atlas Pathfinder Lease Agreement, along with Alderperson Cooper, Alderperson Urish and the attorneys. Mayor Pro Tem Stroh asked Ken Sidwell if he would like to say anything. Ken replied; "Everyone has been working really hard and said he thinks there is still information that needs to be addressed. Everything I think is moving in the right direction we just need to keep the momentum and it is going to start picking up pace really fast once we get through this agreement." Alderperson Urish reported the lease agreement went to our City Attorney, Blake Lindner, late afternoon today. The council doesn't know if Blake has had a chance to review the lease agreement in fine detail. Alderperson Ray said the lease agreement has several outs, if there would be a problem. Alderperson Cooper said it looks like Atlas Pathfinder didn't really address a lot of the concerns from the last meeting about the infrastructure and some of the plating. I believe you're

also waiting to hear of some depths. Ken Sidwell said he didn't know how to insert that in the lease agreement. Ken Sidwell said the cameraing you guys discussed about doing ahead of time. We have already agreed to do it afterwards. Atlas Pathfinder agreed to pay the cost to do it afterwards so no issues there. Alderperson Cooper said if everyone is good with it and Atlas Pathfinder is we will have a Special meeting Friday, February 5, 2021 to give City Attorney, Blake a minute to review everything and get his approval. Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy asked Ken about the bond issue. Gary Davis said he believes that was in the comments that Alderperson Urish put together. Alderperson Urish said in the original discussion a couple weeks ago Arturus said as long as it was a reasonable amount that wouldn't be an issue. Ken Sidwell said I believe that is still the case we just need feedback from the council. What's going on is it's all coming from Arturus side and he is just at the point of he doesn't know what he's grasping for because he doesn't know what the council is thinking, it's not making it on to paper. Instead of him guessing, the council needs to have things go to the City Attorney, Blake Lindner, he needs to redline an agreement. Alderperson Urish suggested having a conference call tomorrow or Thursday with both attorneys.

**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:** Economic Development Coordinator Brenda Davenport-Fornoff reported on the following items: McDaniel's marketing

- City Clerk, Jesse Hall, City Treasurer, Alex Noble, Administrative Assistant, Savannah Burgett and I went through the city's website training. It's really similar to what I worked on at the hospital. We have worked on updating and cleaned it up a bit. We still have some pictures we need to change. It will be able to support the mobile museum once we get that started.
- I was able to get the Historic Water Tower submitted as the most endangered historic place for 2021. It's just a designation which would hopefully give the city chances for grants.
- We have been working with businesses around here for the Opportunity Zone. Basically all of Havana is in the Opportunity Zone except the Business Park.
- I started working on McDaniel's Marketing and getting a focus group together.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

- We had a water main break on Broadway and Main yesterday.
- At the Waste Water Treatment Plant, the gear box we spent about \$12,000 on parts for it and we have it back up and running again.
- Hopefully this week we will get the motor back for well number 5 at the Chester Center.
- I would like to encourage the people in the city and maybe Wendy can mention it in the paper its going to be the coldest it has been this winter the next couple weeks. So if they have any questionable pipes that could be exposed they need to have the water trickle and run a little bit.
- I got a 100 ton of salt last week so the city is okay on salt.
- I am currently working with Mike Pedigo on the MFT program for next summer.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FIRE MARSHALL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Fire Marshall, John Kachanuk reported on the following item:

- Our application to the EPA for Prairieland Steele was accepted yesterday. That means we should be able to tap into funding's from Illinois EPA help get that site though reedition. The problem now is we have to wait for the ground to thaw out before they can do anything. They probably won't do anything until March or April.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Gary Davis, with Farnsworth Engineering, reported on the following items:

- The City should get between \$400,000- \$500,000 dollars from the USEDAs with closing that grant out from the Business Park.
- The railroad permit is still being worked on. We are just waiting for a response back from the railroad for a submittal.
- We submitted all the long term control plans combined sewer overflow information to the EPA.

**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:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Urish reported he would have a Planning Committee meeting prior to the Special Council meeting Friday.

**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

**PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

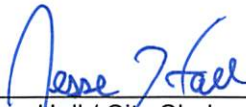
**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tem Stroh entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson Chaney, and seconded by Alderperson Ray.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

  
Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
Jesse Hall / City Clerk

**Guests:** Jeremiah Hindhal  
John Kachanuk  
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff  
Gary Davis  
Ken Sidwell