

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 "Gus" 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.

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 February 6, 2024.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Alderperson Rilea made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

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

Voting No: None

FINANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Stroh made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Certificates were presented to the 8th Grade Boys Basketball team for winning the 2024 IESA Sectional.
- Today we had Third Tuesday Business Coffee at the City Center. Updates were given by Mayor Stadsholt on City happenings as well as a recap and updates from April Burgett from the Chamber of Commerce.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Clerk, Jesse Hall, reported that we would have the first reading of the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 on March 19, 2024.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer, Alex Noble, reported that CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen) came down Tuesday, February 13, 2024 for FY23 audit fieldwork.

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:

- Adding the Tivoli Lights on Plum Street now would be the perfect time to do so, because the sidewalks will be torn up and we have received so many compliments on the Tivoli Lights on Main Street. I met with S&S Signs, Lighting, Electrical on Thursday, February 15, 2024. They will be getting back with me on the strength and the size of the poles we will need. I only need four. I don't have all of the information but if they are \$2,500 a piece it might be \$10,000 for four poles. It was \$3,200 to do the lights on Main Street, so I think it will be less than \$15,000.
- The other thing is the welcome signs. As I mentioned, I met with S&S Signs, Lighting, Electrical at Hardee's, just to find out how we would be attaching the sign to the bricks that are already there. That sign will be a little bit bigger than the other two just because of the existing bricks. I think its 9' x 5', so it will be a little bit bigger than the other two signs out on US Hwy 136 and SR 97. The thing is, they are mounted on 4' x 4' post. To me, that does not look as welcoming as a nice stack stone or brick. The stack stone price that Jewel received to replace one pillar out at the Business Park is \$6,500. Therefore, it would be about \$26,000 to do four pillars. Now I have got a call into the same place to see about brick instead of stack stone. They have not gotten back to me yet.
- The Energy Transition Phase I Grant is due March 15, 2024. I need to know what project you would like me to apply for. The City Council agreed that the City parking lot behind Ace Hardware.
- I presented at the SPARK Conference on Sunday, February 18, 2024 about the revitalization downtown.

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

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 waive the first reading of Ordinance 1480, an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 12.12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. 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 approve Ordinance 1480, an Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 12.12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. 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 presented Ordinance 1481, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Griffin reported to the City Council that both the Chamber of Commerce and Courtyard of Lights Committee are on board with the Christmas Tree Farm idea and will sign an agreement once the city provides a lease for the land. Paperwork is being done, Griffin said, and they will just need to know how long the lease will be for. He recommended 25 years. Planting 100 trees to start with will be an Eagle Scout project and Griffin said he hoped continuing planning and care for the trees will fuel future Eagle Scout projects. "I would love it if there was a way the school with its agriculture programs can come out there and say 'we'd love to help out' because once a year someone's going to have to put in a little time trimming trees," he said. Griffin indicated he expected to have a long-term hand in the project himself, noting his Eagle Scout project at age 16 was rewiring the Courtyard of Lights, and at 42 he's never left the project. "I know I'm going to be dedicated to trimming trees for quite a while," he said.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by William Knake, Havana Area Volunteers Organization, to place a 4' x 8' plywood sign in the middle of the Main Street boulevard in the 100 East Block between the City light poles for the 31st Annual Havana Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at Rockwell Park at 10:00am, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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

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

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Bryant made a motion to approve the Plum Street – Phase I Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. 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 amend the Plum Street — Phase I Preliminary Construction Cost Estimate by adding an additional \$20,000.00 contingency fee, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. 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 Bryant made a motion to approve Eco Analysts, Inc. to do a mussel survey in the amount of \$15,136.22, seconded by Alderperson Urish.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. Keith Plavec with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. explained, that they are currently working with the City on their Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements and currently the City's NPDES Permit is still in draft form, the City has not been given a final, because this is something that the EPA requires. There being no further questions, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Stroh, McDowell, Urish, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea and Shore
Voting No: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: None

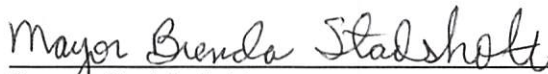
PUBLIC COMMENT #2

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 Griffin.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests: Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Matt Fliege
Jeremiah Hindahl
Alex Noble
Keith Plavec
Christopher Sanchez
Wendy Martin