

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: Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, Gus Stroh, Portia Brown, 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.

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 7, 2023.

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 Chaney made the motion, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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, Ray, Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish 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 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: Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh and Brown

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Congratulates to the Havana High School lady Ducks Basketball team who won Regional last Thursday night. Also, congratulations to Bryar Lane for being the state runner up.
- The Illinois Art Council will be making a stop in Havana on February 27, 2023 at the COVE from 11:30-1:30pm. They're going to have refreshments at Stella Mae's Coffee Shop. Then move on for hopefully a walking tour of downtown and it's a huge opportunity for us to show the Lawford Theatre to the Illinois State Arts Council, and then they'll end up at Gisela's Haus and LuLu's Craft Beverage Co. it's all happening between 11:30-1:30pm. All of you at the table are invited.

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: No report

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 item:

- We're asking for \$500.00 for WIRC to write a grant for a \$30,000.00 matching grant. That grant is hopefully going to be used for black topping the lot across from the fire station. In between the fire station and public works. We removed the trees a couple of months ago that were constantly falling down. We removed the trees and we'd like to turn all that into a public parking lot. It would greatly benefit the police and fire departments, public works and also a lot more parking for the City Center that is greatly needed. We have an outline kind of drawn out but we're not able to get any bids until the first of March because those companies don't do that type of work in the wintertime. They told us that the first of March we can get bids. But we can still move forward on the grant without the bids.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to support Experience Emiquon Visitor Guide in the amount of \$1,000.00. Payment is contingent on all outstanding money being collected and for the City of Havana to see proof of add, 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: Ray, Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to move forward with a \$500.00 payment to WIRC to write the USDA Rural Development \$30,000.00 matching grant currently for the parking lot, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. Alderperson Chaney asked about just putting in some gravel. Would that save us anything so we can use the extra money for something else or is the grant limited to that type of project? Fire Marshal/Zoning Officer, Matt Fliege, explained that whether asphalt or gravel is used it has nothing to do with the grant, but that Josh Mercer of the WIRC had said infrastructure parking did fall under the category of the grant. Alderperson Chaney asked if some of the grant money could be used to repair the roads in the area. Alderperson Griffin said the more black top we add for parking lots means more stuff we have to maintain in two years and I'd like to see the money go towards the streets than maintain the parking lots. There being no further questions, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Stroh, Brown, McDowell, Ray and Mayor Stadsholt

Voting No: None

Abstained: Urish, Griffin and Chaney

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Griffin said, nothing to report on health sanitation right now. I have some other stuff that has come up. I did get to Blake and was able to talk to him about the UTV golf carts and there's nothing that can be done on that now. Until we eliminate golf cart from our ordinance. Hopefully I've answered the questions to the people that are concerned. Also, last year I brought up a suggestion of planting the boulevards with wildflowers instead of mowing nonstop. I have a list of wildflowers that start in May and end in December, if anybody's interested in this. I thought that'd be a great idea for a change of scenery and to save on paying for tons of mowing every year. If anybody wants to move forward on that, I have the information. Mayor Stadsholt told Alderperson Griffin to refer that to the chairman of public works Portia Brown.

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Urish said, one thing that will come on the next agenda is a motion to decide whether or not to move forward with welcomes signs. Also, we will have a planning committee meeting prior to the next council meeting for discussion on signage.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Chaney said, I don't have anything on the agenda but I would like to make a reminder that we've never done anything with our water tower on South Broadway and that we need to do the repairs. Mayor Stadsholt told Alderperson Chaney to discuss the matter with Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by William Knake Havana Volunteers Organization to place 4x8 wooden signs on the 100 East block in the boulevard between the city light poles (between Methodist Church parking lots) for the 30th Annual Havana Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Rockwell Park at 10:00am, 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: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell said, that Joshua Parsons who the City Council moved to hire at the last meeting had already accepted another position, he felt like he couldn't wait. I talked to Jewel about it and he knows I'm willing to come down and sit in on any interview. Also, I think this council probably has 100% record of supporting anybody that Jewel recommends.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

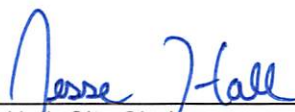
ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson Chaney and seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.


Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor


Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests: Matthew Fliege
Helen Spencer

Alex Noble
Denis Bryant