

The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. Mayor Bryant 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, William Janis, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, Brenda Stadsholt, James "Gus" Stroh and Ross McDowell.

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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**PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Bryant asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of January 20, 2026.

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

**FINANCE REPORT**

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Bryant 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, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh, McDowell and Cooper

Voting No: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Bryant asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Consent Agenda. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh, McDowell, Cooper, Griffin and Janis

Voting No: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Bryant reported on the following items:

- Jacob Janssen with Snedeker Risk Management presented a dividend check to the City of Havana in the amount of \$7,200.00.
- I have asked Fire Marshal / Zoning Officer, Matt Fliege to look into having cameras for the Public Works building / City Center. Matt reported that over at the Public Works building including the City Center would be an additional six cameras. While doing that the DVR's that are located here at City Hall and at the Fire and Police Station. Those would not integrate with the new DVR at Public Works. Therefore, those two DVR's would have to be upgraded. So that the systems would work all together. Mayor Bryant said the project would cost \$10,000.00.
- At some point Cory Neikirk owner of JC's River Run & River Run Inn would like the council to stop by his new building and give a tour.

**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:** City Clerk, Jesse Hall, reported on the following items:

- I am still waiting on Tami Davidage to submit a new BDD Application for Phase 3.
- Jamie Brown is requesting an additional revolving loan in the amount of \$15,000.00 and wants BDD funds as well.
- We closed out the Jennifer Larson Blue Butterfly Resale Shop BDD project located at 311 W. Main St.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Public Works Director, Jay Sarff, reported on the following items:

- Maurer-Stutz did send out the bids for the water service line identification project. Bid opening will be held on Wednesday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m.
- George Merkle with Maurer-Stutz is wanting to know if we are still wanting to move forward with the Havana Promenade Street Resurfacing and Repair project.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Police Chief, Jeremiah Hindahl, reported on the following item:

- On Thursday, February 5, 2026, I am picking up the new squad vehicle from Thomas of Petersburg.

**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 1510, an Ordinance authorizing the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1510, an Ordinance authorizing the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing a Representative to

Sign Loan Documents, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea made a motion to waive first reading of Ordinance 1511, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Havana, Illinois and Larson Main Street Properties, LLC and Jennifer Larson (224 W Main St.), seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1511, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Havana, Illinois and Larson Main Street Properties, LLC and Jennifer Larson (224 W Main St.), seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to amend Ordinance 1511, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Havana, Illinois and Larson Main Street Properties, LLC and Jennifer Larson (224 W Main St.), by taking out the Developer plans to acquire property located within the Business Development District at 224 W Main Street, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1512, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Havana, Illinois and Larson Main Street Properties, LLC and Jennifer Larson (226 W Main St.), seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1512, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Havana, Illinois and Larson Main Street Properties, LLC and Jennifer Larson (226 W Main St.), seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to amend Ordinance 1512, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Havana, Illinois and Larson Main Street Properties, LLC and Jennifer Larson (226 W Main St.) by taking out the Developer plans to acquire property located within the Business Development District at 226 W Main Street, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

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 request by William Knake, Havana Area Volunteers Organization, to place 4x8 plywood sign in the middle of the Main Street boulevard in the 100 East Block between the city light poles for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Havana Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, 2026 at Rockwell Park at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stadsholt made a motion to approve a Supplemental Resolution 02-26 a Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

Voting Yes: McDowell, Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt and Stroh

Voting No: None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT #2**


**DISCUSSION:** None

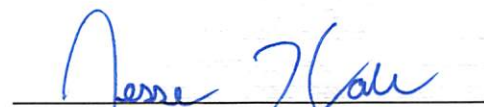
**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Bryant 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 7:37 p.m.

  
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Denis Bryant, Mayor

  
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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

**Guests:**

Matthew Fliege  
Jeremiah Hindahl  
Alex Noble