

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, James Stroh, Portia Brown, Becky Chaney and Ross McDowell.
Absent: 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: Alderperson McDowell stated that after much thought he was not in favor of changing the City Ordinance 6.04.010 that states: "It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor any bovine, caprine, corvine, equine, ovine, swine or poultry within city limits." I am sorry I am sure these people have done an excellent job with their chicken coop, but the people I have spoken with in my Ward do not want it.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of January 4, 2022.

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

FINANCE REPORT

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

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

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following item:

- Last Thursday we had a visit from SAM Nutrients from Bloomington, Minnesota. They have interest in the Business Park, Power Plant and Coal Dock areas. They are an Agricultural Company. It is family owned and they are going to get back with us, but we were able to organize a meeting with Kin Sidwell, he met with them down at the coal docks and showed them the whole barrage area and delivery system that they had done in less than a year. They had a lot in common to talk about so they are going to work on some things together and get back with us. They were very interested in the Southeast corner of the Business Park to erect a building. They also asked if they might pursue some type of land leasing on the Power Plant area. I checked with our representative and he said at this time they are not interested in doing that because right now they are going to be doing the battery storage. VISTRA is going to move forward with that in 2022-2023 with construction so a lot of people will be hired for local jobs and then with completion they plan to have the battery storage plant in operation in 2024. The Illinois Energy Commission approved Havana as being a site.
- We had our Annual Standing Committee Meeting on Monday, January 17, 2022.
- Today we had our Third Tuesday Coffee and we had low attendance. April Burgett was the speaker this morning and she gave a great summary of what the Chamber of Commerce is doing and what they plan to do. That made me remember that we have never acted on what we are going to do for the 4th of July. I know it's not on the agenda tonight but I would like all of you to think about it. Remember, the Chamber notified us saying that they would not be doing 4th of July.

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 MARSHALL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: Fire Marshall, Matt Fliege reported on the following item:

- At the last council meeting, I mentioned about the street study being done on Laurel Street in front of the new Nazarene Church. That has been done and completed. We did hear back from IDOT that they are lowering the speed limit from 50mph down to 45mph in that area. There are a lot of factors that go into play as to how they come up with those and if we want to look at it again we can one year from now.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

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

- The railroad permit was submitted to City Attorney, Blake Lindner.
- We did submit the grant application for Phase B.
- NPDES Application is something that I think was talked about at the last council meeting. We have not got a response back from Jewel yet on how he would like us to do that. Mayor Stadsholt said that she did talk to Jewel and he does want to go forward.
- I received an email from Travis McGarry with HEIN Construction apologizing that the work has not been completed. He said they had started but they were unable to get the concrete replaced due to the cold weather.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve the 2021 audit, 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: McDowell, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown and Chaney

Voting No: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: ~~DISCUSSION:~~ Alderperson Griffin, reported on the following items:

- If you need any information on COVID-19 go to the IDPH website. The Mason County Health Department Facebook page that we have been using to get our information on is not current. They have shut that down and the State is taking complete control of it.
- Before this gets too far down the road we need to have a meeting on what we are going to do about the 4th of July fireworks because if we do not sign a contract within this month we will not have a

contractor. We need to make sure this is something we are moving forward with. Chris Troxell was the lead for the Chamber, he probably could give us the information, but if we wait any longer and don't get a committee meeting formed on what we are doing, we won't have anything. The worst thing we can do is to not have a 4th of July celebration.

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1457, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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

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

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to approve Ordinance 1457, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, 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: Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Cooper, Griffin and Ray

Voting No: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to approve Resolution 01-22, a Resolution Retaining the Current Number of Aldermen in the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, 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: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: 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

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 7:37 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests:

Jeremiah Hindhal
Gary Davis
Alex Noble

Matthew Fliege
Gavin Maliska