

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, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, James "Gus" Stroh, Ross McDowell and Heather Miller.

Absent: Denis Bryant

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:** Alderperson Griffin reported that if you go to the Illinois Secretary of State website you could vote to retain the current State flag or pick one new redesigned State flag. He recommended voting to retain the current State flag.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of January 7, 2025.

**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 McDowell.

**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: Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell and Miller

Voting No: None

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

- We had an amazing meeting yesterday morning at our Annual Standing Committee meeting. Five council members were present. It was really a good meeting. Each of the Standing Committees gave a report and they have a lot of interest on what is going on around town.
- Havana Third Tuesday Business Coffee was held earlier today. Chamber President, Megan Wilson-Friedrich, introduced herself as the new Havana Chamber of Commerce President and gave us a brief report.
- The Joint Review Board Meeting will be on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the City Center.
- Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff and I met with Doctor Jim Lamer and April Burgett from IRBS. Their lease on West Schrader expires in October. They would like to renew it for another five years.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** City Clerk, Jesse Hall, reported that Adam Pulley and Justin Knorr with CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) would present FY 24's audit at the next City Council meeting.

**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:

- I am working on the Sidewalk Grant with Public Works Leadman, Jay Sarff and Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy.
- I have been waiting on the Energy Transition Grant Phase 3.
- I added the Business Directory on the website a couple of years ago. I updated it today.
- We do own Laurel Hill Cemetery. I just finished a project were I cataloged all the names of the people who are buried at the cemetery and their location. I am going to add that to our website. About 11,000 people are buried out there.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

- We had a water leak last Thursday, January 16, 2025; we got that taken care of.
- This week we have had all of Public Works helping on garbage pickup due to the cold weather.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Fire Marshal/Zoning Officer, Matthew Fliege, reported on the following item:

- I did have a zoom call a couple of weeks ago with the EPA about the Prairieland Steele property. As far as them doing their site work and figuring out what is contaminated and where, was completed back in October. I have the report, it is over 600 pages. It can be purchased with the stipulation that there are some area within the property that need soil remediation. For soil remediation to take place, if somebody were to purchase a property and they wanted to handle it through a company, they can. On behalf of the new owner, we can help them apply for grants to help for that process. It is my attention now to go to the owner and talk to them to find out who's interested. Then we will go from there.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FINANCE AND PURCHASING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Cooper reported that we would have a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for Tami Davidage on the next agenda.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea reported that he would be sending out a couple of emails on ordinances on the leaf burning issue from neighboring communities.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PROPERTY AND ZONING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Griffin reported for the council to go over the paperwork from his committee meeting and bring something back at the next City Council meeting.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to go into closed session under Open Meetings Act 2 (C) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Miller.

**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 and Miller

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to come out of closed session. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, 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: Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell and Miller

Voting No: 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 Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

**Guests:** Brenda Davenport-Fornoff  
Matthew Fliege  
Jeremiah Hindahl  
Jay Sarff  
Jim Harris