

The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. Alderperson Stroh 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, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.
Absent: Ed Ray and Portia Brown.

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.

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to allow Alderperson Stroh to act as Mayor Pro Tempore, since Mayor Stadsholt is not in attendance. Seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

ACTION TAKEN: Voting Yes: Cooper Griffin, Chaney McDowell and Urish.

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

DISCUSSION: Tabitha Ebert addressed the City Council about any discussion on changing the City Ordinance to allow poultry within city limits. Alderperson Griffin asked when her deadline was. Tabitha said a month ago. Also saying that Code Enforcement Officer, Julie Ishmael is working very well with her until the City Council makes a decision. Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh said that Alderperson Ray is absent tonight.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Chris Rilea asked if there is any headway or a date for a committee meeting to discuss the side-by-sides Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh said that Alderperson Ray is absent tonight and that is his committee.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of December 21, 2021.

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

FINANCE REPORT

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

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh 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 and Griffin

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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

Voting Yes: Griffin, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

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: Economic Development Coordinator Brenda Davenport-Fornoff reported on the following item:

- I have received support letters for the Streetscape Phase B Grant and gave them to Gary Davis, with Farnsworth Engineering.

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, Matthew Fliege reported on the following items:

- The property at 421 South Pearl that we have been waiting on to go through court went through. It has now been slated for demolition mid-to-late January. I have already spoken with the contractor and once he gets started he has 15 days for completion. When the time comes, I will send out letters to the neighbors to make them aware of it.
- We submitted a letter to IDOT and there were some questions about lowering the speed limit on Laurel Street in front of the new Nazarene Church. We submitted that letter to have a speed study done. This could happen anytime, they really don't give you a warning when they do it. They just give you the results on whether or not it's valid to lower the speed limit as it is. After talking to him he did mention that he thought we were missing a sign already, because it does drop more than 5 miles per hour from the cemetery to the stop light. Either way, we are looking at some sort of a change as far as coming into town and hopefully we can reduce speed limit going out of town as well.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

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

- We are working on the grant application for the Main Street project.
- On the walkway project to the Business Park we did get the Railroad's agreement at the end of December. We will be giving that to City Attorney, Blake Lindner to look at and then we will meet with the Mayor to go through that. It will have to go through the council and hopefully that will happen in January.
- One of our engineers is working with Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy on the discharge permit for the Waste Water Plant. The NPDES permit expires every five years.
- I did call the President of HEIN Construction on the barricades on the street and them not finishing the project. They told me two weeks ago it would be done. We will contact them again and make sure we get that done.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Griffin said he normally visits the Mason County Health Department website to find out the latest COVID-19 information but the State of Illinois is not allowing them to post things there. You have to go to the IDPH website.

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Urish made a motion to move forward with the creation of a resolution to maintain eight Aldermen in four Wards in the City of Havana, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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

Voting Yes: McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin Chaney and Stroh

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

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Steve Meyer as a full-time Public Works employee, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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

Voting Yes: Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Stroh, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell 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 Stroh.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh entertained a motion to come out of closed session. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Urish.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

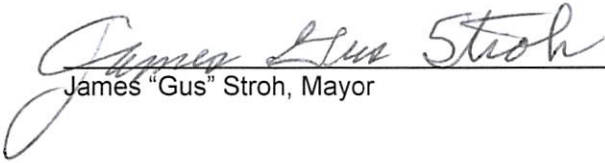
DISCUSSION: None

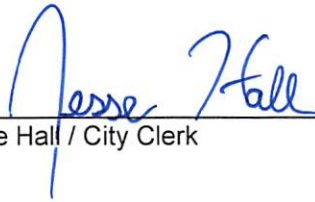
ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson Urish and seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.


James "Gus" Stroh, Mayor


Jesse Hall / City Clerk

Guests:

Jeremiah Hindhal	Tabitha Ebert
Matthew Fliege	Chris Rilea
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff	Gavin Maliska
Gary Davis	