

The City Council met in regular session at the City Center. 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: Portia Brown, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, James Stroh, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.
Absent: Bob Cooper.

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: Donnie Bryant asked the Council to support the resolution 06-21 to encourage the corporate authorities of the Havana Regional Port District to consider honoring the services of Lieutenant General James E. Chambers, by naming the airport under its jurisdiction in his honor.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Gerald Sawyer passed along flag pins to the council. He stated, we needed more patriotism in our country, we need to be proud of our flag and proud of our country. He stated, when we did the pledge of allegiance we said one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Gerald expressed his concern with the Council about critical race theory. He stated, that Governors in Tennessee, Idaho, Arkansas and Oklahoma have written bills to say that we do not want critical race theory in our state. Illinois has not done anything about this yet. He wanted the council to be aware since they are the leaders of our city.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of June 1, 2021.

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 Urish made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

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, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Brown

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Mayor Stadsholt asked the council to consider returning to City Hall for the council meetings.
- I have been in touch with Brad Watson from Vistra asking us to support legislative action in the state of Illinois. He indicated that maybe we could get the battery storage facility at the power plant area.
- IRBS, we continue to work with April Burgett and James Lamer on working with representatives from the University of Illinois to build the new facility on the leased land they have with the city.
- There isn't a month or year that goes by that someone doesn't show interest in purchasing the Riverside Club. The City has never shown interest in selling the Riverside Club and at this point we would really want to think seriously about not selling the historic Riverside Club.
- On July 6, 2021 the senior citizens will return to having their meals at the Riverside Club.

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 items:

- Carter Knake has asked if he could work with me, so he is volunteering and doing some research with me on QR codes and the history of different buildings.
- I am working on history day in conjunction with John's car show on August 14, 2021.
- We have several people that are going to show memorabilia here in the City Center.
- The hotspots are active downtown.
- I would like to put banners up on the existing hardware on the poles downtown.
- We really need to work on the signage for downtown.

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 Marshal, John Kachanuk reported on the following:

- The solar project is moving forward at the school districts in the way that the state regulation is written. They have to go to the Planning Commission to get a zoning change on that property across the street from the Lutheran Church. It has to go to R-1 to C-1 before they can build the solar panels. Laura Berry has sent a letter to me today, but I have not had a chance to open it, but Laura is in the process of applying for the Planning Commission to meet to get the property to change from R-1 to C-1.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

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

- EDA Grant closeout is June 30, 2021 the check will be a little over \$400,000 to reimburse the City of Havana for what the City has spent out at the Business Park.
- It has been interesting working with the USEDA, they are very favorable of the City of Havana.
- This is the second USEDA Grant the City has received.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Urish stated the agenda called for a motion to approve a Revolving Loan for Michael Boehl. However, he felt there was not enough information for the council to make an informed decision at this time. Therefore, he was not going to make the motion at this time.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there was anyone else at the table that would like to make a motion, there was none. Due to lack of motion no further action was taken at this time.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray stated the agenda called for a motion to accept Resolution 06-21 to encourage the Corporate Authorities of the Havana Regional Port District to consider honoring the services of Lieutenant General James E. Chambers, by naming the airport under its jurisdiction in his honor. However, he

stated that it was a consensus we would just leave that decision up to the Port Authority but we would support a tribute wall. Therefore, he was not going to make the motion at this time.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there was anyone else at the table that would like to make a motion, there was none. Due to lack of motion no further action was taken at this time.

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the retirement of John Kachanuk as Fire Marshal and Zoning Officer effective September 12, 2021, seconded by Alderperson Ray.

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

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

Voting No: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Urish reported that Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff had sent him over the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that he just needs to review it. Alderperson Urish thanked Brenda for all of her hard work.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Chaney turned her committee report over to Fire Marshal/Zoning Officer, John Kachanuk. John said that after the last council meeting he did research on if there was any way Jack Curless could get a variance on his property on Dearborn and Pearl Street. John stated that none of what he has or none of what the city has applies to the variance. There are two separate boards that meet – the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission. The only way to give him a variance is if he falls under ordinance chapter 17.24.010 and he does not so a variance is out. Ordinance chapter 17.28.070 – Action by City Council the Council may affirm, reject or modify the recommendations of the Planning Commission. John stated as the Council is aware the Planning Commission recommend Jack Curless be rezoned to C-1 or C-2 depending on what the Council would like to do. John said he clarified with City Attorney, Blake Lindner and asked if we could modify the request by the Planning Commission to say that it either goes back to the R-1 if Jack sells the property or can we put a sign out there under R-1 or anything of that nature. John said Blake's response was no, what that means is if the Planning Commission comes forward and decides they want Jack's property to be a C-1, the Council can look at it and say it needs to be a C-2 so we are going to modify the request by the Planning Commission and vote it to be a C-2. It's not modifying what can be there it's modifying the zoning designation. John stated the way the ordinance is, the Council is either going to have to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation or they are going to have to vote it no. If nothing is done within 6 months after the initial request by the Planning Commission, then it would default back to Jack and he would have to start the process over again. Alderperson Chaney said the big concern is the storage units. John stated if the Council changes the zoning then the Council could not control it.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by Shellie Brooks to use the city streets for the Annual Havana Firecracker 5k to benefit St. Jude on July 4th, 2021 at 8:00am, 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: Ray, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Brown and Griffin

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by Jennifer Burgess to use the city streets for the 4th of July Parade on July 4th, 2021 at 2:00pm, 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: Urish, Brown, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION Alderperson Brown made a motion to accept a curb cut request from Michael Armitage at 317 West Grant Street, 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: Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Brown, Griffin, Ray and Stroh

Voting No: None


PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

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

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall / City Clerk

Guests: Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Jeremiah Hindahl
John Kachanuk
Gary Davis
Donnie Bryant
Todd Bryant
Jennifer Hindahl
Gerald Sawyer
Wendy Martin