

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: Denis Bryant, Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, James "Gus" Stroh, Ross McDowell and Heather Miller.

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 Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of June 4, 2024.

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

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Alderperson Stroh made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

#### **FINANCE REPORT**

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

**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, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant and Cooper

Voting No: None

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

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

- Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy and I have been working with representatives from Maurer-Stutz and Hein Construction on the Plum Streetscape Project. We encourage the public to contact **Travis McGarry (Project Superintendent)** with Hein Construction first if they have any questions or concerns or if they would like any more information.
- Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff, April Burgett and I had an opportunity to be interviewed by a person named Jerry Foster with Resource Bank from DeKalb, Illinois, who had heard that Havana was up-and-coming. He came with a photographer last Friday and we met at the Riverside Club.
- We have had Havana's First Fridays, Riverfront Concert Series. We have been busy.
- Saturday, July 6, 2024 Fireworks at Dusk at the Riverfront Park.

**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 23'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:

- Today we had Third Tuesday Coffee. It was not very well attended, but it was still a good meeting.
- As Mayor Stadsholt said, we have the Fourth of July celebration on Saturday, July 6, and I am going to be passing posters around to the business owners. There is going to be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, the VFW is going to be serving food down by the river in the afternoon, music will be in the evening from 6:00-9:00pm Robinia Groove and we will also have a Lighted Boat Parade.
- The brick pillars are up for the welcome signs.
- I have been working on the Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets/RISE Implementation Grants for the water tower. I am putting together a letter asking stakeholders to help support our efforts to get that grant.
- We talked with Jerry Foster with Resource Bank. They are creating this new website and it is to really help rural communities grow as we did. They are using us as a template. They are so impressed with what Havana has done that we are going to be featured on their website. That is why they interviewed the Mayor and myself. In addition, it is not live yet. However, it is quite the compliment to us. We were always looking to Grafton and Galena, and now people are looking to Havana.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy, reported on the following items:

- ABM Masonry is going to lay the stones out at Business Park.
- We had a water leak on High Street today.
- BioSurvey Group, LLC is going to do the Mussel Survey on the Illinois River for the City of Havana.
- The Source Water Protection Plan is due July 26, 2024.
- Mowing is all caught up. We are trying to keep everything looking good at the Riverside Club.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

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

- I have been doing some research on Flock Safety cameras. It is a license plate reader and I was looking into possibly getting two of them for our town. 308 agencies in the State of Illinois use these Flock Safety cameras.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

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

- We really kind of bit off a little bit more than we could handle. We had it set up where we could do it for a couple of hours throughout the entire week and then be open on Saturday for five or six hours. We found out very quickly that the need was just too high and we were full by Wednesday afternoon. So we were not able to be open Thursday, Friday, or even that Saturday. We feel bad that we were not able to accommodate the people that worked during the week who had planned on coming on that Saturday. Through our research, we discovered that the electronic recycling and paint recycling is supplemented by the government through different regions, but our county opted out of the program which is why Havana has not been a part of doing any kind of electronic recycling on a regular basis. We did try to promise citizens that we would try to schedule at least one Saturday before the end of the year, and to see what we can do about keeping it on a more regular basis.

**FINANCE AND PURCHASING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Cooper made a motion to sponsor the Illinois River Road Scenic Byway in the amount of \$750.00, 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: Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea and Shore

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Cooper made a motion to move forward with the Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets/RISE Implementation Grants Matching Requirements: 25% (\$175,000.00), seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**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, Miller and Bryant

Voting No: None

### **HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **PROPERTY AND ZONING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Bryant made a motion to approve a request by Dan Griffin to use the city streets for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 10 a.m., seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Bryant, Cooper, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell and Miller

Voting No: None

Abstained: Griffin

### **PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Kamryn Horner as a full-time Dispatcher, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin and Rilea

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to approve the new contract for Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy, seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

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

Voting Yes: Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell and Miller

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to approve the new contract for Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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

Voting Yes: Miller, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh and McDowell

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 Griffin

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

  
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Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

**Guests:** Brenda Davenport-Fornoff  
Jewel Bucy  
Matt Fliege  
Jeremiah Hindahl  
Jay Sarff  
Wendy Martin