

The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. Mayor Brenda Stadsholt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Assistant, Savannah Burgett, called the roll and the following Alderpersons answered to their names: Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, Gus Stroh, Portia Brown, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.

A quorum was present. The minutes were recorded by Administrative Assistant, Savannah Burgett.

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: Citizen of Havana, Chris Rilea, turned in preliminary UTV Forms to the council.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Brenda Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of February 15, 2022.

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

FINANCE REPORT

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

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Brenda 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, Ray, Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Brenda Stadsholt entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson Stroh made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Brenda 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, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- The 4th Grade class will be visiting City Hall and the Courthouse on Friday, March 4th. They would like to have a mock council meeting with their elected officials in their class and have a tour of the building. Savannah is with us tonight in place of City Clerk, Jesse Hall. Thank you for being here with us tonight.
- We did have a meeting today regarding details of our fireworks show and contract. Myself, Fire Marshall Matt Fliege, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff, Chris Troxell, Grace Mott and Dorothy Kreiling were in attendance.

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:

- More and more blade signs are going up. The sign at 309 West Main looks great. We are having all of the work and designs for our signs done locally by Defining Point Studios.
- I did put our new city folders in each of the council's mailboxes and I see some of you have them tonight. I am happy with the way they turned out and I hope we get good use out of them.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- Mike Stambaugh has officially started the process of retirement paperwork and will turn that in. I would like to have a Personnel meeting with Ross and his committee soon.
- Egizii Electric has been working on the traffic lights at the foot of the bridge. We are going to Bath tomorrow morning to help with their sewer plant. A new PLC was installed at the Illinois lift station. I am going to go ahead and get estimates for new pumps.
- Savannah has been helping to make copies of the DMR Reports so that we can obtain the NPDES permit.
- Jay and I attended the IL Rural Water Conference in Effingham to continue education.
- I turned in estimates for the snow damage to the City Center to our insurance. There was a Committee meeting slated for Monday night at 6 p.m.
- Alderperson McDowell discussed raising wages for City employees citing that we are not competitive in the work force. Jewel explained that the current Teamsters contract requires a CDL License but with raising costs of CDL classes and licenses, our starting pay of \$13.65 could be unattractive to potential employees.
- Mayor Stadsholt expressed that we should be taking care of our current and future employees with higher wages and salaries. She stated that she believes that both the City Treasurer and City Clerk positions should be higher paid and that the Treasurer's position should be full-time.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHALL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to undertake a traffic study for UTV purposes, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Brenda Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. Alderperson McDowell expressed he will not be in support of the traffic study and that it should not fall on taxpayers to pay for it.

Aldersperson McDowell also elaborated on UTV fee pricing in surrounding communities and that Chief Jeremiah Hindahl did a great job with the outline that he put together on different potential issues and his overall perspective on having UTV's in town. It was discussed that Snedeker's recommended that we have the traffic study done for the simple reason of risk management. Aldersperson Ray stated that he does not care either way on the subject. It was said that the study would cost approximately \$10,000 but Mayor Brenda Stadsholt did clarify that if Farnsworth did the study that it would be \$4,500. She also added that this has been an issue for over 7 months now and we should come to a conclusion. Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any other questions. There being none, the motion failed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: None

Voting No: Chaney, Stroh, Brown, McDowell, Ray, Cooper, Urish and Griffin

PERSONNEL

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: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Brenda Stadsholt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Aldersperson Stroh and seconded by Aldersperson Urish.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor


Administrative Assistant, Savannah Burgett

Guests: Brenda Davenport-Fornoff Larry Smith
Matthew Fliege Chris Rilea
Gavin Maliska Alex Noble
Jewel Bucy