

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.

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 March 4, 2025.

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 Bryant made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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 Stroh made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

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:

- We had a very interesting Havana Third Tuesday Business Coffee today. Carol Merna, Chief Executive Officer with the Center for Prevention of Abuse was our guest speaker.
- The Havana Park District with help from the Mason County Arts Council hosts the Riverfront Concert Series. It is held at the Sunset Stage at Riverfront Park each 2nd Saturday in June, July and August.
- Brenda Davenport-Fornoff and I were able to go the senior citizens for lunch today, and we did not stay for bingo, but we did have a lot of fun. The food was great. Mary Layton does a wonderful job of organizing.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Clerk, Jesse Hall, reported that on April 1, 2025, we would have the first reading of Ordinance 1493, the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and we would have a Budget Public Hearing on April 15, 2025.

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 with CASSCOMM to do a video on some advertising for this summer. Just a little bit of a push for the First Fridays and things like that.
- The fundraiser letters went out for the fireworks and I am getting a good response.
- Also, I have been receiving a lot of Business Development District NO. 1 applications.

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/Zoning Officer, Matthew Fliege, reported on the following item:

- I just want to point out that Otto Baum has started on the roof project here at City Hall, they are doing the brick repair first and then, when that is completed, then the roofing company can come in and hopefully in our new budget cycle that the council approves for a new roof on City Hall.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve the amendment to extend the parking agreement for the Illinois Natural History Survey, 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: Bryant Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell and Miller

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve sponsoring the Mason County Fireworks in the amount of \$1,500.00, 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: Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, and Rilea

Voting No: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1492, An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the Business Development District NO. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Havana, Illinois and Tami Davidage (110 N. Plum St.), 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, Miller and Bryant

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1492, An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the Business Development District NO. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Havana, Illinois and Tami Davidage (110 N. Plum St.), 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: Miller, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Shore made a motion to move forward with a Business Development District NO. 1 Redevelopment Agreement with Nate Turner, 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: Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea and Shore

Voting No: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Griffin made a motion to pursue the demolition of the Civil Defense Building, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

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

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

Voting No: Bryant and Stroh

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Bryant reported reported on the following items:

- Hoerr Construction Inc. has been hired to inspect the storm sewer on Promenade Street.
- George Merkle, Senior Project Engineer, with Maurer – Stutz is working on a MFT Resolution.
- Sludge report was sent to Waste Management for the possibility of dumping drying beds sludge at Macomb.
- Next month we will need to vote on a contract with the Community Action Partnership. They will sign water reports until we have an operator that is qualified and can sign those documents.
- Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy, does have an estimate coming from Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating for repairing the rails of the Washington Street lift station.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: 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 Bryant.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Brenda Stadsholt

Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

Jesse Hall

Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests: Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Matthew Fliege
Jeremiah Hindahl
Carson Harris
Jim Harris