

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, Ed Ray, Portia Brown, Becky Chaney and Ross McDowell and Nick Urish (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Brown, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of March 7, 2023.

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

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

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Alderperson Chaney made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh 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: Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

#### **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 McDowell.

**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: McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray and Brown

Voting No: None

Abstained: Chaney

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

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Jesse Hall, City Clerk reported, that we will have a committee meeting prior to the next City Council meeting for individual budget review with each department head. The budget is in the final stages and is on schedule to be presented for a first reading at the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

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

**DISCUSSION:** Alex Noble, City Treasurer reported, Adam Pulley with CLA sent over the rest of the audit financials. I will be getting in touch with him about presenting an audit presentation to finish FY 22.

**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'd like to ask approval to spend \$400 on a downtown map. This map that I started in 2020 and it was when we were back to business after COVID. Just understand my map was very rudimentary. I printed that up so we could find out where the different boutiques were, because we were trying to do a boutique crawl. Then I took it around to all the stores and they were able to hand them out. Just so they would know where the boutiques were. In 2021 Jennifer Larson did it and had this nice picture on it and then had the map inside with events on the back. Then in 2022 it was done again, the downtown people really think it's necessary. I mean, it's very helpful. There's the map it has everybody listed. It has several ads, we put in for the Riverside Club and for the City Center, and you know that the city does rent it out, and then it has all the events on the back. This year it's going to get a little bit bigger. I'm asking for \$400 which would include a half page which would have all my QR codes.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

- Yard waste compost will start April 6, 2023 and it will continue on through the summer and fall until the leaves quit falling.
- Our shut off list came out today for the first time since winter has been over and I remember when I first came here, we had two pages of shut offs. Madisyn is really doing a wonderful job. Today's shut offs was down to fourteen and more than half of them have come in and paid. I appreciate her, she's doing a great job.
- We need a mosquito fogger. I got an estimate for one and I can get 10% off. Our mosquito fogger, Jay and Justin are doing a great job of trying to get it to run but it's pretty much done, but I can get a new one for \$16,051 and I can get \$1,500 off by the end of March. I probable can pay for it out of my other funds.

**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:** Alderperson Cooper made a motion to support experience downtown Havana Illinois in the amount of \$400.00, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**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, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Brown Chaney and Urish

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 Brown made a motion to end Kim Albers contract as a contract operator for the City of Havana's wastewater treatment plant, seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

**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, Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Brown made a motion to hire Bruce Hallmark as a contract operator for the City of Havana's wastewater treatment plant, seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

**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, Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh 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 Chaney.

**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, Ray, Brown, 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 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: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to approve employee salary increases at 5%, seconded by Alderperson Ray.

**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, Ray, Brown, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

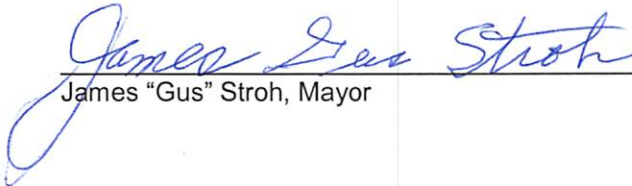
**DISCUSSION:** Gary Davis said, I went to the third Tuesday this morning and it's incredible the amount of things that are going on in Havana. When Brenda Davenport-Fornoff and April Burgett give their reports and talk about all the things that are going on downtown. When you get an opportunity to support something like that, I'm really thrilled that you did, because there's a lot to be supported.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

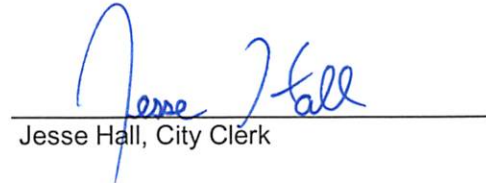
**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson McDowell and seconded by Alderperson Urish.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



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James "Gus" Stroh, Mayor



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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

**Guests:**

Jeremiah Hindahl  
Matthew Fliege  
Jewel Bucy  
Helen Spencer

Alex Noble  
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff  
Jay Sarff  
Gary Davis