

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, Dan Griffin, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, James "Gus" Stroh, Ross McDowell and Heather Miller.

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: Teresa Cox expressed her concerns regarding the shed on 3rd Street. They were issued an ordinance violation on June 17, 2024 and was told then it had to come down. This was nine months ago, so we give them another 30 days, because eight months wasn't enough. Its leaning or it was, they have since then corrected it, but it was a safety concern for my dog, my grandchildren, and my house. What are we doing?

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of February 18, 2025.

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 Rilea 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 and Bryant

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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

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

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- We received a request for a 90-day extension from David Burgett and April Burgett (108 North Orange Street) on the Business Development District No.1 Redevelopment Agreement. Council already approved the Agreement by Ordinance and the Agreement authorizes the Mayor to approve a one-time extension of up to 90 days.
- We continue to have the Third Tuesday Business Coffees at the City Center. On March 18, 2025, our guest speaker will be Carol Merna, Chief Executive Officer, from Center for Prevention of Abuse.
- Havana Area Chamber of Commerce will have the St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl on March 15, 2025.
- The Consolidated Election will be on April 1, 2025.

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:

- I would like to thank Fire Marshal, Matt Fliege, for installing the solar lights on the welcome signs.
- I had applied for a Main Street Grant for refurbishing the water tower for \$700,000.00. I got through the first round. I got through the second round. I did not get through the third round.
- I did submit a Line Item Grant for \$425,000.00. It will take a while to get an answer on that. It would be for refurbishing and putting in sidewalk from Pearl Street all the way to Hurst Street.
- The fireworks letters went out today. The 2025 Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 5, 2025.
- I have not received anything for the Energy Transition Community Grant Program.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: Public Works Leadman, Jay Sarff, reported on the following items:

- We have been dealing with a lot of sickness over there, so everybody that we have had pretty much has been on a garbage truck the last week or two.
- We are scheduled Friday to put the post in for the speed signs.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

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

- Our new hires are halfway through the academy, so we are looking forward to getting them back and getting them on the road. Everyone is doing well.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

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

- I finally got the paperwork back today from Holthaus Companies Inc. on the masonry and roofing project here at City Hall, which was as a result from the Lawford Theatre, we've gotten most of our insurance money out of what they're going to be paying for. So the masonry part on the Lawford Theatre side is going to hopefully begin on March 17, 2025, it could take up to four weeks. They also gave us our bid proposal to complete the rest of the roof, because that was a project that we had talked about that needed to be done. Therefore, while they are going to be fixing it, we have the bid that can be put into this year's upcoming budget.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to postpone the motion on the amendment to extend the parking agreement for the Illinois Natural History Survey, until the next City Council Meeting on March 18, 2025, 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 Miller

Voting No: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Miller reported that on March 18, 2025 we would have a committee meeting prior to the regular council meeting regarding the Fullerton Cemetery.

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to pursue legal actions against building permit violation on 3rd street, 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, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Shore made a motion to move forward with Phase 2 BDD for Tami Davidage, 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, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell and Miller

Voting No: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve the request by William Knake, Havana Area Volunteers Organization, to place a 4ft x 8ft plywood sign. Placement 100 block of East Main Street for the 32nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 10:00am at Rockwell Park, 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: McDowell, Miller, Bryant, Griffin, Rilea, Shore and Stroh

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Bryant reported that Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy, Leadman, Jay Sarff and him met with George Merkle from Maurer- Stutz regarding the 2025 MFT Program.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Dylan Hayes as a full-time Public Works employee, 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: Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Miller, Bryant, Griffin, Rilea

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt 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 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: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to come out of closed session. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, 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: Bryant, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell and Miller
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 Bryant.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests: Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Matthew Fliege
Jeremiah Hindahl
Jay Sarff
Teresa Cox
Cason Harris
Jim Harris
Julie Ishmael