

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, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.

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.

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

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

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

DISCUSSION: Citizen of Mason County, Andrew French, thanked the City Council for their continued support on the sidewalk project. He stated, you could have easily bailed on it and just forgotten about it after I stepped off the council, but you still supported it. It wasn't an easy initiative, I know that it came with a higher expense.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of February 21, 2023.

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

FINANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Chaney 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: Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray and Brown

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. 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: Griffin, Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Certificates were presented to the Havana Junior High School Lady Ducks basketball team, Havana High School Lady Ducks basketball team and High School wrestler Bryar Lane. The 7th grade girls basketball team are Class 2A 2022 State Champions. The Havana High School girls basketball team are IHSA 2023 Class 1A Sectional Champions and Bryar Lane placed 2nd in the State IESA wrestling championship.

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:

- Last Monday, we had the Arts Council listening tour and it was a really great day. We started at Stella Mae's Coffee Shop it was rainy, but we still walked downtown. We went to LuLu's Craft Beverage Co. at the end.
- I put together a brochure. There are no businesses in it, but it does include education, childcare, health care, recreation, churches, city services, natural resources, Chamber of Commerce, events, the library, the courthouse and Secretary of State. Where you change your driver's license, your address and also where citizens register to vote. The brochure is just to have an overview of what the City of Havana has to offer and to make people feel welcome.
- The City did receive a grant from the Energy Transition Community Grant Program in the amount of \$55,482.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- I have received two reports on the water tower. One is from Pittsburg Tower and Paint and the other one is from McGuire. I also talked with this engineer from KLM. I would like to hire this company to come down and inspect our water tower. It probably will cost around \$2,800.00.
- We have given Maurer-Stutz all of our information on the sewer plant. They are in the process of getting the applications and everything ready for us for the study. That is going to cost around \$30,000.00.
- A few weeks ago we did have an automobile crash into the business park sign. Matt and Brenda are both working on that. I talked to Jim Sarnes who was the designer of the sign and Jim told me who did what exactly on the sign. He told me Todd Stephens was the bricklayer and I talked to him and he is interested in putting the other pillar up. All the city has to do is get the frame work out of the pillar and straighten it out and it should be ready for a sign.
- Brenda and I discussed doing some more work up town and the street that bothers us the most is the one on the North side of Market Street. We don't have a final cost yet, but Mike Pedigo will be giving us the price. It won't be cheap.
- Later on you guys are going to vote on street openings. The first one is on the 100 block of North Pearl Street, the school district is asking for eleven feet of that curb cut and the other one's going to be on 306 East Washington Street they need about twenty feet cut out for parking.
- We need to make some kind of decision on recycling. It's now costing us \$100 dollars a ton to take it to Pekin and we can save \$60 a ton by taking it to the landfill.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: Fire Marshal, Matt Fliege reported on the following item:

- The only thing I have is you are going to start seeing some information rolling out through the internet, flyers, and webinars on Community Solar, working with the company Common Energy. They're going to start building the community solar project, which will be right alongside the school solar system. Out behind Blue Sky. Community Solar is just how it sounds you can enroll into it free of charge to get a cut rate on your power bill. It doesn't cost anybody anything. You'll see a savings somewhere within your power bill. So the information that is going to be coming out is basically its benefits and how you can enroll. There's going to be some webinars that we're going to be hosting at the City Center for those who don't have internet access or want some more one on one questions answered and things like

that. The actual dates are still kind of conflicting. Again, it all comes back to supply chain and when it comes to building solar, but they are moving forward with it. And again, it's at no cost us no cost to the homeowner. You do have to be an Ameren costumer and I believe it's a 62644 zip code to be part of the project.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve a Revolving Loan for Kim Larson, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Urish made a motion to move forward with welcome signs, 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: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

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 approve a curb cut request by Havana CUSD #126, at 306 East Washington Street, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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, Brown, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: None

Abstained: Ray

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Brown made a motion to approve a curb cut request by Havana CUSD #126, at the 100 block of North Pearl, 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: McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Brown and Chaney

Voting No: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

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 7:36 p.m.



James "Gus" Stroh, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests:

Jeremiah Hindahl
Matt Fliege
Helen Spencer
Jay Sarff

Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Jewel Bucy
Andrew French