

The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. Mayor Brenda 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: Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, Gus Stroh, Porta Brown, Becky Chaney, and Nick Urish.
Absent: Ross McDowell.

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 Brenda Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of April 19, 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 Cooper made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Ray.

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: Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, Chaney, Urish and Cooper

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 Griffin.

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

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

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Brad Cole, Executive Director with Illinois Municipal League has stated that Governor JB Pritzker signed a new Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation extending the statewide declaration through Saturday, May 28, 2022.
- Savannah Burgett, Administrative Assistant has turned in her two week notice. She got a new job as an Event Coordinator at the JW Marriott in Nashville, Tennessee. I would like to read her letter to you and then we will have her resignation on the Agenda for the next council meeting. Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position as the Administrative Assistant. My last day will be Monday, May 16th. Thank you so much for the opportunity to work in this position for the past nearly two years. I've greatly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunities I've had to grow in this position and be a part of creating a legacy in Havana filled with prosperity, growth, and teamwork. I will certainly take the skills I have learned with me throughout my career. I'll do everything possible to wrap up my duties and train other team members over the next two weeks. Please let me know if there's anything else I can do to help during the transition. I wish the City of Havana continued success, and I hope to stay in touch in the future. Sincerely, Savannah Burgett.
- Two weeks ago when we had our last council meeting. I will take the responsibility for putting on the agenda motion to accept David Alan Badger – Advertising Opportunity in the amount of \$1,400.00. I should have waited until we heard from our Economic Development Coordinator Brenda Davenport-Fornoff and from our committee. I wanted to remind all of you that even when Ron Hills was our Economic Development Coordinator. Bob Cooper and Andy French would meet with Ron about once

a month. They would meet with Ron and go through a lot of projects. From there we moved into Bob Cooper and Nick Urish helping Cole McDaniel. Then we moved Brenda Davenport-Fornoff being our Economic Development Coordinator and we kind of let those committee meetings slip. Nick Urish has a new job and is expecting a baby on the 9th of this month and I guess I have just pondering all that for the past two weeks. I asked all of you to come in and look at The Heritage of Havana and Illinois by David Alan Badger. Originally when we talked with David there were five books the city would receive. I think all of you had an opportunity to read them all and I think all of you know that he sells them from Gisela's Haus and he has an agreement with her. I am going to take blame for not presenting that well two weeks ago I don't think I did a good job on that. I apologize to the council, the public and David Alan Badger. I think it is a great book and as we look towards one of the best things that going to happen to Havana for a long time. The Smithsonian institute is going to have their traveling museum come to Havana in 2024. Part of that traveling museum will be history of Havana which Brenda Davenport-Fornoff worked on a year ago when we had the American Countess come to visit. I'm not asking the council to revisit that because you voted it down six to one. I guess I would like to use that though as some type of opening for all of us here at the table, because we all have that vote and I think we should really think about this. This was a local person asking for financial support. I didn't think that we would not support a local person, he does have a studio here in Havana. If you read The Heritage of Havana and Illinois over the last two weeks you would have noticed that almost every small business has put some type of ad in it. Over the last two week I have received several of our small business people concerned over the city not wanting something that they are supporting. Again that is our business at the table and again I understand the vote. I'm just concerned about marketing as a whole and what is expected from the table for Economic Development. In the past we have voted on a budget each year and Economic Development has never had their own budget. When Brenda came during the pandemic to help all of us out. I just told her to use mine because I was not using too much of anything at that time. We had a windfall when we received the ARPA funds and all of us were in favor of Brenda using the ARPA funds for tourism the rest going to Public Works. Also the budget was passed here with a unanimous vote at the table. In the budget is the hotel motel tax line item. I talked to our attorney Blake Lindner we didn't have to bring it to the table for a vote, because by voting for the budget and by voting on the ARPA funds for Brenda to spend on tourism that was your approval, but I think we have to look at this and learn from it for the future. What are we going to do, what do we expect, should the Economic Development person come to the table to get everything approved. That was my fault that I put that on the agenda. I thought as courtesy to all of you that we would always put things on the agenda. I'm just kind of worried about this. This is our local person that we are not supporting for various reasons and when the book was mentioned several people seemed confused as to what the book was. I had Jeremiah bring the book forward and one of the pages features Farnsworth Group ad for the water tower, two is a little speech that I write that has all of your names on it as well and three is the biggest ad that list every city employee with a picture of the Riverside Club. I have had various council members say to me I'm concerned because people are making money off of this and everything is nonprofit and again he has his own studio in town and yes he is making money of it, but he does pay the store owner a percent to sell his books there. We have a lot of our senior citizens who also buy this quarterly magazine and give it as gifts. I think it is very unfortunate that the vote was six to one. This is a local artisan. Yes he is making money why wouldn't he? Alderperson Chaney said we ask the Lawford Theater to advertise everything that is going on downtown. Have we ever asked to help him with advertising? We went in and condemn his building after he asked for help. Just as an example we should offer everybody help not just one person. Mayor Stadsholt asked Brenda Davenport-Fornoff if we met with the McCarthy family numerous of times. We were hoping to help them and then that's when we found all the structural problems. Brenda Davenport-Fornoff said that it's the Chamber that ask the McCarthy family to advertise for the First Fridays the city has never asked them to advertise. Alderperson Chaney said that there's other businesses that note we only help certain business in town. I feel the need to help each one not just one individual. Brenda Davenport-Fornoff said she has every business listed on a excel spreadsheet for the business spotlight they are numbered. I draw names out randomly. I do a presentation, I offer each one the opportunity so I am very cautious of showing favoritism of one business over another. Alderperson Griffin said the TIF money and how TIF zones are balanced out it made it unfair to a lot of business owners that had been in business since 1930's were bumped out and got told you get no money, but you have paid In since the 1930's. Alderperson Griffin said he would rather see the \$1,400.00 go to the fireworks.

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:

- Two of the banners are up we have been fighting with wind and rain.
- Gisela's Haus has taken advantage of the blade sign program and her sign is up.
- Marketing is very important for Havana. We spent a lot of money with McDaniel marketing to get a logo and tagline.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHALL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: Fire Marshall, Matthew Fliege reported on the following item:

- I have spoken with Alderperson Chaney about moving forward on leasing two more properties to a resident. I have a meeting with our city attorney tomorrow to draw up the lease. It should be ready to be voted on at the next council meeting.
- We have a couple meetings on the fireworks. The volunteers themselves have done a great job they have raised over \$13,000.00.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

DISCUSSION: Gary Davis, with Farnsworth Engineering, reported on the following items:

- The sidewalk project is going to be on August 2022 Levy with IDOT. The Mayor signed the final plan.
- We will have a transition team who will be meeting with the Mayor and the Council. We really don't have a lot of projects going on right now.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to support the Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway in the amount of \$500.00, 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: Stroh, Brown, Chaney, Urish, Cooper. Griffin and Ray

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to accept the agreement with Court Money, 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: Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, and Chaney
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: Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve the request by Dave McKinney, to use the City streets on Sunday, May 15th, 2022 at 2:45 p.m. (Vehicle Only) Graduation Parade, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:
Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, Chaney and Urish
Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

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 Ray made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor 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 and Urish
Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to come out of closed session. Alderperson Ray made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor 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 and McDowell
Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None
ACTION TAKEN: None

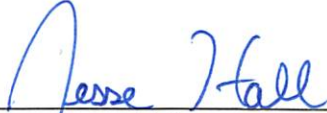
ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



City Clerk, Jesse Hall

Guests:

Brenda Davenport-Fornoff	Jeremiah Hindahl
Matthew Fliege	Chris Rilea
Gavin Maliska	Gary Davis