

The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. Mayor Bryant 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, William Janis, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, Brenda Stadsholt, James "Gus" Stroh and 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 Bryant asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of April 21, 2026.

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

FINANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Rilea made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Janis.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Bryant 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, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh, McDowell and Cooper

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Bryant 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, Stadsholt, Stroh, McDowell, Cooper, Griffin and Janis

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant reported on the following items:

- The abandoned properties with overgrown grass and weeds and/ or junk is maybe the biggest complaint that we receive here at City Hall and I am sure, when you are out and about you receive them too. I appreciate all the work that Fire Marshal, Matthew Fliege does with that. I know that occupies a lot of his time. At some point, we might want to consider hiring another seasonal employee if we end up maintaining these properties.
- They have started working on the Lawford Theatre.

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: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- I did talk to Darrin Clarke with Maguire Iron today. He is concerned that I did not receive a phone call last week about the cleanup at the water tower.
- I received a phone call from Alyssa with IEPA concerning the water tower and she said she wants it cleaned up at the end of the month. If not she would have to turn it over to the land pollution and waste disposal.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to sponsor the Havana Park District's Free Swim Day this summer in the amount of \$300.00, seconded by Alderperson Stadsholt.

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

Voting Yes: McDowell, Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt and Stroh

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 1517, an Ordinance Amending Section 010 of Chapter 10.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1517, an Ordinance Amending Section 010 of Chapter 10.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to amend Ordinance 1517, an Ordinance Amending Section 010 of Chapter 10.20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois by adding both Broadway Street and Washington Street at the intersection of Broadway Street and Washington Street (four way stop), seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1518, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Second 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 Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1518, an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Second 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 Bryant asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: 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, Brenda Stadsholt, reported on the following items:

- There will be a luncheon at Vic's Place on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 11:30am for Donald Green Sr retirement party.
- Monica Milligan is going to start working on the 250th mural any day now at the historic water tower.
- We received the banners for the 250th anniversary. Mayor Bryant is going to talk to Public Works Director, Jay Sarff about the placement of the banners.
- I am working with Mary Layton and Teri Brownfield about having an open house at the Riverside Club following the Miss Sparkler and Mr. Firecracker contest.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Public Works employee, Donald Green Sr, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Police Officer, Dylan Bonnette, seconded by Alderperson Stadsholt.

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

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Lukas Miller as a seasonal Public Works employee, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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

Voting Yes: Stroh, McDowell, Cooper, Griffin, Janis, Rilea, Shore and Stadsholt

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Eli Morris as a seasonal Public Works employee, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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

Voting Yes: Janis, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh, McDowell, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson McDowell and seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Denis Bryant, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests:

Matthew Fliege
Jeremiah Hindahl
Alex Noble
Jay Sarff
Carson Harris
Jim Harris