

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.
Absent: 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 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 November 1, 2022.

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 McDowell.

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: Griffin, Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Cooper
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 Ray.

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, Cooper, Griffin, Ray and Brown
Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Jesse Hall, City Clerk, reported there is a new supplement No. 20 for the Ordinance books and asked if the council could bring their Ordinance book to City Hall for updating.

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: 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 just wanted to let everybody know that John Kachanuk did retire as Fire Chief. It was effective last Friday. We had a ceremony for him on Sunday and it was a really good turnout. The department voted unanimously to appoint me as the new Fire Chief. I took over last Friday. There won't be any changes, it will just go as normal. If you guys ever have any questions on the Fire Department side, please come in and see me.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Griffin said if anybody is interested, they'll still be decorating the courtyard this Saturday in the morning and at seven o'clock in the evening. He will be decorating the light poles if anyone wants to help.

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1467, an Ordinance Amending Section 070 of Chapter 8.12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, 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 and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to approve Ordinance 1467, an Ordinance Amending Section 070 of Chapter 8.12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, 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 and McDowell

Voting No: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Chaney expressed her concern, stating someone called her about having a \$600 water bill that she didn't know about. Somebody lived in an apartment for two years and no one ever contacted City Hall to have the account activated. The tenant moved out and when the new tenant went to have the water turned on they couldn't because there was an outstanding balance of \$600. And there is another bill that is for \$200. I just think we need to have it somewhere where if they're not paying the water bill, we need to shut them off.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve a request by Denis Bryant, to use the City Streets on November 26, 2022 at 4:00pm for the Annual Santa Clause Parade, 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: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Brown, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Optimist Club, to use Main Street on Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 8:00am-12:00pm for their Annual Toy Give Away, 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 and McDowell

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Seamus Kelly as a full-time Police Officer, seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Pro Tempore Stroh asked if there were any questions. Alderperson McDowell asked Chief Hindahl if he would explain to the council what they're doing. Chief Hindahl reported that Seamus is currently our part-time hire and the reason we hired him as a part-time officer was because he was still currently in part-time PTI. He did pass that, so with hiring him full-time, that will complete our roster again. He will then at some point go for a two week transition course to complete his full-time PTI. He's been working with us currently and catching on very quickly. Alderperson McDowell said we also had a full-time officer that left the Police Department in September and that this has nothing to do with whether or not we're going to have a Police dog. There being no further questions, the motion passed with the following vote:

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

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

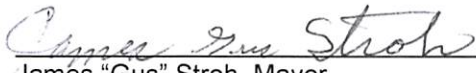
DISCUSSION: None

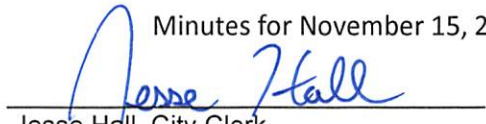
ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.


James "Gus" Stroh, Mayor


Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests: Jeremiah Hindahl
Matthew Fliege
Zach McKnight