

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: Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, Portia Brown, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish (By Phone).
Absent: James Stroh.

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: Larry Smith asked the city council where they were at with the side-by-side ordinance. Alderperson Ray stated, that he has a draft ordinance for the side-by-sides, saying there are still some blank spots in the ordinance that need to be filled in.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Gerald Sawyer addressed the city council saying he had two topics he would like to discuss. Number one about people who become licensed attorneys and judges in our country today are not taught the constitution. Gerald stated, they are taught constitutional law in other words what the men and women then think the law says. Gerald told the city council if they are interested in what the constitution is talking about, there is a NONCOMPLIANT MOVIE – LFS – Liberty First Society. This is one of the best explanations of the United States founding documents I have heard. Krisanne Hall is a true constitutional lawyer and “teacher”. The Second topic, The Nuremberg Code (1947) 1. The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential. This means that a person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision. 4. The experiment should be so conducted as to avoid all unnecessary physical and mental suffering and injury. 6. The degree of risk to be taken should never exceed that determined by the humanitarian importance of the problem to be solved by the experiment. 10. During the course of the experiment the scientist in charge must be prepared to terminate the experiment at any stage, if he has probable cause to believe, in the exercise of the good faith, superior skill and careful judgment required of him, that a continuation of the experiment is likely to result in injury, disability, or death to the experimental subject.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the special meeting minutes of October 26, 2021.

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

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the regular council meeting minutes of November 2, 2021.

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 Cooper made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Ray.

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, Ray, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- We had an excellent meeting last Wednesday with director Colleen Callahan from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Working with us and Illinois River Biological Station. Trying to figure out a plan to get that building resource, research center and museum built.
- The Third Tuesday Coffee for November was held earlier today and was very informative.
- All of you know on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 Water Clerk, Jennifer Hindahl turned in her resignation. Jennifer has been with the city for seven years and she will be missed.

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:

- Just an update, Matt Fliege has been working with me on exploring the business district signs. This one is at 136 and I took this photo from my car, it is on Dearborn and Broadway there is only one sign and that is going east. Matt did talk to the engineer and we can move that sign to Schrader and add another sign so we would have a sign going East on Dearborn and West on Dearborn. To get the business district signs to direct the traffic down Schrader Street. The other thing we found out was that the Havana old time historic district signs were not permitted and they will have to be taken down.
- As far as the grant for Streetscape Phase B. The city will need to hire an outside consultant to write the grant.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

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

- The county is putting up a tower out by the county building on US Highway 136. In the process of doing that they are removing our antennas off of the water tower and putting them on the new tower. We thought this was a primetime to do this and we are the only agency in area that are still using analog radios. We thought this would be a good time to switch over to digital and doing so we have received some quotes. This isn't something that I am going to need to pull from the budget, this is something we do have in some of our funds on top of the donations we have received. What we will need to do is purchase new radios and having said that, we have also gone to the 911 County Board and have spoke with them about this and this is something they are pushing for also so all of us in the county can be on the same page as far as having a digital radio so we don't have to have repeaters jumping back-and-forth. We can't talk to them on our portables or even in our cars, unless we switch to a county radio. Everybody is going to be on the same radio system. The 911 County Board on top of what we are going to have to come up with they are also picking up about \$9,500 of the cost for new radios for dispatch and there have already been fees that are in the process of changing these antennas out so we are not going to have to come up with that. The total for radios and antennas is \$18,836.00. We have \$11,000.00 dollars in donations that we will use. I have looked into our DUI Fund and I have talked with City Clerk, Jesse Hall we have approximately \$10,000.00 in that account. I need to pull out

approximately \$7,500.00 or a little more. That isn't going to deplete that fund and I'm not taking out of our budgeted fund. That is something I just wanted to make the council aware of. Again this is something I think is the right time to do it and it is going to benefit the city. It's going to make Havana safer for us officers being able to communicate with everybody.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

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

- At the last meeting I was talking with everyone about the siren project down by the south end of town and since then I have got the quotes you asked me to come up with. Instead of replacing the siren at the sewer plant I have talked with a couple council members already. I would like to propose getting another omnidirectional which is one that revolves 360 degrees and putting it on our city property on Tinkham hill. This would give us complete and full coverage on the southern end of town it would be good for our outline subdivisions such as Hillcrest and Hickory Hills. It is a city property there is minimal ground work that would have to be done. I did talk to Jewel about that, they would just need to clear out some trees for the sight. When you weigh the options as far as money goes, just getting a single directional siren to go replace the one at the sewer plant would be for \$16,000.00-\$18,000.00 range and this new one to cover a much bigger area comes out to \$27,000.00. There is a jump from when we did it back in June of 2020 that siren and pole cost \$24,625.00. This new setup which is the exact same is \$27,800.00. The reason for the jump is like everything else in this one year time frame everything has gone up. Oddly enough the price of the siren went down in price, but the pole and the electrical part of it went up. I can continue to work on it if you want me to if you would to discuss this particular quote or however you guys would like me to move forward on it. Since the last meeting, I have had several people from the community approach me who had read the paper, and they showed concern about it. This is something that they do miss and it is important to them. I think we definitely need to replace it. Going forward, putting something up on Tinkham hill is a much better option, then in a back of a corner somewhere. This is more centerline with our community and it's at one of the highest points in Havana. I think it would be a good replace meant.

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 reported currently we have 2,227 positive cases of COVID-19, 2,145 have recovered, one currently hospitalized and 57 have passed away. If you want any more information on COVID vaccination and clinics that they have. Check the Mason County Health Department Facebook page for all of your current information.

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to waive the first reading of Ordinance 1455, an Ordinance to authorize the first amendment to Ordinance NO. 1202. Seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

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

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray made a motion to approve Ordinance 1455, an Ordinance to authorize the first amendment to Ordinance NO. 1202. Seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Ray said that he would have a committee meeting at the next council meeting Tuesday, December 7, 2021 to discuss the side-by-sides.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Chaney made a motion to accept the 2022 Holiday/Council Meeting Schedule as presented. Seconded by Alderperson Ray.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt 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

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Water Clerk, Jennifer Hindahl. Seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt 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

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell 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 Chaney.

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, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

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

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, McDowell and Urish

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 Chaney.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Mayor Brenda Stadsholt

Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

Jesse Hall

Jesse Hall / City Clerk

Guests:

Matthew Fliege
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Jerry Sawyer
Larry Smith

Jeremiah Hindahl
Gavin Maliska
Chris Rilea