

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, James Stroh, Portia Brown, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.  
Absent: Ed Ray.

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.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 19, 2021.

**ACTION TAKEN:** There being none, the minutes will stand as approved and submitted.

**FINANCE REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Stroh made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

**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, Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish and Cooper

Voting No: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson Chaney 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: Urish, Cooper, Griffin, Stroh, Brown, Chaney and McDowell

Voting No: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Mary Layton, the chairman of the Oktoberfest Committee, stated, that "we had a beautiful weekend for the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest this year. I don't remember an Oktoberfest that we had three beautiful days. We had a lot of challenges including dealing with a new carnival and a new tent company. The Oktoberfest Committee is a subcommittee of the Chamber of Commerce, but we are our own committee of nine members. In two years we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest and we plan on having a really big celebration so I have been getting out and making people aware. The Oktoberfest is a really wonderful event for our community and we need new people to step up and help us out, we want to make the 50<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest really big. We want to start adding people to the committee so the Oktoberfest can go on in the future. The group itself is just the infrastructure because the amazing part of Oktoberfest is over twenty organizations in our community. This year these twenty groups made \$33,000.00. I especially want to thank the city for the help from the Public Works Department, Fire Department and Police Department."
- On November 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the City Center the city is having a special presentation from Dr. James Lamer of the Illinois River Biological Station.
- American Legion Post 138 and VFW Post 6408 will be doing their annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the court house yard at 10:00 a.m. on November 11, 2021.
- Received a thank you note from the County Financial Agent in Mason City.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** City Clerk, Jesse Hall reported on the following items:

- Updated the holiday/council meeting schedule and planned to have it on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.
- Alex and I have been working with the auditors this week.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** City Treasurer, Alex Noble reported on the following item:

- A brief update on the audit. We had a meeting with Adam Pulley from Clifton Larson Allen. This Monday they came down and they will be here all week for fieldwork. Everything has been going pretty smooth so far, they are hoping around the 20<sup>th</sup> of December they will have everything finished.

**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:

- It looks like there are about 5,000 cars coming in on Laurel. Then if you turn right you have about 4,600 so you have a lot of people going north on Promenade. If you are at the corner of Promenade and Dearborn turning right it goes up to 7,950 and then at the intersection of Dearborn and Schrader 7,950 we could get coming down Schrader. When you go across the bridge it goes down to 5,350. That one is only 700 more cars than it is at Main and Promenade. We do have a lot of cars going through here but Schrader and Dearborn is a hot corner, almost 8,000 cars and of course all of them are grain trucks. We are an agricultural community, I don't know if there is a way to figure out how many cars and how many trucks but that is a hot corner for grain trucks. I am just trying to give you some reference on the count. As for the sign, I am not sure what the council is wanting me to do. I can look into the sign by Hardee's, this is a welcome sign that we can change any way that you want. If you don't want one down on Main and Promenade it doesn't matter to me. I think some of the green signs and brown signs are more confusing. I think they need to be at Schrader not a Pearl. Even though you can get to the water tower from Pearl I don't think that is the best location to go through all of the residential. I think it would be better to get all of those signs consistent where there is a stop light or stop sign. Alderperson Urish said from a public safety stand point we could probably make an argument to do that from an IDOT perspective if we need to. Alderperson Griffin asked if Broadway and Main would be the cross streets of the town. Mayor Stadsholt asked the council what they would like Brenda Davenport-Fornoff to do. Asking if they would like to have another planning committee. Alderperson Cooper said we need to look into the IDOT signs first to see if we can do something with the signs or replace them with our own brand something that is more visible than the brown signs.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Police Chief, Jeremiah Hindahl reported on the following items:

- Last week we did traffic detail around the school. We ended up with 27 traffic stops.
- Again we had a busy month of 167 calls of service.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**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 on the following items:

- Currently we have 2,184 positive COVID cases, 2,109 have recovered, zero are currently hospitalized and 57 have passed away. Currently if you want to know when the vaccination clinics are for Mason County go to the Mason County Health Department Facebook page for all the updates.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Urish made a motion to move forward with the Main Street grant for Phase B of the downtown project, 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, Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

**PROPERTY AND ZONING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by Dan Gunter, American Legion Post 138 and VFW Post 6408, to use the City Streets on November 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony, 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, Stroh, Brown and Chaney

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

**DISCUSSION:** Tabitha Ebert addressed the City Council about changing the City Ordinance to have backyard chickens in September of 2021. Tabitha said that she received a letter from Code Enforcer Officer, Julie Ishmael

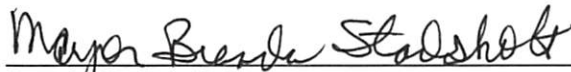
saying that at this time the council has decided not to move forward. Tabitha stated that she was here tonight to ask the council to please reconsider. She stated she only has up until December 1, 2021 to relocate them.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson Cooper, and seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

  
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Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
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Jesse Hall / City Clerk

**Guests:** Brenda Davenport-Fornoff  
Gavin Maliska  
Alex Noble  
Jeremiah Hindahl  
Tabitha Ebert  
Jessica Taylor  
Matt Fliege