

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: Denis Bryant, Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish. 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.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT #1**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 17, 2023.

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

**FINANCE REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to accept the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Rilea made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Griffin, Rilea, Shore, McDowell, Urish, Bryant and Cooper

Voting No: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

Voting Yes: Urish, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore and McDowell

Voting No: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

- I received a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation notifying us that they are presently in the preliminary engineering phase of a bridge rehabilitation project for Structure No. 063-0002 (Scott Lucas Memorial Bridge) carrying US 136/IL 78/IL 97 over the Illinois River in Havana, Illinois. The proposed improvements to the structure will include, but not limited to: partial depth repairs and sealing of bridge deck, structure steel repairs, replacement of navigation lighting, as well as the entire structure being cleaned and painted. This project is tentatively included in our 2025 Fiscal Year program, subject to the availability of funds and project readiness.
- Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff, and I attended a meeting this morning with the County and the Port Authority with representatives from Greater Peoria Economic Development Council for a possible Enterprise Project. We don't have enough information to share with you at this time. This was just an informational meeting.
- The Downtown Business Trick or Treat was unbelievable this year. It just keeps getting better and better with everybody participating. We ordered 400 bags and we ran out by 5:20 p.m.

**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:

- I am looking into a phone app for the City of Havana. We do have a city Facebook page and the city's website, but younger people don't use Facebook and they don't use websites. They like phone apps and I think we kind of have to meet our market where it is and if we want to remain a forward thinking community and attracts young people. We have to meet them and use the media that they use.
- The 2024 Energy Transition Community Grant will be coming available again in January. I'm going to be working with Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy to identify a project. That is the one that we still haven't received the grant money yet, but we've been awarded \$55,482.00. We'll apply for another one and that's because of the power plant closure.
- I've been reviewing the BDD application to fine tune it so that it is our application. The Mayor and I have been working on that so that we'll be ready when applications can start coming in.
- Alderperson Griffin asked if we had any leads out at the Business Park. Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff said yes, we've had leads but we get eliminated pretty quickly because we're not close enough to an interstate or a major airport.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy reported on the following items:

- Merit Construction has been working uptown. The city workers did a really good job of putting in a couple of drains this week before they poured the barrier curb. The barrier curb is finished and it looks really good. They are going to start flatwork here in the next couple days.
- This year's salt prices are going to be \$85.97 per ton.
- Mike Pedigo has been wanting to get the MFT program in the works a little earlier. I think it is because Julie is retiring in April.
- Maurer Stutz update, the unsewered community, Highland Meadows, that grant round has been moved up to January 2024.
- We've sent all the paperwork in for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and City Clerk, Jesse Hall has the public notice for the paper. We have to let that run for 10 days and then take any comments. We will keep track of the comments and then we will have a public meeting.
- The Plum Street project is on schedule. Keith Plavec is going to be meeting with the Mayor and myself. He said he needed to have a meeting to go over the preliminary plans and then we will have to have a public meeting on that also.

**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 reported, that the first reading of the 2024/2025 tax levy will be at the next council meeting November 21, 2023.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Urish made a motion to approve the 2024 Holiday/Council Meeting Schedule as presented, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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

Voting Yes: Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Urish made a motion to use \$20,000.00 for the purchase of welcome signs with ARPA funds, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or comments. Alderperson Cooper asked Brenda if she had a rendering of the sign. Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff said no, it's going to be a maroon sign with gold lettering. It's just a rectangular sign with a curved top that's got gold. I just used the McLean sign. I took a picture of that and asked them to do a bid on it. There being no further questions, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Rilea, Shore, McDowell, Urish, Bryant and Cooper

Voting No: Griffin.

**PROPERTY AND ZONING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to amend the request by EnPower Solutions by adding the removal of the stump on the corner of East Main Street and North Pearl Street, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.

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

Voting Yes: Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Griffin made a motion to remove a tree and stump for EnPower Solutions on the corner of East Main Street and North Pearl Street as amended, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting Yes: Shore, McDowell, Urish, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin and Rilea

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Shore made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Chamber of Commerce, to use the City Streets on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at 4:00pm for the Annual Santa Clause Parade, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**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, Rilea, Shore, McDowell, Urish and Bryant

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Shore made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Optimist Club, to use Main Street on Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 8:00am-12:00pm for their Annual Toy Give Away, seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

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

Voting Yes: McDowell, Urish, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea and Shore

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

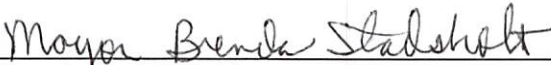
**DISCUSSION:** None

**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 Shore.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
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Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

**Guests:** Jewel Bucy  
Matthew Fliege  
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff  
Jeremiah Hindahl  
Alex Noble  
Jay Sarff  
Wendy Martin