

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, James "Gus" Stroh (arrived at 7:03 p.m.) and Ross McDowell.

Absent: Heather Miller

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 meeting minutes of October 1, 2024.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Alderperson Rilea made the motion, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mayor Stadsholt 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: Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, McDowell and Bryant

Voting No: None

**FINANCE REPORT**

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

**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: Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea Shore, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

**Proclamation**

**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States 125th Anniversary**

**September 29, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) was founded in 1899 by a small group of veterans whom returned from campaigns on Cuba and in the Philippines, banded together to create a veterans organization that would advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, the VFW is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces; and

WHEREAS, the VFW's mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve our veterans, the military and our communities, and to advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, since its inception the VFW has been instrumental in the establishment of the Veterans Administration, the national cemetery system, and the creation of every national veteran's memorial; and

WHEREAS, the VFW has played a vital role in virtually every significant piece of veterans' legislation passed in the 20th and 21st centuries to include the Honoring Our PACT Act, the most significant expansions of veteran's benefits in history; and

WHEREAS, the VFW's 125th anniversary is being observed on September 29, 2024, this date shall officially be known as VFW Day; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor of City of Havana, do hereby proclaim September 29 as VFW Day in honor of the VFW's invaluable contributions to the veteran community in The City of Havana. We hereby stand with the VFW to ensure veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have

Hereunto set my hand and the official seal  
of the City of Havana, this 15th day  
of October 2024.

- IRBS has asked to lease the Civil Defense Building for storage.
- WIRC would like all of you and your constituents to fill out your surveys for the CDBG.
- Today we had our Third Tuesday Business Coffee. Jerry Foster, of Resource Bank presented his new project, a website to encourage small towns to Inspire, Renew and Enjoy their potential. Jerry recently visited Havana this summer to interview local leaders and business owners using Havana as a shining example of a small town getting it right when it comes to redevelopment and revitalization.
- Thursday, October 17, 2024 is the last Havana Ladies of the Garden Luncheon and Retailers Show of the year.

**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 still waiting on the welcome signs to come in; it is just a process.
- I did go ahead and look at the BDD; so far, we have received \$274,383.78. Our balance after everything is \$196,007.78. The October payment was about \$37,000.00. It's growing and giving us the tools to do future projects.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

#### **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

- I got an email from IEPA wanting us to change a couple thing on our led and copper monitoring site plan.
- The new Business Park sign is up, out at the property. We have to get the light fixed, and get more mortar and bricks to put around the border. Then we will put some mulch in there.
- Someone had pulled into park in front of Blue Butterfly and hit one of our light poles. They bent it a little bit and knock three (3) of the bulbs out. Justin got those repaired today. The people who hit the light pole did offer to pay for it, which is good.
- Our International Harvester Dump Truck is in Rushville getting a hoist cylinder fixed before wintertime.

- I got an email from Jeff Peck with IDOT and he for said our new price this year for salt is going to be \$85.24 and that is about \$3 cheaper than last year.
- We fixed a water line leak on Jefferson this morning.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

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

- We moved our speed trailer, it is now on the other side of the hill on Main Street.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** Fire Marshal/Zoning Officer, Matthew Fliege, reported on the following items:

- Last week was Fire Prevention Week, so that's when we get a lot of the kids from New Central that come to the Fire Station, they get a tour and learn a little bit about Fire Safety. Just shy of 200 kids so far, we have two groups left that are coming in at the end of the month. It's always great that they get to come and it's a big deal for them. We give them hats and badges so they get to learn and have fun at the same time.
- The Lawford Theater demolition is on track with their original estimate with being done by the end of next week. They removed the pitch roof yesterday while City Hall was closed. The side walk is now back open again out front. We did find a couple surprises out in the alley. When they were moving their equipment around, there was actually a staircase in the alley that lead to the basement of the Lawford. One time there must have been some type of trap door or something in the alley. So all that has been filled in and at some point they will have to do some work to the alley. They are moving right along and hopefully they will be out of there next week.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

### **FINANCE AND PURCHASING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**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 Shore made a motion to move forward with the Bergman BDD NO. 1 Redevelopment Agreement, seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

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

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

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 Dispatcher, Erin Fawcett, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

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

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

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

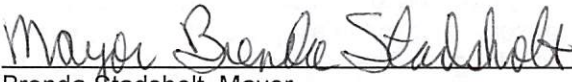
**DISCUSSION:** None

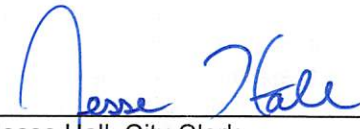
**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

- Guests:**
- Jewel Bucy
  - Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
  - Matthew Fliege
  - Jeremiah Hindahl
  - Jay Sarff
  - Carson Harris
  - Jim Harris