

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 Stroh, Ross McDowell and 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.

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 September 19, 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 Urish made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

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, Stroh, McDowell, Urish, Bryant and Cooper

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, 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: Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Urish, Bryant, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- I was able to attend the annual SRM Client Conference in East Peoria on September 26-28. I was presented with a plaque from HOPE Trust celebrating 10 years of employee health benefits excellence through intergovernmental Cooperation City of Havana July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2024.
- Downtown Business Trick or Treat Friday, October 27th, 2023 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 31st, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to be the official Trick or Treat time in the City of Havana
- The Ministerial Association has their annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. All of you are cordially invited to be a part of that.
- I do have a paragraph from April Burgett who was not able to be with us tonight. Havana Chamber of Commerce President, April Burgett, has written. "On Wednesday, October 4th, the 20th President of the University of Illinois, Tim Killeen will visit Havana Illinois. This unprecedented visit will include over twenty members of his cabinet including the Chancellors of the University and high-ranking staff. This unprecedented visit is a result of the President's keen interest in Economic Development and the impact of the University of Illinois throughout the State. Because of the huge strides in economic development that have occurred in Havana due to the downtown redevelopment including TIF 1, the newly approved BDD, new business development and the numerous events and activities, Havana has risen to the top of the President's list of places to visit. He, along with his entourage, will tour the Forbes Biological Station, the Illinois River Biological Station, take a boat tour on the Illinois

River and meet with Mayor Stadsholt and ED Brenda Davenport-Fornoff at the Riverside Clubhouse to learn first-hand from the Mayor about the City's efforts and goals for the future." This is so important to the City of Havana and to the community of Havana to have them come to visit. We have been working on the IRBS project for over five years together. We feel that this is a step forward.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer, Alex Noble reported, that he had sent an email this afternoon referencing the ARPA funds. I misspoke at one point, but December 2024 is the deadline to have funds obligated for allotment and we have two years after that for expenses. Also on there is the Final Rule, which is the full layout of what can be eligible. It is 117 pages long. If you have any ideas or questions, I would look at the overview and then use it to find where you want to go, because it's quite extensive.

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 have been working on putting together a business directory to put on our website.
- I've also gone around to all the light poles and documented all the plaques and what they say, because we have two missing from the Streetscape Phase A project. Greg Griffin is going to go back and find out who paid for them and what was written on those missing plaques. Also, with us doing the Plum Street project. Those plaques will be removed and we'll know how to put those back. Those have all been inventoried.
- I have been getting the folders ready for the visit tomorrow. I don't know if I can stress how big of a deal it is to have the 20th President of the University of Illinois, Tim Killeen, come to Havana. We are really excited about it and I hope we have good weather.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- Donnie Green last week took our garbage truck out to the Junior High for the Early Childhood Council Fall Festival.
- Yesterday we got the approval from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on our loan application. Now, we are required to have a public notice in the paper, allowing 10 days for public comment. If it passes then we will put it in the application for the loan; if that passes we can start on a new design. The City of Havana's Wastewater Treatment Plant was initially constructed in 1939, consisting of a grit chamber, bar screen, clarifier, digester, and drying beds. In 1973, the Treatment Plant was revamped to include a grit chamber, manual bar screen, aeration tanks, secondary clarifiers, aerobic digesters, and drying beds. The City intends to upgrade the grit removal facilities, replace the bar screen and comminutor with an automated fine screen and manual bypass screen. Replacement of air piping and diffusers in aeration tanks, scraper mechanisms, weir plates, baffle plates, and troughs in the secondary clarifiers. Air piping and diffusers in the rectangular digester will also be replaced. The removal of old clarifier components, gout the perimeter trough to prevent standing sludge and the installation of new air piping and diffusers in the circular digester will also take place. Repairing concrete walls in the splitter chamber and repainting handrails around all of the tanks is also needed. The City also intends to replace submersible pumps located inside the Washington Lift Station.
- Eric Shangraw, from GFL Environmental in Hopedale, is wanting to give us an estimate on tipping fees. They always raise their prices in August.

- Maurer-Stutz, Inc. was down last week doing surveying for the Plum Street project. Keith Plavec, with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. sent me an updated schedule for this project. Environmental Clearance Submittals (EcoCAT, PESA Screening & SHPO Clearance Letters): September 22, 2023 Survey Base File Development Complete: September 29, 2023 Preliminary Plan Submittal: November 10, 2023 ROW Verification: November 30, 2023 Preliminary Cost Estimate: December 13, 2023 Public Meeting: December 13, 2023 PreFinal PSE (90%): February 15, 2024 Final PSE (100%): March 15, 2024 Tentative Letting Date: March 29, 2024.
- As you can see, the TBK curb is all tore out. I planned on putting a curb through and then putting a three or four foot pan in for people's front wheels, but something dawned on me at home and I said, why don't we just make that a whole parking lane and it would match the downtown. I think that's what I'm going to do. We'll just go as far as my money will take us.
- I talked with a guy from Long Creek Illinois today. He is an operator down there and he is actually doing what I would like to do. He is slowly integrating this Zenner meter into his meter system and he said it is working really great there. He said he is so glad they got them because they don't have to worry about replacing batteries. I can get us started for \$50,000.00 that is with forty new meters, antennas and a new computer. I would like to use \$50,000.00 out of the ARPA funds on that project and get that initiated to get started.
- We flushed water mains about three weeks ago and we had three water main breaks and two of them were on the weekend.
- We have been working on the streets up on Plum Street.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

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

- We did do our active threat drill with the school district last Friday. We had a couple articles in the paper advising the community of what was going on. That drill had never been done before in our district, so it was a chance to take all of our responding agencies and the school district to put all of our plans together. The drill is a success in a lot of ways just so we can tweak some areas that we know we need to work on. The school district sees some areas where they would like to make some changes and improvements, but it just makes us more aware of how we would handle a situation like that. We can't thank the school district enough for allowing it to happen. Again, it was the entire Havana school district staff that was involved. No students were involved. It was quite the deal, it took all day Friday to get ready. It was just a combination of planning that has been going on since February to get up to last Friday. It was a good day.

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 Urish reported, that he owes the City Council a list of some of the projects that were talked about from a budgetary standpoint.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by the Havana Southern Baptist Church to place a banner on the Main Street Blvd, 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, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Bryant reported, that he intends to have a committee meeting and hopes to come back to the next meeting with formal action for some of the items Jewel discussed tonight.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt 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 McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Urish.

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

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

Voting No: Bryant

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to come out of closed session. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, 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: Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

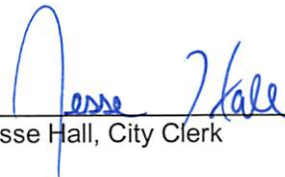
ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall, City Clerk

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