The City Council met in Regular Session in Council Chambers. Mayor Bryant 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, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, Brenda Stadsholt, James "Gus" Stroh and Ross McDowell.
Absent: William Janis

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 Bryant asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting minutes of September 1, 2026.
ACTION TAKEN: There being none, the minutes are approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT
DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Alderperson Stadsholt made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Rilea.
ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Bryant 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: Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt, Stroh, McDowell, Cooper and Griffin
Voting No: None

FINANCE REPORT
DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.
ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Bryant asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Finance Report. There being none, the motion passed by the following vote:
Voting Yes: McDowell, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stadsholt and Stroh
Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT
DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant reported on the following items:

- I participated in a video for the Illinois River Cities and Towns Initiative (IRCTI) announcing the City of Havana as the host of the 2027 IRCTI Annual Meeting.
- The next Business Coffee is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.
- Business After Hours is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Fleur de Lis.
- I will be out of the office on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, and Thursday, September 24, 2026, while attending the Snedeker Risk Management 2026 Fall Client Conference.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT
DISCUSSION: City Clerk, Jesse Hall, reported on the following items:

- Peoples Insurance Agency of Chandlerville, Inc., D.B.A. Insurance Center, and Thomas L. Carlock, Jr. and Kelly J. Carlock, 527 S. Promenade Street, will be placed on the October 6, 2026, City Council agenda.
- I continue to work with Jamie Brown regarding the Business Development District (BDD) application. Additional receipts are still needed to complete the application.

- Following discussion with Alderperson Shore, a committee meeting will be held prior to the regular City Council meeting to discuss the potential advantages of assisting the Harris family with a BDD forgivable loan.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer, Alex Noble, reported on the following items:

- The City has not received many updates from the auditors at this time. The City's audit filing deadline is October 31, 2026. I anticipate having additional information by the next City Council meeting as the auditors work toward finalizing the audit.
- The Treasurer provided an update regarding the Energy Transition Community Round 3 Grant. The City of Havana has been allocated $80,248.97, and Laurel Hill Cemetery has been allocated $59,915.52. Caitlyn Walker, Grant Manager with the Office of Grants Management of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, advised that the Department is awaiting internal approval of the organization's Exhibit A (Scope of Work). Once internal approval is received, the finalized Exhibit A will be provided to the City for review and approval.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: Public Works Director, Jay Sarff, reported on the following items:

- Public Works has been assisting Fire Marshal, Matthew Fliege and Police Chief, Jeremiah Hindahl with preparations for Oktoberfest.
- Landscaping and maintenance work has begun around the City's water tower.
- Work has begun on the area east of the 4-H grounds, including clearing smaller trees and leveling sand dunes to improve mowing and maintenance of the area.
- The City has identified a water leak on Plum Street and is working to address the issue this week.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

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

- Oktoberfest was another successful weekend. There were no arrests or significant incidents reported during the event. The Chief expressed appreciation for the public's cooperation and orderly conduct throughout the weekend.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

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

- Fire Prevention Week 2026 is scheduled for October 4–10, 2026. The Fire Department will be participating in activities with students from New Central Elementary School throughout the week.
- The annual school safety drills will begin Thursday and continue through next week at all area schools. The drills will provide an opportunity to practice emergency procedures, including fire safety, severe weather response, and lockdown procedures.
- The City is coordinating with contractors regarding the sidewalk project on North Promenade Street between the City and the hospital. The goal is to complete the project prior to winter, with Business Development District (BDD) funds being utilized for the project.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper requested that information regarding the performance and repayment status of the City's current loans be included in future Council packets, noting that this information had been provided in the past.

HEALTH AND SANITATION
DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL
DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING
DISCUSSION: Alderperson Shore reported visiting the property on B Street and discussed the possibility of organizing volunteers to assist with cleaning and clearing the area rather than utilizing City employees. Alderperson Shore noted that a small group of volunteers equipped with chainsaws and weed trimmers could clear the area. Further discussion was held regarding potential improvements to the property, including the addition of rock or pavement, as well as whether the City should consider selling the property.
ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY AND ZONING
DISCUSSION: Alderperson Griffin reported that during last Thursday's Business After Hours, hosted by Cass Cable, he discussed the City's water tower project with representatives from Cass Cable. Cass Cable has agreed to provide free Wi-Fi at the water tower and a public Wi-Fi hotspot for citizens at the park as part of its annual giveaway. The City is working on plans for an exterior cabinet to house the necessary equipment and provide access without requiring entry into the water tower.
ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY
DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS
DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL
DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stadsholt reported that Chris Porter completed work at the Riverside Club, including installing 4x4 supports to prevent the floor from sagging and replacing a 32-inch storm door.
ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2
DISCUSSION: No report
ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT
DISCUSSION: Mayor Bryant entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson McDowell and seconded by Alderperson Griffin.
ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Denis Bryant, Mayor

Jesse Hall, City Clerk

Guests: Matthew Fliege
Jeremiah Hindahl
Alex Noble
Jay Sarff
Carson Harris
Jim Harris