

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, Christopher J. Rilea, Richard "Tayler" Shore, James "Gus" Stroh, Ross McDowell and Heather Miller.

Absent: Denis Bryant.

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 September 3, 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 Stroh made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

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

Voting No: None

**FINANCE REPORT**

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

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

Voting No: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

- Brenda Davenport-Fornoff and I had the opportunity and the pleasure of being invited by IRBS last week to join them with their 11 businesspersons from the country of China, It was quite the experience, and we had a wonderful time.
- Today we had our Third Tuesday Business Coffee. The Hospital decided to host this meeting to bring us out to Mason District Hospital. Dana Adcock the new CEO was in charge of the program and it was a wonderful opportunity to be in the Mason Jar Café.
- Brenda Davenport-Fornoff and I are going to be working on a leadership opportunity for lunch and it is probably going to be on female leadership. We noticed that in the City of Peoria, they are having more and more opportunities for women in leadership. If you start thinking about our City right now, our CEO of Mason District Hospital is female, our Superintendent of Schools is female, our County Clerk is female, and presently your Mayor is female. So we're encouraging these females to keep up the good work but, we don't want to ever forget that we need all you males with us too. We would be happy to have any of you City Council men be a part of those meetings as well.
- Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 6:00-8:00pm to be the official Trick or Treat time in the City of Havana.
- Downtown Business Trick or Treat will be October 25, 2024; it is a Friday night from 4:30-6:00pm.
- **ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

- I did look up how much we have unobligated in the ARPA funds. It is just a little over \$25,000.00
- We have been uploading documents for the FY24 audit, but have yet to hear back from CLA (CliftonLarsinAllen LLP).

**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 item:

- The Savvy Citizen app has gone well; we have over 250 people signed up. Today I received a notification that the traffic going over the bridge was backed up, which is somewhat nice to know if you are heading that way.
- The welcome signs have been ordered and they are in production. I have emailed them to let me know when they are going to be installing those.
- We have had some people interested in the buildings downtown, which we do not have a lot but Gathman auction House is for sale. I am trying to direct people where I know there are possibilities.
- I did a folder specifically on Park and Recreations. Since we are now not just the City of Havana we are a regional destination and we don't just look at the population of Havana when we were thinking of anything going on downtown, we need to look at the region 50 miles out. I also did a folder on Education so people looking at the community know about the education. And of course the Health Care and as Mayor said Dana did a wonderful job telling us about the changes at the hospital as far as the additional specialty clinics.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

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

- The pillars are finally completed out at the Business Park.
- I have a meeting tomorrow with Denis and Gus. We are going to meet with Maurer-Stutz Inc. and Hein Construction. We will be pointing out a punch list for the Plum Streetscape Project.
- We finally got the Post Office poured and some on Main Street in front of TBK Bank. We had a spot down at the water plant that was flooding the area of the garage and some of the alley, working its way towards Thompsons. So we finished that up.
- We are still waiting on the Vactor, but I have heard now that I am supposed to pick it up tomorrow.
- We are doing oil and chipping on the southwest section of town.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

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

- This past Saturday we had testing for Police Officers. We ended up having 5 people show up, we were hoping for more, but we will take what we can get out of it. We do have 3 slots open so we are going to start interviewing there. I may push out another test date. We are just going to have to see how things play out with that.
- We did get our Stalker SAM Speed Trailer in. The data we receive from that will be very beneficial for all of us, because where ever we put it. It will get vehicles coming and going, their speed, car counts and it stores all that data.
- Today our AC Power Radar Signs came in and they will go up on Laurel Street.
- We did get our new squad truck. We are just waiting on it to get a couple radios installed. So hopefully you will start seeing that out this week.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**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:** Alderperson Rilea made a motion to approve Ordinance 1486, an Ordinance Regulating Food Trucks in the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, 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: Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh, McDowell

Voting No: Miller

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Rilea made a motion to amend Ordinance 1486, an Ordinance Regulating Food Trucks in the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois by removing **5.21.040 A**. The applicant shall pay to the City, prior to receiving a food truck permit, a fee of \$150 per fiscal year. **B**. Should an applicant wish to get a one-day permit, the cost shall be \$20 per day, but applicant will only be allowed to have their food truck in operation for a period of 24 hours. Applicants are limited to four (4) one-day permits per fiscal year, seconded by Alderperson Miller.

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

Voting Yes: Griffin, Rilea, Shore and Miller

Voting No: Cooper, Stroh, McDowell and Mayor Stadsholt

**PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**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 Britney Holtman, Havana High School Student Council, to use the City Streets on Friday, October 4, 2024 at 2:30pm for the Annual Homecoming Parade, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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

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

Voting No: None

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by Jewel Ishmael, Havana Animal Control, to use the City Streets on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 4:15pm for the Downtown Trick or Treat Parade, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

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

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

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** No report  
**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer, Garrett Mibbs, seconded by Alderperson Shore.

**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 Miller

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 Cooper.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
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Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

**Guests:** Jewel Bucy  
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff  
Jeremiah Hindahl  
Alex Noble  
Jay Sarff  
Carson Harris