

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.

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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 September 5, 2023. Alderperson McDowell noted a change under Licenses, Ordinance and Legal saying, the second paragraph would have been the first thing that would have happened. City Clerk, Jesse Hall, said he would make the correction to the minutes. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Rilea, to approve the minutes as corrected.

**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, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

Abstained: Urish

**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, Urish, Bryant 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 Bryant.

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

Voting No: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

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

- Economic Development Coordinator, Brenda Davenport-Fornoff and I are working with April Burgett and Kim Anderson on the Smithsonian Exhibit. It will be at the Havana City Center from January 13, 2024 to February 17, 2024. We met with two representatives from the Smithsonian Committee a week ago and we decided that it would be best to have Police Chief, Jeremiah Hindahl, Fire Marshal, Matt Fliege and Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy, present for that meeting to hear how it was going to be setup at the City Center.
- Brenda Davenport-Fornoff and I continue to work with Illinois River Biological Station on trying to receive funding to build the new station on the lot that we have leased to them for five years.
- Today I was asked to attend the Master Gardener meeting at Vic's Place. There were Master Gardeners from Fulton, Peoria, Tazewell and Mason County it was very well attended.
- Downtown Business Trick or Treat will be on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to be the official Trick or Treat time in the City of Havana.
- Manhattan Fields, Ladies of the Garden, final appearance of 2023. Main Street Beer Garden Thursday, September, 21, 2023 from 11:30-1:00 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 item:

- Today we had Third Tuesday Coffee and we had a presentation about an Illinois state law that now requires that every employer that has been in business for at least 2 years and that has 5 or more Illinois employees must offer their own qualified retirement plan or facilitate the Illinois Secure Choice retirement savings program.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

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

- Alderperson McDowell asked Chief Hindahl if he would talk about the full-time Police Officer Margo Procarione. Chief Hindahl said, we are looking to hire Margo Procarione. She is currently a full-time Police Officer with the Mason County Sheriff's Department and a resident here in Havana. We will not have to send her to PTI. She is already familiar with the roads and once she comes in she will just have to learn our system and we will have her out fairly quick.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

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

- The Fire Department and Police Department will be conducting in an Active Shooter Training with the School District. It will be next Friday, September 29, 2023 from 12:30-3:00 p.m. We do have a press release drafted in conjunction with the School District that we are sending out tomorrow.
- We also did a DUI reenactment at the High School. It was brought to us by Michael Hurley, the Mason County Coroner. He worked with the ThinkFirst program at SIU School of Medicine. They do these all over the place and Havana has not had that scale of a drill since the 90's. It went off really well and we got a lot of really good feedback. We did discuss with ThinkFirst that we would like to try to do it every three years to try to get a cycle of the students as they go through and they seemed pretty adamant that they could make that work.

**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 reported, that we are thinking of putting more planning in place for any kind of solar going in and also, talking about updating our Ordinance on yards not being kept up. There will probably be a committee meeting next month for that.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PLANNING**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PROPERTY AND ZONING**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Griffin reported, that he did have a request. He noticed that we have had a bike rack behind City Hall for a number of years and it never gets much use. I looked at the writing on it and it looks like it is a part of the Scenic Byway program. I was curious if we could take the bike rack and move it from behind City Hall maybe give it a paint job, and move it to the parking lot by the Riverside Club for the public to use.

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by Amy Lane, Havana High School, to use the City Streets on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. for the Annual Homecoming Parade, 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: Shore, Stroh, McDowell, Urish, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin and Rilea

Voting No: None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**DISCUSSION:** No report

**ACTION TAKEN:** None

**PERSONNEL**

**DISCUSSION:** Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Margo Procarione as a full-time Police Officer, 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: Urish, Bryant, Cooper, Griffin, Rilea, Shore, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: None

**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 Rilea.

**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

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to come out of closed session. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, 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: 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 McDowell, and seconded by Alderperson Urish.

**ACTION TAKEN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

  
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Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor

  
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Jesse Hall, City Clerk

**Guests:** Brenda Davenport-Fornoff  
Matt Fliege  
Jeremiah Hindahl  
Alex Noble  
Wendy Martin