

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: Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, James Stroh, Portia Brown, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish. Absent: Bob Cooper. Alderperson McDowell left at 7:22 p.m.

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: Brandon Smith addressed the council about where the council stands on the golf carts and side-by-sides ordinance and if it has been put together. Mayor Stadsholt stated that the council did not move forward with the ordinance.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Gary Griffin stated since the council is against the golf carts and side-by-sides, Griffin asked if public works was going to get rid of their side-by-side.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Damon Brown asked the council what the next step is - if the council has no further movement on the ordinance. Mayor Stadsholt suggested that they should start at the county or the township level.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Gavin Maliska from the Mason County Democrat asked Mayor Stadsholt if the city council was willing to abide by a separate government body's decision, if the county decides that there will be golf carts and side-by-sides within the City of Havana, will you allow that? Are you going to take your authority and give it to the county or the township rather than look at your own ordinances? Mayor Stadsholt said she would be happy to talk to Gavin Maliska after the meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Regular Council Meeting minutes of September 7, 2021.

ACTION TAKEN: There being none, the minutes will stand as approved and submitted.

FINANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Ray 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: Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following items:

- Resolution to declare Domestic Awareness Month with Fulton Mason Crisis Service.
- Resolution to declare Senior Living Week – September 12 - 18.
- We continue to meet with IRBS as they hope to apply for an EDA grant. The application deadline is September 30, 2021 so they may be requesting a special meeting to present to the council.
- Downtown Business Trick or Treat will be on October 29, 2021 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- Halloween will be on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- The American Countess is making a stop in Havana September 29, 2021 - it should be docking around 8:00 a.m. and leaving at 5:00 p.m.

- Mayor Stadsholt asked the council to think about only having a council meeting once a month.
- The Chamber of Commerce has an activity this Saturday, September 25, 2021 the Harvest Crawl.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to approve the new contract for Fire Marshal/Zoning Officer Matt Fliege, seconded by Alderperson Ray.

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

Voting Yes: Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Ray, Stroh and Brown

Voting No: None

Abstain: Griffin

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:

- The Façade program we started last year is coming to a close.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

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

- We received a thank you letter from B & B Motors Inc.
- I called all of you individually about the telemetry for the water plant and water tower and after talking with everyone, we decided it would be best to get two bids.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

DISCUSSION: Gary Davis, with Farnsworth Engineering, reported on the following items:

- Hein Construction will be back in town in October to finish their punch list.
- We have not heard anything back from the EPA on the long term control plan.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh asked Economic Development Coordinator Brenda Davenport-Fornoff to explain the allocation of ARPA Funds. Brenda stated that the city is getting \$406,065.36 for the American

Rescue Plan Act over the next two years. There are specific ways that the city can spend the funds such as improvements on negative economic impacts and infrastructure. Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve the allocation of ARPA funds, seconded by Alderperson Urish.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. Alderperson Chaney asked if the amounts in the economic impacts were for all the businesses in town or just for the businesses downtown. Economic Development Coordinator Brenda Davenport-Fornoff explained that the blade sign program, mural grant and wayfinding would be for the downtown. There being no further questions, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Brown, Urish, Ray and Stroh

Voting No: Chaney and Griffin

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCE AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: No report

ACTION TAKEN: None

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 Amy Lane, Havana High School, to use the city streets on September 24th, 2021 at 3:00pm 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 with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Urish, Griffin, Ray Stroh, Brown and Chaney

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Brown reported that the Illinois Road Contractors will start motor fuel tax oil and chipping on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2


DISCUSSION: None

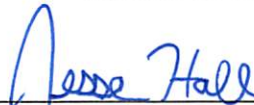
ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.


Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor


Jesse Hall / City Clerk

Guests: Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Gavin Maliska
Alex Noble
Brandon Smith
Larry Smith
Damon Brown
Jewel Bucy
Gary Davis
Gary Griffin
Jeremiah Hindahl
Matt Fliege