

The City Council met in special session at the City Center. Mayor Stadsholt called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Gus Stroh and Ross McDowell.

Absent: 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 questions or corrections to the Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 6, 2023.

ACTION TAKEN: There being none, the minutes are approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 20, 2023.

ACTION TAKEN: There being none, the minutes are approved as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported on the following item:

- Saturday, July 1, 2023 was a fantastic 4th of July in Havana, Illinois. Two years ago, when the Chamber of Commerce decided that it had become to be too much of a project for them and they weren't going to move forward with it. Brenda Davenport-Fornoff formed a committee of Matt Fliege, Denis Bryant, Robin Young, Grace Mott and Myself. We met once a month, but Robin Young is the one who really led the whole fundraising effort. She is a fantastic young lady who went to everybody in Mason County and asked for donations.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to amend the approval of Maurer-Stutz Phase I Preliminary Estimate of Probable Construction Costs for the Plum Streetscape Improvements and not to use Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the project, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or comments. Alderperson Griffin asked if this was only for the west side of Plum Street. Mayor Stadsholt said that it was up for discussion because Keith Plavec with Maurer-Stutz has been in Hawaii. We are thinking that we could include the east side of Plum Street, but that's if there's interest from the council. Alderperson Griffin asked if there would be bump-outs on the corner of Plum and Market. Mayor Stadsholt said yes, but they would be much smaller because of the traffic. Alderperson Griffin said I know it is only once a year, but if there's bump-outs it messes up the stage for the Oktoberfest. Alderperson Rilea said with the \$103,000.00 for planning the Design Phase Supplement (Phase I, II and III) and with the \$421,000.00 for the Phase I Preliminary Construction Cost we are talking over \$500,000.00. Alderperson Rilea asked if there was a way we could better allocate these funds? Can we use these funds to fix up Plum Street or the east side of Broadway? Alderperson Bryant suggested that maybe a list of projects should be created, that could be ticked off the list as they were completed. Mayor Stadsholt suggested that Public Works Director, Jewel Bucy make a list of the worst streets and Alderperson Bryant could meet with Jewel. There being no further questions, the motion passed by the following vote:

Voting Yes: Bryant, Cooper, Shore and McDowell

Voting No: Griffin, Rilea and Stroh

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Cooper made a motion to approve Maurer-Stutz Phase I Preliminary Estimate of Probable Construction Costs for the Plum Streetscape Improvements and not to use Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the project as amended, 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: Bryant, Cooper, Shore, Stroh and McDowell

Voting No: Griffin and Rilea

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh made a motion to approve a request by the Illinois River Biological Station + Havana Chamber of Commerce to use the city sidewalks on July 15, 2023 from 9:00am-2:00pm, seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

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, Bryant and Cooper

Voting No: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell made a motion to hire Mariah Martindale as a full-time Water Clerk, seconded by Alderperson Bryant.

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, Bryant, Cooper and Griffin

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2


DISCUSSION: None

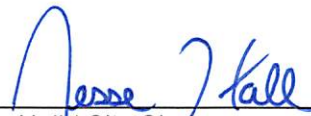
ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

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

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.


Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor


Jesse Hall / City Clerk

GUESTS: Wendy Martin