MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 OCTOBER 2022

22C-0401 – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Renner called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers at 101 Green Street on 24 October 2022.

22C-0402 – ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer, McCoy, Westemeier, Wienen, Renner

22C-0403 – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Mayor Renner announced a quorum of Board members present to conduct City business.

22C-0404 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

22C-0405 - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

No reports.

22C-0406 – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jim Boho, Rocky Hill Road – Boho spoke with regard to the 4th Street and Highway 20 intersection. Boho advised this intersection is rated as critical with the State of Illinois. Projects in 1987 and 1993 proposed for the Marine Hospital were turned down because of this intersection. He also noted in 2013 a music venue was proposed for the Poor Farm which both the city and the County rejected. Boho stated the reason he brings these rejections up is that when the petitioner brought this before the Council, he had already talked to IDOT down in Dixon. They knew about this intersection, yet they did not report it out to the City Council or the Zoning Board. What they did report out is that they talked to the Police, Fire, EMS and County Engineer. Boho feels those groups would never stand for increasing traffic at what is labeled a critical intersection. Boho urged the City Council to look into forming a committee to look into that intersection. Boho feels the city is putting citizens at risk if they increase traffic at that intersection.

Mike Sproule, 12901 Norris Lane - Sproule advised he was present as a consultant on a new project coming to town. John and Rose Ann Wilson have a project they are working on with some new owners. They will annex the building into the city. It will be a new business. They will be spending a significant amount of money on the build out. The issue is they do not have sewer access. They have been working with staff to see how they can get it attached to sewer so they can move ahead. They will have a lot of water needs for the new project.

Greg Simpson, 584 W. 11th Street, Dubuque – Simpson stated they are looking to move forward on a project for the former Chrysler Body Shop on the corner of Highway 20 and Gear Street. They are looking at developing a brewery on the property. The property was the foundation for the idea of the business. Thru the process it has been discovered there is no sewer to the property. With a brewery it is almost prohibitive to run it on a septic system. In order to go forward. it is vital to have sewer to the property. Simpson stated they are more than willing to do what they can to work with staff to see what the best answer is.

CONSENT AGENDA CA22-20

22C-0407 – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2022

22C-0408 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF JACK DENNERLEIN TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

22C-0409 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW CARROLL TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

22C-0410 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JEREMY WHITE TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FOR A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

22C-0411 – ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVE MONAHAN TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF KIMBERLY COOK THROUGH JULY 31, 2024

22C-0412 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 95 TO PARK VEHICLES IN THE MEEKER STREET LOT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022

22C-0413 – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY THE GALENA HOLIDAZE FESTIVAL TO OFFER FREE TRACTOR PULLED WAGON RIDES DECEMBER 3, 2022, DURING THE FESTIVAL

Motion: Kieffer moved, seconded by Bernstein, to approve Consent Agenda CA22-20.

Discussion: Wienen stated she feels the city should not take any of the money collected by the groups in the parking lots.

Roll Call: AYES: Hahn, Kieffer, McCoy, Westemeier, Wienen, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

22C-0414 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LOAN REQUEST #9 FOR IEPA LOAN 17-5811 IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,319.00 INCLUDING INVOICE #4 FROM COMMUNITY FUNDING

Motion: Westemeier moved, seconded by McCoy, to approve loan request #9 for IEPA Loan 17-5811 in the amount of $6,319, including invoice #4 from Community Funding and Planning Services, 22C-0415.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, McCoy, Westemeier, Wienen, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Hahn

The motion carried.

22C-0415 – WARRANTS

Motion: Bernstein moved, seconded by Kieffer, to approve the Warrants as presented, 22C-0415.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: McCoy, Westemeier, Wienen, Bernstein, Kieffer, Renner
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Hahn

The motion carried.

22C-0416 – ALDERPERSONS' COMMENTS

Halloween Weekend – Council wished staff good luck as we enter into Halloween weekend and thanked everyone for all that they do.

October Weekends - Westemeier added the weather for the night of the parade is predicted to be decent. Country Fair Weekend and the weekends following have been great. The good weather has brought people out.

Highway Construction – Westemeier stated the new wall on the highway is looking nice.

22C-0417 – CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Tax Levy – The Tax Levy will be prepared for the next meeting. A variety of options will be available.

22C-00418 – MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Renner agreed with all of the comments made. He agrees October has been busy with good weather and good color on the trees. Mayor Renner wished all a safe Halloween.

22C-0419 - MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Wienen moved, seconded by Kieffer, to recess to Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Section 2 (c) (5) – Purchase or lease of real estate.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Westemeier, Wienen, Bernstein, Hahn, Kieffer, McCoy, Renner.
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 6.47 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

22C-0420 – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL ESTATE

Motion: Hahn moved, seconded by Westemeier, to approve preparing a contract for the purchase of 412 S. Main Street subject to the purchase agreement and ordinance being presented at a future meeting, 22C-0420.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Hahn, Kieffer, McCoy, Westemeier, Wienen, Bernstein, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

22C-00419 – ADJOURNMENT

Motion: McCoy moved, seconded by Kieffer to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: Kieffer, McCoy, Westemeier, Wienen, Bernstein, Hahn, Renner
NAYS: None

The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Hyde
City Clerk