

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

The City Council meeting was held with in-person attendance and others joined the meeting via phone conference.

Meeting called to order by Acting Mayor Moore at 6:00 P.M.

Prayer led by Alderman Ralph Barbre followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft called the roll:

Acting Mayor: Gary Moore
City Clerk: Tina Hutchcraft
City Attorney: Darrin Rice
Aldermen: Ralph Barbre; Brett Coale; Jim Griffith; Tyler Lampley; Eugene McGill; Jerry Lisenbee; Terry Stahl

Also Present: Ken Otey, WFIW Radio; David Mills, Wayne County Press; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Tyler Lashbrook, Electric Department; Josh Boyd, Water Filtration; Carroll Dugger, Cemetery Department; Kevin Leonard, Water Department; Flo Simpson, Dian Downs; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of December 22, 2020, agendas and bills of January 12, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Acting Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the December 22, 2020 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Lisenbee to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 22, 2020.

Vote yes: Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Acting Mayor Moore asked for approval to pay the bills for the January 12, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Barbre, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve the bills for payment.

Vote yes: McGill; Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Library Board Appointment – Mayor Moore would like to appoint Marcia Puckett to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Sarah Hallas. This term will expire May, 2023. Motion by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve this appointment.

Vote yes: Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0112-369 approved and duly adopted.

Discussion Concerning Fees at Maple Hill Cemetery – The Council discussed language changes that are needed in the ordinances concerning the cemetery. The fees were also discussed. It has been many years since fees have been raised for the purchase of lots, grave openings, etc. Attorney Rice has been instructed to make revisions to the cemetery code of ordinances to reflect fee increases as well as language changes. This will be brought back to Council for approval.

Discussion Concerning Customer Connection to Sewer Lines – Mayor Moore told the Council that it is the resident's responsibility for paying for connection to the city sewer or problems with the sewer from the house to the sewer main. Many of the mains are located in the middle of the roadway. In a few areas of town, the sewer main is down the road quite a way from the residence. Alderman Lisenbee feels the customer shouldn't be responsible for paying all of the cost if the sewer main is not close to the residence but feels the city should be responsible for any associated costs. Mayor Moore felt this could be quite costly for the city. Alderman Barbre stated he is not in favor of changing our current practice. Mayor Moore asked the Water and Sewer Committee to meet concerning this issue and bring a recommendation back to Council. Those on the committee are Alderman Lampley, Alderman McGill, and Alderman Coale.

Miscellaneous – A few months ago we entered into a Leachate Agreement with Republic Services. Mayor Moore reported that last month we treated 270,000 gallons of leachate at a cost to Republic of approximately \$8,000. This was income to the City because of the recent leachate agreement between the City and Republic Services.

Executive Session – Alderman Stahl made a motion, seconded by Alderman Coale to go into Executive Session to discuss Section 2(c)(23) – discuss contracts relating to the purchase, sale or delivery of electricity or natural gas and Section 2(c)(21) – discuss minutes of closed session meetings.

Vote yes: Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore

Vote no: Griffith

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and stated he will not be attending Executive Session.

Return to Regular Session – Alderman Barbre made a motion, seconded by Alderman Coale to return to regular session.

Vote yes: Barbre; Coale; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Stahl

Vote no: none

Absent: Griffith; Moore

Alderman Lampley declared motion carried and Council returned to regular session at 7:39 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting – Motion by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman McGill to adjourn the meeting.

Vote yes: 6

Vote no: 0

Absent: 2

Alderman Moore declared meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Acting Mayor