

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mike Dreith at 6:00 P.M.

Prayer led by Louise Morlan followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft called the roll:

Mayor: Mike Dreith
City Clerk: Tina Hutchcraft
City Attorney: Darrin Rice
Aldermen: Dewey Eckleberry; Brett Coale; Clifford Reeve; Tyler Lampley; Eugene McGill;
Jerry Lisenbee; Terry Stahl; Gary Moore

Also Present: Ken Otey, WFIW Radio; David Mills, Wayne County Press; Tyler Lashbrook, Electric Distribution; Josh Boyd, Water Filtration; Dian Downs; Flo Simpson; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2021, agendas and bills of May 25, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the May 11, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2021.

Vote yes: Coale; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeve; Stahl

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor Dreith asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the May 25, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve the bills and drafts be drawn on the several funds for their respective amounts.

Vote yes: Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeve; Stahl; Coale

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Ordinance – Exchange of Real Estate – A public hearing was held earlier concerning the exchange of property between the City of Fairfield and Melvin Clark. The City owns 15 acres of farm ground along Rosewood Lane and we would like to trade this property for property owned by Melvin Clark next to Southwest Park. Alderman Moore stated he felt this would be good for the City and this land would be more valuable to us than the farm ground. The acreage we will be acquiring is next to the softballs diamonds and is used for parking and we also have our fireworks in this area. A motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the ordinance for the exchange of the real estate and to have the property surveyed.

Vote yes: Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeve; Stahl; Coale; Eckleberry

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0525-255 approved and duly adopted.

Street Closing Request – First Baptist Church – The Council previously approved a street closing request from First Baptist Church for their Vacation Bible School. We approved closing Douglas Street between South First Street and SE 2nd Street during the hours of 5-9 p.m., June 7 through June 10. The date for VBS has now been changed to Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30 and they are asking for Council approval for the street closing for these dates. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve this request.

Vote yes: Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeve; Stahl; Coale; Eckleberry; Lampley

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Resolution – Revolving Loan for Black’s Fashion Flowers – Flo Simpson told the Council that owners of Black’s Fashion Flowers have asked for a revolving loan in the amount of \$15,000. They would use the funds for facade work, new flooring, and an HVAC system. A motion was made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve this resolution for a revolving loan to Black’s Fashion Flowers.

Vote yes: McGill; Moore; Reeve; Stahl; Coale; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0525-389 approved and duly adopted.

Board of Fire & Police Commissioner Appointment – Mayor Dreith told the Council that he would like to pull this item from the agenda at this time.

Resolutions – The following resolutions were presented to Council for approval.

Resolution No. 21-0525-390 Police Pension Board 2 yr. appointment
Bryan Williams

Resolution No. 21-0525-391 Fire Pension Board 3 yr. appointment
Andrew Miller

Resolution No. 21-0525-392 Zoning Board Appointments
Niki Roethe 1 yr. appointment
Cody Attebery 5 yr. appointment
Mark Turner 5 yr. appointment

Resolution No. 21-0525-393 Recreation Committee 3 yr. appointment
Carrie Halbert

City Council Committee Appointments

Alderman Moore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Reeveer to approve the above Resolution No. 21-0525-390 through Resolution No. 21-0525-393 and the City Council Committee Appointments.

Vote yes: Moore; Reeveer; Stahl; Coale; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor Dreith told the Council that at this time he will not be making appointments to the Economic Development Committee until a defined purpose of this committee is established.

Seek Bids for Water Filter Chemicals – Mayor Dreith asked for Council approval to seek bids for water filtration chemicals. Motion by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Lisenbee to seek bids for water filter chemicals.

Vote yes: Reeveer; Stahl; Coale; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Ordinance Revising the Liquor Code – Alderman Lampley told the Council this ordinance gives a clear definition of a package store and establishes the difference between a package store and a supermarket. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve this ordinance.

Vote yes: Stahl; Coale; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeveer

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0525-256 approved and duly adopted.

Mayor's Report – We have received word from the Illinois Department of Transportation that the resurfacing of Main and Delaware is now scheduled to begin next summer. Mayor Dreith is working on a plan to give commercial tree services a place to take their logs and brush. Mayor Dreith will also be meeting to resume talks about Atkinson Forest but he stated this will not include the use of city funds. The Mayor has asked Aldermen to submit five properties in town that are in violation of city ordinances. Mayor Dreith gave an update on Robert Kamp who was injured from a vicious dog attack. The dog attack was addressed Monday in Circuit Court and the judge ordered the three dogs involved in the attack to be euthanized. The Mayor has asked the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance which would prevent dog ownership for those convicted of allowing vicious dogs to roam our streets. We will also be discussing our annual contract with the Humane Society very soon. An update on the operations of the airport was given and the Mayor announced he will be hosting “Coffee with the Mayor” on Monday, June 7th at Five Brothers Cafe from 7-9 a.m. The band director has reported the City Band will have its first concert on Thursday, June 3rd and each Thursday through July 1st. The full Mayor's report is attached.

Miscellaneous – The state has approved plans for road work along Kincaid Drive and we hope to award a bid for this project at the June 22nd meeting. Alderman Moore asked that a portion of Mt. Vernon Rd. be looked at by our street engineers.

Executive Session – Alderman Stahl made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moore to go into Executive Session to discuss Section 2(c)(21) – discuss minutes of closed session meetings; Section 2(c)(11) – pending litigation; and Section 2(c)(1) – the appointment, employment; compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Vote yes: Coale; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeve; Stahl

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

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

Vote yes: Eckleberry; Coale; Reeve; Lampley; McGill; Lisenbee; Stahl; Moore

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Council returned to regular session at 7:53 p.m.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Mike Dreith, Mayor