

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

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

Prayer led by Ken Otey 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; Keith Colclasure,
Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Wade Gregory, Assistant Fire Chief; Tyler Lashbrook,
Electric Distribution; Josh Boyd, Water Filtration; Kevin Leonard, Water Distribution; D.E.
Young, Garge Department; Dian Downs; Flo Simpson; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of May 25, 2021, agendas and bills of June 8, 2021 were sent out to
those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the May 25,
2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the
minutes of the meeting of May 25, 2021.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor Dreith asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the June 8, 2021
meeting. Motion by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve the bills
and drafts be drawn on the several funds for their respective amounts.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Public Comments – Lee Downen addressed the Council about an incident that happened about a
year and a half ago on the Walmart parking lot. He claims he was assaulted by a police officer
and that the Chief of Police and the previous Mayor covered it up by destroying evidence.

Resolution – Police Chief Appointment – Mayor Dreith would like to appoint Richie Fulkerson
as Police Chief for the City of Fairfield. Mayor Dreith read a brief bio and told the Council that
Captain Fulkerson is retired from the Illinois State Police. A motion was made by Alderman
Lisenbee, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve this appointment.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0608-394 approved and duly adopted.

Resolution – Assistant Police Chief Appointment – Mayor Dreith would like to appoint Keith Colclasure as Assistant Police Chief for the City of Fairfield. A motion was made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve this appointment.

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

Vote no: Eckleberry

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0608-395 approved and duly adopted.

Resolution – Fire Chief Appointment – Mayor Dreith would like to appoint Andrew Miller as Fire Chief for the City of Fairfield. A motion was made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve this appointment.

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

Vote no: McGill

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0608-396 approved and duly adopted.

Resolution – Assistant Fire Chief Appointment – Mayor Dreith would like to appoint Wade Gregory as Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Fairfield. A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve this appointment.

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

Vote no: McGill

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0608-397 approved and duly adopted.

Resolution – Board of Fire & Police Commissioner Appointment – Mayor Dreith would like to appoint Terry Weedman as a member of the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners for the City of Fairfield. A motion was made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve this appointment.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0608-398 approved and duly adopted.

Resolution Authorizing 2022 Non-Regulated Vendor Agreement with Wabash Area Development, Inc. – This resolution authorizes the agreement with Wabash Area Development, Inc. concerning LIHEAP, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The resolution sets the terms of the agreement with all utility providers and how payment is made to the city for the supply of energy services for low-income households. The resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign the agreement. A motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to approve this agreement with Wabash Area Development, Inc.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0608-399 approved and duly adopted.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dreith reported that he and Alderman Lisenbee and Alderman Eckleberry toured the old garment factory building on Highland Ave. The roof of the facility is in disrepair and the cost would be very expensive. The facility costs the city approximately \$20,000 in taxes and insurance each year as well as the cost associated with mowing the property. The mayor said the city needs to determine an exit strategy. Alderman Eckleberry and Alderman Lisenbee both agree the city needs to get rid of the building. Mayor Dreith also reported on a recent meeting concerning Atkinson Forest, a possible place for contractors to dispose of their brush, and police & fire department reports. A full copy of the report is attached.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Moore asked if we had a police officer dedicated to work on ordinance violations and Chief Colclasure said that we do.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Mike Dreith, Mayor