

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, July 13, 2021

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

Prayer led by David Mills 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; Kevin Leonard, Water Distribution; Dian Downs; Flo Simpson; Carroll Dugger, Cemetery Department; D.E. Young, Garage Department; Keith Colclasure, Assistant Police Chief; Richie Fulkerson, Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Micah Hall; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2021, agendas and bills of July 13, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the June 22, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Moore to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2021.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor Dreith asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the July 13, 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: Stahl; Coale; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeve

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Recognition of New Police Officer – Micah Hall was sworn in by City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft as the newest police officer for the City of Fairfield. Chief Colclasure presented him with his law enforcement badge.

Ordinance No. 21-0713-259/Appropriations – A public hearing was held at 5:50 p.m. concerning the annual appropriations. The total amount of the appropriations is \$27,500,862. This amount includes the general fund, motor fuel tax, TIF 1, TIF 2, grants, possible water tower, Police Pension, and Fire Pension. The amount for just the general fund is \$24,226,413. A motion was

made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman Lisenbee to approve Ordinance No. 21-0713-259 adopting the Fairfield Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022.

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

Vote no: Eckleberry; McGill

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0713-259 approved and duly adopted.

Street Closing Request for Y-Fairfield Events – Y-Fairfield have asked for Council approval to close SE 2nd Street from Delaware to Center Street for two concerts they are having at the Elk's. They will have an acoustic band playing on the parking lot of the Elk's and the request to close the street is for safety precautions. The concerts are scheduled for Thursday, July 15th and Thursday, August 19th from 7-10 p.m. A third concert they have planned in September will be held inside the Elk's and they are not requesting a street closure for that event. Alderman Lampley stated the request was received with very short notice and said he would prefer to approve the request for the first concert and then determine if a second closure was warranted. He also mentioned the Council had turned down a request from Not Your Ordinary Church and had limited them to only a couple of closures a year. The aldermen had questions about the event but Y-Fairfield did not have any representatives in attendance to provide any answers. Alderman Moore stated when the group had an outdoor concert previously, he received many complaints about the noise. Hopefully having an acoustic concert will help with this. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve the street closing request for the July 15th event from 7-10 p.m.

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

Vote no: Eckleberry; Moore

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Preliminary Plan for Ridge View Addition to the Walmart Subdivision – Ridge View Properties has purchased property and are subdividing it into two lots, 4A and 4B. They have a tenant for Lot 4A and are in negotiations for a tenant for Lot 4B. Council needs to approve the preliminary plan and the final plat will need approval at the next Council meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the preliminary plan for the Ridge View Addition to the Walmart Subdivision.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Ordinance Establishing a Special Exception for Tiny Homes – We have had individuals wanting to place tiny homes in the city. The Legislative Committee has met to discuss this request and Attorney Rice has prepared an ordinance for Council consideration. The Council reviewed the proposed ordinance and if approved the zoning board could grant a special exception for the placement of a tiny home in the R-3 zoning district. It was suggested the language of the ordinance be changed to a state the home must be inspected prior to zoning board approval. After more discussion, approval of this ordinance died for a lack of a motion and it was decided to send the ordinance back to the committee for some possible revisions.

Resolution Concerning the Fairfield Industrial Trust – The Legislative Committee met to discuss the Fairfield Industrial Trust. The city has been giving the Trust 2% of the sales tax we receive each month and has been doing so for many years. When the Trust was originally established and over the years, they were able to do things for businesses that the city was not able to do and was beneficial to the city. The committee felt it would better for the city to stop giving the 2% sales tax revenues to the Trust. The members of the Trust asked to be funded another three years, but the committee is proposing to give them 1% of the sales tax for one year and then to stop completely after one year. The Legislative Committee is asking for Council approval of their recommendation. If for any reason the Trust is not able to meet their financial obligations, it will not fall back on the city. A motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve a resolution to phase out and abolish the 2% sales tax donation to the Fairfield Industrial Trust.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0713-407 approved and duly adopted.

Mayor's Report – There will be a Joint Review Board meeting for TIF tomorrow at 5:15 p.m. Police Chief Richie Fulkerson was sworn in on Monday by City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft. The owner of the Briarwood Inn has been ordered to appear at city hall tomorrow with records of every occupancy dating back to April 2020. The hotel owed \$6,194 in previous hotel/motel taxes. Attorney Rice stated the city could file liens against the hotel or fines can be assessed through Municipal Court if their taxes are not paid. The full Mayor's report is attached.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Reeve thanked Ken Otey and LizAnn Woodrow for all their work for the “Back the Blue” event that was recently held.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Stahl spoke about the activity reports the fire and police departments provide. He would also like to see monthly activity reports from all the departments throughout the city.

Executive Session – Alderman McGill made a motion, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to go into Executive Session to discuss Section 2(c)(21) – discuss minutes of closed session meetings; Section 2(c)(1) – the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and Section 2(c)(6) – the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Return to Regular Session – Alderman Moore made a motion, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry 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 7:15 p.m.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Mike Dreith, Mayor