

Fairfield, Illinois  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, July 27, 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; Clifford Reever; Eugene McGill; Jerry Lisenbee; Terry Stahl;  
Gary Moore

Absent: Alderman Brett Coale; Alderman Tyler Lampley

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; D.E. Young, Garage Department; Keith Colclasure, Assistant Police Chief; Richie Fulkerson, Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2021, agendas and bills of July 27, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the July 13, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2021.

Vote yes: Reever; Stahl; Eckleberry; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore

Vote no: none

Absent: Coale; Lampley

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor Dreith asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the July 27, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the bills and drafts be drawn on the several funds for their respective amounts.

Vote yes: Stahl; Eckleberry; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reever

Vote no: none

Absent: Coale; Lampley

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Public Comments – Luke Harl with Y-Fairfield addressed the Council. He gave a brief report about a recent event Y-Fairfield held at the Elk's and apologized to the Council for not having a representative from his organization present at the last City Council meeting when the event was discussed.

Final Plat for Ridge View Addition to the Walmart Subdivision – The final plat was presented to the Council for the Ridge View Addition to the Walmart Subdivision. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Lisenbee to approve the final plat for the Ridge View Addition to the Walmart Subdivision.

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

Vote no: none

Absent: Coale; Lampley

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Resolution No. 21-0727-408/Appropriating MFT Funds for Street Projects – We recently appropriated MFT Funds (Rebuild Illinois) for the Kincaid Drive project. The bid for the project came in higher than the engineer's estimate so we need to appropriate an additional \$40,000. A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve this resolution appropriating \$40,000 from the MFT Fund (Rebuild Illinois) for this project.

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

Vote no: none

Absent: Lampley; Coale

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0727-408 approved and duly adopted.

Ordinance No. 21-0727-260/Approving TIF Redevelopment Agreements – Alderman Moore reported that the TIF committee met to discuss a request by April Smith and Alyssa Short with Blessed Blooms Flower Farms. They are expanding their business and have purchased a building at 900 West Main to open a store front. The TIF committee is recommending the Council approve \$3,000 toward this project. The committee also discussed a request from Monte and Denise Smith. They have requested assistance to renovate a building at 205 East Main. They plan to open an antique store called "Checkered Past". The TIF Committee is recommending the Council approve \$8,000 toward this project. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve these TIF Redevelopment Agreements based upon the TIF committee's recommendation.

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

Vote no: none

Absent: Lampley; Coale

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0727-260 approved and duly adopted.

Resolution No. 21-0727-409/Declaring a Surplus of Funds in TIF District No. 1 – Alderman Moore told the Council that the TIF Committee would like to declare a surplus of funds in the TIF District in the amount of \$400,000 so the money can be returned to the taxing bodies. A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve Resolution No. 21-0727-409 declaring a surplus of 400,000 in TIF District No. 1.

Vote yes: McGill; Moore; Reeve; Stahl; Eckleberry

Vote no: Lisenbee

Absent: Coale; Lampley

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0727-409 approved and duly adopted.

Mayor's Report – The Mayor has instructed legal counsel to notify several landlords of former businesses that the city will be pursuing condemnation of their properties. This will be brought before the Council for condemnation action. The Mayor has asked the Gas Committee to meet with representatives of the IMEA to discuss fixing a price on our volume. This would protect us from upward swings in the market price for natural gas. A breakdown of activities from the various city departments was also included in the Mayor's report. The full Mayor's report is attached.

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

Vote yes: 6

Vote no: 0

Absent: 2

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

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Mike Dreith, Mayor