

Fairfield, Illinois  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, August 10, 2021

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

Prayer led by Mayor Mike Dreith 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; DiElle Rogers; Dian Downs; Flo Simpson; 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 27, 2021, agendas and bills of August 10, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the July 27, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 27, 2021.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor Dreith asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the August 10, 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: Reeve; Stahl; Coale; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Public Comments – Ken Otey spoke to the Council and said he recently had family in town for a visit. They commented that we have a beautiful community, especially the cemetery and the downtown area.

Ordinance to Rezone Property – The City owns approximately 15 acres of property on the north side of Rosewood Lane that is currently zoned Industrial. We need to have it rezoned to an Agricultural Zone to allow farming on the property. This is the property the city plans to sell to Melvin Clark. The Zoning Board met and they recommend Council approve this zoning change. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the ordinance to rezone property from a Class I to a Class A.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0810-261 approved and duly adopted.

Authorize Condemnation Proceedings on Properties – Chief Fulkerson has identified properties the Council needs to consider going forward with condemnation proceedings. The owner of one of the properties identified has reached out to him and asked for two more weeks in order to present a plan to make the needed repairs to the property. Those plans are to be presented to the Council and/or the Mayor by the next Council meeting. Chief Fulkerson presented pictures of property located at 1411 West Main Street and stated it should be declared a dangerous building. The location of the property is in Westport Plaza (the building next to the Dollar General Store). The roof on the building is completely caved in. This condemnation action would be just for that portion of Westport Plaza only. Alderman Eckleberry made a motion, seconded by Alderman Lampley to authorize condemnation proceedings on this property located at 1411 West Main Street.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Authorize the Purchase of Used Vehicles for the Police Department and Authorize the Sale of Police Vehicles – Chief Fulkerson addressed the Council and stated he would like Council permission to purchase two used vehicles for his department. He has found a 2015 Dodge Charger in Indiana with 46,000 miles at a cost of \$15,995. The intent is to use this vehicle for the school resource officer and dedicate it for that. He would also like to purchase a used Dodge Charger from the Missouri Highway Patrol as soon as one becomes available. The price on that vehicle would depend on the model year and would range between \$18,950 and \$23,000. He also told the Council that he would like permission to sell two 2005 Ford Crown Victoria's and a 2003 Crown Victoria with a \$500 minimum bid on each of the vehicles. A motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve the purchase of these vehicles and to sell three vehicles.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Resolution to Approve a Revolving Loan to Mindy's Sew Shop – Flo Simpson presented this revolving loan application to the Council. If approved, the \$15,000 loan would be used to expand their inventory. A motion was made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve a revolving loan to Mindy's Sew Shop in the amount of \$15,000.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0810-410 approved and duly adopted.

Resolutions to Approve Street Closures – We have received a request for a street closure for the FCHS Homecoming Parade to be held Friday, October 15, 2021 and for a Veteran's Parade to be

held Saturday, November 6, 2021. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to approve both these requests.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0810-411 and Resolution No. 21-0810-412 approved and duly adopted.

Trick or Treat Hours – Trick or Treat hours are usually on October 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-8:00 p.m. This year the 31<sup>st</sup> falls on a Sunday. Mayor Dreith asked the Council what they wished to do this year. A motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the dates for trick or treating on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-8:00 p.m. Those who do not want to participate are reminded to keep their porch light turned off.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor's Report – Claire Vaughan will present the new updated website at the next City Council meeting. The Mayor also reported we have received eight applications for the Coordinator of Economic Development position. Tyler Lampley and two members of the Chamber's executive board will assist with the interviews. Alderman Moore asked if we will be drafting an ordinance or an agreement that deals with the amount of money each entity such as the City, County, and Chamber of Commerce will be committing to the salary of this position. Alderman Moore feels a document needs to be in place for all entities to sign showing their commitment. Attorney Rice stated he could draft a resolution for all involved to sign. Alderman Moore also asked if this position is an appointed position with Council's consent or if only the Mayor be making the decision. The Mayor stated he would feel more comfortable if this was an appointment with the City Council approval much like the police chief appointment is made. The full Mayor's report is attached.

Miscellaneous – Alderman McGill reminded everyone that we have an ordinance in place that requires house numbers to be placed on homes and buildings. These numbers assist first responders in case of an emergency.

Miscellaneous – Officer Taylor will become the School Resource Officer and the plan is to have Officer Micah Hall as the lead officer for ordinance violations.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Return to Regular Session – Alderman Moore 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 7:47 p.m.

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

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Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

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Mike Dreith, Mayor