

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

The City Council meeting was held with in-person attendance and others joined the meeting via phone conference.

Meeting called to order by Acting Mayor Moore at 6:00 P.M.

Prayer led by Alderman Ralph Barbre followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft called the roll:

Acting Mayor: Gary Moore  
City Clerk: Tina Hutchcraft  
City Attorney: Darrin Rice  
Aldermen: Ralph Barbre; Brett Coale; Jim Griffith; Tyler Lampley; Eugene McGill; Jerry Lisenbee; Terry Stahl

Also Present: Ken Otey, WFIW Radio; David Mills, Wayne County Press; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; Tyler Lashbrook, Electric Department; Josh Boyd, Water Filtration; Kevin Leonard, Water Distribution; Kayla Warren; DiElle Rogers; Caleb Koker; Mike Dreith; Terry Weedman; Dian Downs; Flo Simpson; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2021, agendas and bills of April 13, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Acting Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the March 23, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2021.

Vote yes: Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Acting Mayor Moore asked for approval to pay the bills for the April 13, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Barbre, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve the bills for payment.

Vote yes: Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Ordinance to Rezone Property – Kathern Rush, Kathy Ingram, Curtis Rush and Terry Rush have made a request to have Lot Number 46 in Rinard's First Addition rezoned from an R-2 zone to a B-1 zone. They would like to place a storage unit on this parcel. The Zoning Board has met and recommend Council approve this request. A motion was made by Alderman Lisenbee, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve an ordinance to rezone this property.

Vote yes: Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Stahl

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0413-248 approved and duly adopted.

Ordinance to Rezone Property – Dr. Scott England with District 112 has made a request to have property located at 805 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street rezoned from an R-3 zone to a P-zone. District 112 plans to create an overflow parking lot at this location. The Zoning Board has met and recommend Council approve this request. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve an ordinance to rezone this property.

Vote yes: Coale; Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Stahl; Barbre

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0413-249 approved and duly adopted.

Recognition of New Police Officer – Caleb Koker was sworn by City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft as the newest police officer for the City of Fairfield. Chief Colclasure and Caleb's father presented him with his law enforcement badge.

Ordinance Guaranteeing Qualified Immunity to the Fairfield Police – Mayor Moore asked the Council to support our police department by approving this ordinance to guarantee qualified immunity to the officers. A motion was made by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve this ordinance.

Vote yes: Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0413-250 approved and duly adopted.

Discussion/Award Bid for the South Wall Renovation at City Hall – We had received a bid for the south wall renovation. At the last meeting the Council decided to reach out to the architect to see if additional water proofing was needed at the ground level. The low bidder gave a price of an additional \$13,564.00 for this work. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve the bid from Johannes Construction for the south wall renovation in the amount of \$41,000.00 as well as the additional work.

Vote yes: Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Purchase of AMI Meters – When we entered into a service agreement with Wayne-White, part of the agreement stated that we would install AMI meters for the town. Wayne-White went out for bid on our behalf to try to get a good price for the type of system that works with their current system. The lowest bid came in significantly lower than what was expected. The reason we need to go ahead and approve this purchase is because there is a 20-week lead time in order to get delivery of the meters. We anticipate delivery by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The company has a 60-day cancellation policy so by August 1<sup>st</sup> we could cancel the order if for some reason the sale of the electric lines to Hoosier did not go through and we would need to get out of the agreement with

Wayne-White. The bid was from Brownstown Electric in the amount of \$641,366.26. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve this purchase.

Vote yes: Lisenbee; McGill; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley

Vote no: none

Abstain: Moore

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Resolution to Execute Letter of Intent with Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Coop. – Alderman

Lampley explained that this letter of intent states that we are serious about selling our transmission line to Hoosier Energy and that we will not try to contract with any other company to sell. This resolution gives Alderman Lampley the authority to sign the letter of intent on behalf of the City and he would be specifically appointed as Mayor Pro-tem for the limited purpose of signing the document. A motion was made by Alderman Lisenbee, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the resolution for executing a letter of intent with Hoosier Energy.

Vote yes: McGill; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee

Vote no: none

Abstain: Moore

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0413-373 approved and duly adopted.

Ordinance Providing for Collecting Unpaid Municipal Fines and Costs and Establishing Mandatory Court Appearances –

This ordinance states that municipal court defendants must appear in municipal court if he or she has a second or subsequent ordinance violation within any 12-month period. The ordinance also states that any unpaid balance on a judgment entered in municipal court shall be put on the utility bill for the defendant who owes money to the City of Fairfield for a judgment entered in municipal court. In the event the utility bill plus the unpaid balance on the municipal court judgment is not paid, the utility service shall be disconnected in the same manner as disconnection for an unpaid utility bill. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Barbre to approve this ordinance.

Vote yes: Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0413-251 approved and duly adopted.

Ordinance Amending & Revising the Liquor Code – This ordinance would allow up to four licenses for a Class B license. Class B deals with supermarkets. This ordinance would also limit the Class B license holders to sell beer and wine only. After discussion it was decided that the definition of “supermarket” also needed to be redefined and eliminate the language “and the business shall have a retail sales area of more than 20,000 square feet”. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the ordinance with the addition of the definitions and removing the language about the sales area of 20,000 square feet.

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

Vote no: Griffith

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0413-252 approved and duly adopted.

Resolution for Approval of a TIF Agreement with Podolsky Oil Company, Inc. – Alderman Coale told the Council that Podolsky Oil Company does own some property that is within the TIF District. This property used to be known as the Shaw property. Podolsky Oil removed a building on the property at a cost of \$12,310.80. It was removed in preparation for a new building at some point. The TIF Committee has made a recommendation to reimburse Podolsky Oil in the amount of \$5,000. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve a TIF Agreement with Podolsky Oil.

Vote yes: Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley; McGill; Stahl

Vote no: Lisenbee; Moore

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0413-374 approved and duly adopted.

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore announced the city-wide cleanup day was successful despite the rain.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Alderman Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

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Gary Moore, Acting Mayor