

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, April 27, 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; Tyler Lashbrook, Electric Department; Josh Boyd, Water Filtration; Mike Dreith; Clifford Reeve; Dewey Eckleberry; Dian Downs; Flo Simpson; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2021, agendas and bills of April 27, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Acting Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the April 13, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Lisenbee to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2021.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Acting Mayor Moore asked for approval to pay the bills for the April 27, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Barbre, seconded by Alderman Griffith to approve the bills for payment.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Ordinance No. 21-0427-253/Adopting the Supplement to the Municipal Code – A motion was made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve Ordinance No. 21-0427-253 enacting and adopting the 2021 S-5 supplement to the Code of Ordinances.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0427-253 approved and duly adopted.

Ordinance Approving the 2021 Amendment to the TIF Project Area No. 1 – This ordinance approves the new boundaries for the TIF Project Area No. 1. The new map will include the fairgrounds as well as a 4 acre parcel north of the fairgrounds. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Lisenbee to adopt this ordinance approving the 2021 amendment to the TIF Project Area No. 1.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-0427-254 approved and duly adopted.

Street Closing Request - First Baptist Church and Street Closing Request – FCHS Prom – The First Baptist Church has requested a closure of Douglas Street between South First and SE 2nd Street during the hours of 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, June 7, through Thursday, June 10, 2021 for their annual Vacation Bible School. Fairfield High School has requested a closure of King Street from 2nd Street to 4th Street and 3rd Street from King to Douglas from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2021 for the 2021 Prom. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Barbre to approve both these requests.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Resolution – TIF Redevelopment Agreement with the New Wayne Co. Agricultural Fair – The City plans to install an 8” sewer main at the fairgrounds. The fairgrounds currently use a septic tank system and additional restrooms and structures could be constructed with the new line in place. The Fair Board would be responsible for the cost to hookup to the main. The estimated cost of this project is \$75,000. A motion was made by Alderman Barbre, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve this TIF Redevelopment Agreement.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0427-375 approved and duly adopted.

Purchase of three 2000A Breakers – The City needs to purchase three 2000 amp breakers to replace breakers that were installed in 1978. Parts needed to repair the old breakers are no longer available. These are main breakers for City power distribution and the failure of one could result in a lengthy power outage. The total cost is \$78,691 and there is a 16-week lead time before they will be delivered. A motion was made by Alderman Griffith, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve the purchase of these breakers.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Resolution to Publish a Public Hearing for Exchange of Real Estate between the City and Melvin Clark – Melvin Clark owns property just south of the softball diamonds and the City owns farm ground just south of the railroad tracks. Mayor Moore stated acquiring the property owned by Mr. Clark would be beneficial to the City and Mr. Clark would like to own the property we have. Attorney Rice stated there could be an exchange of property but first a public hearing must be

held. This resolution directs the City Attorney to publish a Notice of a Public Hearing for the City Council to consider an exchange of real estate between the City of Fairfield and Melvin Clark. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the resolution to set a public hearing for the exchange of real estate with Melvin Clark.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0427-376 approved and duly adopted.

Resolution for the Sale of Property to IDOT (NE corner of Delaware and S. First) and a Resolution for the Sale of Property to IDOT (SW corner of Delaware and SE 4th) – These resolutions provide for the sale of property the City of Fairfield owns at the NE corner of Delaware Street and S. First Street and property at the SW corner of Delaware Street and SE 4th Street to IDOT. The Department of Transportation wants to acquire these properties as right of way for the proposed improvement to IL Route 15. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the sale of these properties.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0427-377 and Resolution No. 21-0427-378 approved and duly adopted.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Coale thanked the FCHS Horticulture class for their work on the downtown planters and Alderman McGill thanked Vern Hutson for his years of service to the City. He will be retiring soon.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Lampley told the Council that he will be resigning his position on the Board for both the IMEA and the IPEA. After that time, the Council will need to appoint the new Mayor to serve on these boards. Mayor Moore thanked Alderman Lampley for his willingness to represent the City on the boards and for all the work he has done concerning the electric system for the City.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Barbre expressed his gratitude to for being able to serve as alderman. He thanked all former mayors, aldermen, office holders, city employees and first ward residents for their trust. He wished the incoming Mayor and Council good luck in their work.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Alderman Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Acting Mayor