

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Meeting called to order by Acting Mayor Gary Moore 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:

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 Distribution; Josh Boyd, Water Filtration; Kevin Leonard, Water Distribution; Carroll Dugger, Cemetery Department; D.E. Young, Garage Department; Robert Kamp, Street & Bridge Department; DiElle Rogers; Kayla Warren; Dian Downs; Mike Dreith; Dewey Eckleberry; Clifford Reever; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2021, agendas and bills of May 11, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the April 27, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman Barbre, seconded by Alderman Griffith to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 27, 2021.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Mayor Moore asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the May 11, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman Griffith, seconded by Alderman Barbre to approve the bills and drafts be drawn on the several funds for their respective amounts.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Public Comments – Larry Meriwether addressed the Council. He asked for clarification concerning the city ordinance that deals with nuisances on property. He wanted to know if the ordinance is violated, does violation apply to the property owner or a renter. He said he would follow up with the aldermen in his ward.

Public Comments – John Ray addressed the Council about the ordinance dealing with street opening permits and fees. He said he recently did a job and paid \$500 for a street opening. The

street was pre-cut and then Mr. Ray discovered that he did not have to go into the street. He asked if it was possible to get a reimbursement because he did not have to do any excavating in the street. He stated he felt he should be either refunded fully or at least partially since he did not have to open up the street.

Resolution No. 21-0511-379/Declaring Results of Election – Mayor Moore presented Resolution No. 21-0511-379 to the Council declaring the results of the municipal election held April 6, 2021. A motion was made by Alderman Barbre, seconded by Alderman Griffith to approve Resolution No. 21-0511-379 Declaring the Results of the City of Fairfield Municipal Election. Vote yes: McGill; Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Griffith; Lampley; Lisenbee
Vote no: none
Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0511-379 approved and duly adopted.

Awards of Appreciation – Awards of appreciation were presented to Alderman Jim Griffith, Alderman Ralph Barbre and Acting Mayor Gary Moore. City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft thanked them for their service to the community. Alderman Griffith thanked the voters of the second ward for their support over the years. Mayor Moore stated it was a pleasure to serve the City as Acting Mayor for the last several months.

The meeting was briefly recessed and reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials – City Attorney Darrin Rice administered the oath of office to Aldermen Dewey Eckleberry, Clifford Reeve, Eugene McGill, Terry Stahl, and City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft. City Clerk Hutchcraft administered the oath of office to Mayor Mike Dreith.

Mayor Dreith expressed his gratitude to his friends and his family for being at the meeting this evening. He thanked his wife for her support and help during the campaign. He congratulated the others that also took the oath of office tonight. He stated, “together we have the honor of leading and we must do so understanding that we are public servants with an obligation to operate openly and ethically.” He thanked Alderman Barbre and Alderman Griffith for their service to Fairfield. He also thanked Gary Moore for his service as Acting Mayor for the last several months. Fairfield is a great city with wonderful people and he is honored to be the Mayor.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mike Dreith at 6:23 p.m.

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

Recognition of New Police Officer – Scott Esmon 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.

Resolutions – The following resolutions were presented to Council for approval.

Resolution No. 21-0511-380 Setting the Dates for City Council Meetings.

Resolution No. 21-0511-381 Mayor Mike Dreith, Clerk Tina Hutchcraft, Deputy Clerk Dian Downs, and Treasurer Kayla Warren are authorized to sign checks for and on behalf of the City of Fairfield for payment of authorized and approved claims against the City and that all checks issued shall bear the signatures of any two of the four authorized to sign checks.

Resolution No. 21-0511-382 Designating Mike Dreith as an authorized agent of the City of Fairfield for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Resolution No. 21-0511-383 Recertification of Elected Officials' Participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Resolution No. 21-0511-384 Resolution appointing Mike Dreith as a representative to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency.

Resolution No. 21-0511-385 Resolution appointing Mike Dreith as a representative to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Public Energy Agency.

Resolution No. 21-0511-386 Library Board 3 yr. appointment
Bill Arthur
Judy Griswold
Lea Ann Hungerford

Resolution No. 21-0511-387 Interfund Loan Transfers-General, Electric & Gas Funds

Alderman Lampley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve the above resolutions.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0511-380 through 21-0511-387 approved and duly adopted.

Resolution No. 21-0511-388 – TIF Redevelopment Agreement for South Wall Renovation at City Hall – Alderman Coale told the Council the TIF Committee has met and discussed the wall renovation project at City Hall. The total amount of the project is \$54,564.00. The TIF Committee is recommending Council approval of a redevelopment agreement to pay for 25% of this project out of TIF totaling \$13,641.00. A motion was made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve this resolution.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-0511-388 approved and duly adopted.

City Band – Mayor Dreith spoke with Josh Livesay about the city band returning with their typical five concert per summer schedule. Mr. Livesay is waiting to hear back from some of his band members before he will be able to totally commit to the concerts for this year. Mayor Dreith is asking for Council approval to set aside \$7,000 for city band concerts and if approved will report back to the Council once he hears from Mr. Livesay. A motion was made by Alderman Lisenbee, seconded by Alderman Lampley to set aside \$7,000 for the city band concerts.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor's Report – Each meeting the Mayor plans to report on several key things happening in city government. He will be pushing the traditional appointments of department heads and boards until a later meeting. City Council committee assignments will be finalized before the next meeting. Many appointments for various boards that support city government should also be ready later this month. Positions such as Police Chief, Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, City Collector, City Treasurer, City Attorney; and Zoning Officer will be fully evaluated before Council action is taken. The current appointees will remain until the evaluation process is complete. Mayor Dreith also gave a report on Municipal Court, Fire Department activities, and Police Department activities. Mayor Dreith also met with Park District President Jay Fyie to discuss a joint effort to secure a planning grant to address drainage issues. The full Mayor's report is attached.

Miscellaneous – Alderman McGill stated he has received complaints about residents placing bagged leaves in the road. He asked the citizens to please leave those bags in their yard instead of in the roadway.

Miscellaneous – Mayor Dreith honored Fairfield employee, Robert Kamp, as a hero for saving a young boy, Maddox Richards, from a dog attack. On April 29 Mr. Kamp interceded when a dog appeared to be heading toward the young boy after already attacking another man in the neighborhood. He stopped the dog from advancing toward the young boy but sustained serious injuries from a vicious attack from that dog and two other dogs. He is still recovering from his injuries. Mayor Dreith read a proclamation declaring Kamp's actions as heroic as he sacrificed himself in the attack to save Richards and a plaque was presented to him.

Executive Session – Alderman Reeve made a motion, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to go into Executive Session to discuss Section 2(c)(21) – discuss minutes of closed session meetings and Section 2(c)(1) – the appointment, employment; compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Return to Regular Session – Alderman McGill made a motion, seconded by Alderman Reeve 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 6:51 p.m.

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

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Vote no: 0

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Mike Dreith, Mayor