

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, October 12, 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; 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; Keith Colclasure, Assistant Police Chief; Richie Fulkerson, Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Kevin Leonard, Water Distribution; Dian Downs; Terri Prizer; Libby Lingafelter; Wes Hutchcraft; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2021, agendas and bills of October 12, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the September 28, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Lisenbee to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 28, 2021.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor Dreith asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the October 12, 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: Stahl; Coale; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeve

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Property at NW 7th & Water Street – The only bid for this property was received from Tim McBride in the amount of \$2,500. Attorney Rice explained that the mayor is allowed to vote on this topic. A motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the sale of this property to Mr. McBride in the amount of \$2,500.

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

Vote no: none

Abstain: Lampley

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-1012-266 approved and adopted.

Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Property at 1471 South First Street – The only bid for this property was received from Iconik in the amount of \$20,000. Attorney Rice explained that the mayor is allowed to vote on this topic. A motion was made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the sale of this property to Iconik in the amount of \$20,000.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-1012-267 approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 21-1012-415/Street Closing for Christmas Parade - The Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring the Christmas Parade this year. Mayor Dreith asked for Council to approve a resolution to close a portion of Main Street for this event. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. with an alternate date set for December 11th. Alderman Eckleberry made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve Resolution No. 21-1012-415 approving the street closing for the Christmas Parade.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-1012-415 approved and duly adopted.

Request to Use Recreation Funds for the Christmas Parade and the Portable Ice-Skating Rink – Alderman Lampley is a member of the Recreation Committee. He explained that these funds are generated from the hotel/motel taxes the City receives. It is very restrictive on what the money can be used for. It must be used for tourism, etc. The Kiwanis Club has asked for the city to help with the funding for the parade. Alderman Lampley told the Council the Recreation Committee is recommending giving \$1,500 toward the cost of the Christmas Parade. Libby Lingafelter told the Council that she would like to have a portable ice-skating rink brought in for the weekend of December 17- 19. The rink would come from a company out of Indiana and they would set up the rink on Thursday, December 16th. The cost would be \$7,000 and that would include them sending two workers down for the weekend and they would take care of the skates. Libby said that would be the same weekend as the Retail Merchant's promotion "Men on a Mission" and it is hoped the skating rink would bring additional people to the downtown area and would create additional sales for the merchants. We would set an admission fee and we should be able to recoup all of our money. The ice rink is 30'x 90' and Libby thought it could be set up between the courthouse and Jay Fyie's office. Alderman Moore asked if it might be possible to set up the rink at the park in conjunction with the Festival of Lights. Kristi Hornung, with the Volunteers for a Progressive Fairfield, has said they already have a special promotion for that weekend and they think if the skating rink is downtown people would go to both events. This company also offers a trackless train and the cost of that is \$600. They would give us a key to the train and we could run it the same hours as the ice-skating rink. Alderman Lampley stated the Recreation Committee is recommending giving \$7,600 toward this event and the money generated would go back into the recreation fund. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Moore to approve using Recreation Funds for the Christmas Parade and for the portable ice-skating rink.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Approval of the 2nd Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the Fairfield Park District – The City of Fairfield owns the property the golf course is on. The Fairfield Park District took over the operations of the golf course and five years ago we entered into a lease agreement with them for the operation of the course on city property. The lease was for \$1.00 per year. The lease will expire December 31, 2021 and the Park District is proposing a 2nd Amendment to the lease extending the term of the lease for an additional 20 years with the same provisions that the lease be cancellable by either party on 60 days notice. All other terms of the lease will remain the same. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve the 2nd amendment to the lease agreement with the Fairfield Park District for the operation of the golf course.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Approval of Bids for the Police Department Carport Structure and Resurfacing Project – Assistant Chief Colclasure told the Council that the budget modifications for the remaining grant projects was approved by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Two bids were received for the resurfacing of the parking lot at the police department. The bids received were from O’Daniel Trucking in the amount of \$34,950.00 and Howell Paving in the amount of \$38,522.00. Walters Buildings submitted two different types of carport structures. One was a monoslope style in the amount of \$48,984.00 and the other was a gable style in the amount of \$47,792.00. A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the bid from O’Daniel for the resurfacing and the bid from Walters Buildings for the gable style structure.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Request to Extend the Hours for Liquor Sales for the Elks Club – The Fairfield Elks Club will be having a Halloween Party on October 30th. They have asked for permission to extend the liquor sales hours from 11:30 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. for this event. A motion was made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve this request.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Dreith told the Council that he had asked Connor & Connor to put together a cost estimate of repairing the roads at the cemetery. However, Street & Bridge Leadman, Robert Kamp volunteered his crew to repair the roads. The materials will cost around \$15,000 in asphalt. Alderman Lampley will join the Mayor and representatives of the county board in meeting with the Wayne County Humane Society to study the organization’s space and staff issues. Our police department has reported recent problems in getting service when contacting the pound during business hours. The Mayor will be meeting with Sunrise Sanitation tomorrow morning concerning several issues that need to be addressed. The full Mayor’s report is attached.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Mike Dreith, Mayor