

Fairfield, Illinois  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Mike Dreith 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:

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; Libby Lingafelter; Kristi Blackman; Ed Potts; Stephen Potts; Travis Williams, Airport; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2021, agendas and bills of October 26, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the October 12, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2021.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor Dreith asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the October 26, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Coale to approve the bills and drafts be drawn on the several funds for their respective amounts.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Moran Economic Development Contract – Moran Economic Development is a firm that advises municipalities on funding opportunities for retail development. Mayor Dreith is asking to engage them to help us study the formation of a possible business district and comprehensive planning for the city. Fairfield has not had a comprehensive plan in place since 1963. It is often a requirement for grant awards. Alderman Coale asked if they could come to a meeting and make a presentation. Mayor Dreith stated that he would arrange that. A motion was made by Alderman Coale, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to table this item until a presentation can be made to Council.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Sunrise Sanitation Contract Update – Kristi Blackman with Sunrise Sanitation was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the trash contract we have with her company. Several questions and concerns about the trash service was asked and Kristi stated her rules and regulations and the reason behind the rules. She had originally stated her plans to keep pickup in the alleys but once the contract was awarded she realized with her larger truck that alley services would not be a possibility. She addressed those concerns with the previous mayor and it was agreed that she would only provide alley service to two alleys that had steep areas leading to the roadway. Council also asked if there would be any way for her to start picking up later in the day. We receive many calls from residents complaining that the trash truck wakes them up. Kristi stated the landfill she uses is in DuQuoin and in order to get there in time to empty her trucks she must start the routes early. She encouraged anyone who might have questions about trash service to give her a call for information.

Discussion/Approval of Risk Management Insurance Provider and Authorization for Mayor & Clerk to Execute all Associated Documents – Alderman Reeve told the Council that the Insurance Committee met last week. The city has received two proposals for risk management insurance. After reviewing both proposals the committee made a recommendation to stay with the Illinois Municipal League as our provider for risk management insurance. A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the recommendation of the Insurance Committee and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute all associated documents one being an ordinance.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-1026-268 approved and adopted.

Resolution Approving the Sale of Property to IDOT (NE Corner of Delaware & S. First Street – The Council previously approved the sale of this property a few months ago and is part of the process for the resurfacing project for Main & Delaware. The state is asking that the resolution be approved again and this time it includes the sale of the property as well as language to authorize a temporary easement. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve this resolution.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-1026-416 approved and adopted.

Approval of Construction Engineering Services with Connor & Connor for Kincaid Drive Project – A few months ago the Council approved a preliminary engineering agreement with Connor & Connor for the Kincaid Drive project. The Council now needs to approve the construction engineering agreement for this project. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve this agreement.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Resolution No. 21-1026-417/Appropriating MFT Funds for Street Projects – We recently appropriated MFT Funds (Rebuild Illinois) for the Kincaid Drive project. Additional work was done on the project. The project was extended north through the intersection with Summer Street, the side street approach at Feather Circle was added to the project to make a smooth approach to the new street, and additional curb and gutter was replaced to eliminate a tripping point at the sidewalk approach immediately south of Dickey Street. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve this resolution appropriating an additional \$20,000 from the MFT Fund (Rebuild Illinois) for this project.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-1026-417 approved and adopted.

Airport Engineer Consultant Selection – Every three to five years the Federal Aviation Administration requires us to obtain information from pre-qualified engineering firms in a consultant selection process. We received information from two firms, Hanson Engineering and Brown and Roberts, Inc. Hanson Engineers has been the Airport engineering firm for many years and have always done an excellent job. The Airport Committee made a recommendation to stay with Hanson as our airport engineering firm. A motion was made by Aldermen McGill, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to retain Hanson Engineering Services as our airport engineers.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Ordinance Establishing Administrative Fees & Procedures for Impounding Motor Vehicles for Specified Violations – This ordinance would allow us to recoup money by charging and collecting an administrative fee for impounding motor vehicles for towing and storage charges that the city would incur. This does not apply to towing due to traffic crashes. The money collected would be deposited into the police department fund and could be used for vehicle purchases. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve this ordinance.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-1026-269 approved and adopted.

Resolution Approving a Revolving Loan to Stephen Potts dba Potts Family Pharmacy – Stephen Potts is planning to open a new pharmacy in the Save-a-Lot building in Fairfield in the near future. Potts estimates the start-up costs to run between \$350,000 and \$500,000. He is asking for a \$100,000 revolving loan from the city at a 2% interest rate with 120 monthly installments. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve this resolution authorizing a revolving loan to Stephen Potts.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 21-1026-418 approved and adopted.

Revolving Loan Request from Ed Potts – Ed Potts explained to the Council that he had intended to ask for a revolving loan in the amount of \$100,000 for his business, One Step Ahead & HME. He explained that Covid has hurt his business tremendously. Home medical equipment is on a rental basis, and he gets paid rent each month but sometimes it might take a couple of years to get reimbursed on that total equipment. This year alone he has invested \$40,000 in oxygen equipment and it could take a few years to get paid for that. This has left him with a cash flow crunch. He may bring back a request for a revolving loan in the near future for a lessor amount.

Miscellaneous – Alderman McGill stated that residents still need to be sure to put house numbers on the homes.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dreith told the Council he has been informed by IDOT that the price of resurfacing Route 15 through Fairfield has gone up since it proposed the project. The original estimate of \$645,000 for finishing the connector roads between Main and Delaware is now estimated to cost \$787,000 because the price for asphalt has gone up. IDOT is also offering to stretch the project on further to Commerce Drive. We have until the end of the year to let them know if we want to do that. The full Mayor's report is attached.

Executive Session – Alderman Stahl 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, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Return to Regular Session – Alderman Reeve 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 7:34 p.m.

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

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Vote no: 0

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

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Mike Dreith, Mayor