

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, November 9, 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; Richie Fulkerson, Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Jon Colclasure, Wastewater; Dian Downs; Libby Lingafelter; Flo Simpson; Josh Boyd, Water Filtration; DuWayne Nobles, Gas Department; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2021, agendas and bills of November 9, 2021 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the October 26, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 26, 2021.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor Dreith asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the November 9, 2021 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to approve the bills and drafts be drawn on the several funds for their respective amounts.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Purchase of a Truck for Wastewater – Alderman Lampley told the Council that a truck at the Wastewater Treatment Plant needs to be replaced. He said a used truck has been found and he said he would like to have Council to approve the purchase of this vehicle and mentioned the garage department has inspected the vehicle. Alderman Lampley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to approve the purchase of a 2007 Chevy Truck from LeMonds in the amount of \$25,700.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Seek Bids for the Sale of a 1988 Ford F-350 – A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Reeveer to approve seeking bids for the sale of a 1988 Ford F-350.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Sale of Durapatcher Machine and Purchase of a Hot Box – Alderman Lisenbee told the Council that Robert Kamp would like to sell the Durapatcher machine and purchase a hot box. He said the hot box would better serve his department when it came to making repairs to the roads.

Alderman Lisenbee made a motion, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the sale of the Durapatcher to the County Highway Department in the amount of \$35,000 and to approve the purchase of a hot box from CMW Equipment in the amount of \$30,350.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Moran Economic Development Contract – This was tabled at the last meeting until a presentation could be made to Council. Mayor Dreith told the Council that Mr. Moran was not available to make a presentation for this meeting, but he had been asked by some of the Council to put the item back on the agenda. A motion was made by Alderman Lisenbee, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve entering into a contract with Moran Economic Development.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Christmas Bonuses – Last year the city gave each full-time employee a Christmas bonus of \$100 plus \$5 for each additional year of service and gave a bonus of \$50 to all part time employees.

Alderman Moore stated he would like Council to approve a bonus with an increase in the amount. He made a motion to give the full-time employees a \$150 Christmas bonus plus \$5 for each additional year of service and to give those that are classified as part time employees a bonus of \$100. This motion was seconded by Alderman Coale. By ordinance this bonus will also include the Mayor and the City Clerk.

Vote yes: Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; Moore; Reeveer; Stahl; Coale

Vote no: none

Abstain: McGill (Alderman McGill abstained because he is a paid-on-call fireman.)

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dreith told the Council he has contacted the corporate headquarters of Casey's and they stated they have no active plans to build a facility in the near future and they are not interested in selling the land. Mayor Dreith also told the Council that the owners of the former Vaughn's Food Store (712 E. Main) have been sent a letter about their property. The owners have gone to the court seeking to draw down money from the estate for renovations. They haven't yet started any work on the building. The full Mayor's report is attached.

Miscellaneous – Alderman McGill thanked Clifford Reeve and his committee for organizing the Veteran’s Day Parade.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Eckleberry stated that many residences still do not have house numbers on the homes. Mayor Dreith asked the media to help get the word out and he will also see if the billing department can put a reminder out with the utility bills.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Mike Dreith, Mayor