

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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; Clifford Reeve; Tyler Lampley; Eugene McGill; Jerry Lisenbee;
Terry Stahl; Gary Moore

Also Present: Ken Otey, WFIW Radio; Amy Vaughan, Wayne County Press; Richie Fulkerson, Police Chief; Keith Colclasure, Assistant Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Brad Young, Water Distribution; D.E. Young, Garage Department; Josh Boyd, Water Filtration; Carroll Dugger, Cemetery Department; Travis Williams, Airport; Jon Colclasure, Wastewater; Dian Downs; Claire Vaughan; Kayla Warren; Libby Lingafelter; Doug Skaggs; Shannon Woodard; Cody Attebery; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2022, agendas and bills of March 8, 2022 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the February 22, 2022 meeting. Motion by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2022.

Vote yes: Lisenbee; McGill; Moore Reeve; Stahl; 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 March 8, 2022 meeting. Alderman Moore would like to pull the payment to the IDNR for an easement for water and gas lines that run through Atkinson Forest so this can be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Motion by Alderman Lisenbee, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the bills with the exception of the IDNR payment and drafts be drawn on the several funds for their respective amounts.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Resolution Approving the First Ward Alderman Appointment – Alderman Brett Coale has resigned as First Ward Alderman. Mayor Dreith would like to appoint Cody Attebery to fill the unexpired term. A motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to

approve the appointment of Cody Attebery as Alderman of the First Ward to fill the unexpired term of Brett Coale.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 22-0308-425 approved and adopted.

Swearing in of Newly Appointed Official – City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft administered the oath of office to Aldermen Cody Attebery.

Approval to Seek Bids for Wastewater Treatment Facility – Influent Screen – Engineer Shannon Woodard explained the need for a new influent screen at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and asked the Council to approve seeking bids for this project. A motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve seeking bids for an Influent Screen for the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

New Water Tower – Shannon Woodard also updated the Council about the new water tower project. The new water tower project included removal of the million gallon tank on NW 7th Street. Josh Boyd with the Water Filtration Plant felt the city would still need the tank. The engineer feels it is not needed but based on Boyd's request he said we could leave the tank in place for now and then it could be removed at a later date if we decided to.

Ordinance to Approve a Fuel Lease Agreement & Land Agreement with Ag-Monkey – Travis Williams, Airport Manager, gave the Council an overview of these two agreements. The goal of these agreements is to increase operations and fuel sales. Jason Robinson with Ag-Monkey would invest money by installing fuel tanks on his property and he has agreed to let Travis manage the fuel. He would buy the fuel and sell it to Robinson at \$.30 above cost. This would mean growth for our airport. The land agreement would allow Robinson to construct a concrete pad on our property to allow him to store his chemicals. This is land the city will not be using for our own operations. The City Attorney has prepared the agreements and the city is protected. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the ordinance for the fuel and land agreement with Ag-Monkey.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 22-0308-278 approve and adopted.

Fees for Transient or Temporary Ag Operators – Airport Manager Travis Williams would like to increase the fees for transient or temporary ag operators to \$250.00. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the new fees for transient or temporary ag operators.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Leadman Appointment for the Water Distribution Department – Kevin Leonard has transferred to the Cemetery Department. Mayor Dreith would like to appoint Brad Young as Leadman of the Water Distribution Department. A motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve this appointment.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Authorize the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to Proceed with Hiring and Testing – Mayor Dreith told the Council that the Commissioners would like to hire three officers for the police department. This would deplete our eligibility list so they would also like to begin the process for additional testing. A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman Lampley to authorize the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners to hire three officers for the police department and to begin testing to update the eligibility list for the police department.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Amending Ordinances to Change Utility Collection Dates – At the last meeting Alderman Lisenbee made a suggestion to change the city collection dates for utilities to be the same as Wayne-White. This will involve several ordinance changes and Mayor Dreith asked for a motion to proceed. The Council would like bills to be sent the same as we are doing but the due date would be changed from the 10th to the 15th of the month. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Moore to authorize Attorney Rice to prepare an ordinance to change the utility collection dates.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Fireworks & City Band – The Council has set aside \$10,000 for fireworks the last several years. The fireworks company has informed us that we will be getting 30% less product for \$10,000 this year because of the increase in costs. Alderman Lampley stated he would like the city to set aside \$15,000 for fireworks. Part of the cost could be paid from the recreation funds and Libby Lingafelter thinks we could also get sponsorships from the banks and the hospital to help pay for part of it. Libby also said several people have expressed an interest in making it more of an event than just the fireworks such as food trucks, etc. A weekend date would be the best but this year the 4th falls on a Monday. The Council felt this could be something we could promote for next year and to leave the fireworks on the 4th for this year. Alderman Lampley would also like to see the city set aside \$7,000 for city band. A motion was made by Lampley, seconded by Alderman Moore to approve setting aside \$15,000 for fireworks and \$7,000 for city band.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dreith met with representatives of the three water departments which buy bulk water from the city. Each year increases are assessed based on the Consumer Price Index. Rates for the water districts will go up 7.5% retroactive to January 1st. The full Mayor's report is attached.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Reever thanked Kevin Leonard for his work at the water department.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Mike Dreith, Mayor