

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, April 26, 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; Cody Attebery; Clifford Reeve; Tyler Lampley; Eugene McGill;
Jerry Lisenbee; Terry Stahl; Gary Moore

Also Present: Ken Otey, WFIW Radio; Tom Mathews, Wayne County Press; D.E. Young, Garage Department; Kayla Warren; Claire Vaughan; Dian Downs; Libby Lingafelter; Jenny Farmer; Doug Skaggs; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2022 and bills of April 26, 2022 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the April 12, 2022 meeting. Motion by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2022.

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

Vote no: Moore

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor Dreith asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the April 26, 2022 meeting. Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to approve the bills.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Approval of Benefits for Non-Union Employees – At the last meeting Council approved a 3-year agreement with the IBEW (term May 1, 2022-April 30, 2025). Mayor Dreith asked the Council to approve giving the full-time non-union workers the same benefits as the union. This will include a \$1.25 per hour pay increase the first year and an increase of \$.80 per hour the 2nd and 3rd years. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve giving the full-time non-union workers the same benefits as the IBEW.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Resolution No. 22-0426-426 – Interfund Loans/Transfers between the General Fund, Electric Fund, and Gas Fund – Our auditors have asked us to approve a resolution each year authorizing interfund loans/transfers. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Moore to approve the resolution forgiving loans between the City of Fairfield general fund, electric fund, and gas fund.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 22-0426-426 approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 22-0426-427 – Zoning Board Appointment – Mayor Dreith asked for Council to approve the appointment of Jenny Farmer to serve on the Zoning Board to fill the unexpired time of Cody Attebery until May, 2026. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve this appointment.

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

Vote no: McGill

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 22-0426-427 approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 22-0426-428 – Library Board Appointments – Mayor Dreith asked for Council to approve the appointments of David Land, Kayla Warren, and Diane Robinson to the Library Board. Alderman Moore asked if the appointment of Kayla Warren would be a conflict of interest since she works for the city. Attorney Rice stated that it would not be a conflict. A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve these appointments for three years.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 22-0426-428 approved and adopted.

Ordinance No. 22-0426-284 – Amending the Video Gaming Terminal Fees for Fraternal and Veterans Establishments – A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve lowering the video gaming terminal fees from \$250 to \$100 for licensed fraternal and veterans establishments.

Vote yes: Attebery; Lampley; Lisenbee; Moore; Reeve

Vote no: Eckleberry; McGill; Stahl

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 22-0426-284 approved and adopted.

Temporary Closure of the Alley West of McDonald's – A motion was made by Alderman Moore, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the temporary closure of the alley west of McDonald's from Main to Delaware Streets during their construction project.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dreith reported the Illinois Natural Resources Conservation Service has been notified Fairfield will receive funding to do a preliminary investigation in to the city's drainage problems. Funding should be available to start within a month. This is the first step in

securing federal grant money to restore Lakeside lake and solve many of our Johnson Creek watershed issues. The full Mayor's report is attached.

Miscellaneous – Alderman McGill thanked Dennis Mitchell for his service to the city and wished him well on his retirement. Alderman Moore asked if the area by Dr. Molt's office is a four-way stop. Mayor Dreith stated he will have the city look into this.

Executive Session – Alderman Eckleberry made a motion, seconded by Alderman Lampley to go into Executive Session to discuss Section 2(c)(21) – discuss minutes of closed session meetings; Section 2(c)(11) – pending litigation; and Section 2(c)(1) – the appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Return to Regular Session – Alderman McGill made a motion, seconded by Alderman Lampley to return to regular session.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Council returned to regular session at 6:39 p.m.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Mike Dreith, Mayor