

Fairfield, Illinois  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, May 10, 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; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Carroll Dugger, Cemetery Department; Kayla Warren; Claire Vaughan; Dian Downs; Libby Lingafelter; Dennis Weedman; Doug Skaggs; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of April 26, 2022 and bills of May 10, 2022 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Dreith asked for approval of the minutes for the April 26, 2022 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Moore to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 26, 2022.

Vote yes: Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeve; Stahl; Attebery; 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 May 10, 2022 meeting. Motion by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the bills.

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

Vote no: none

Abstain: Eckleberry

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Public Comments – Kathleen Taylor addressed the Council on behalf of the Victorian on Main and their request for a liquor license. The bed & breakfast has been in business since mid-2019. In 2022 they are launching their events business such as wedding receptions, teas, bridal and baby showers, and culinary events. They are not just a Fairfield business but serve people from all over. They want to be able to serve beer and wine to customers and those attending their events. They do not want to compete with the liquor stores or restaurants. They would not serve anyone that was not a guest or anyone that was not attending one of their events.

Natural Resources Conservation Service – NRCS State Conservationist Ivan Dozier and Engineer Matt Robert spoke to the Council about the Johnson Creek watershed. The City has

received funding for a feasibility study on the flooding issues. In approximately four months the study should be ready to view and the City can decide if it wants to continue in the Watershed Prevention Operations Program. If it does, and if the program's abilities align with the city's goals, complete funding would be available for design plans and between 50 and 100 percent funding for construction. Dozier said the ideal end result would be alleviated flooding and a lake at Lakeside Park.

Ordinance No. 22-0510-285 – Amending the Liquor Code to Add a New Bed & Breakfast License and to Define the 100 ft. measurement from a church – A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Lampley to amend the liquor code to add a new bed & breakfast liquor license and to clarify the 100 ft. measurement from a liquor store from a church. Vote yes: Moore; Reeve; Stahl; Attebery; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill  
Vote no: Eckleberry  
Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 22-0510-285 approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 22-0510-429 – Setting the Dates for City Council Meetings – A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve the resolution setting the dates for the Council meetings for the next fiscal year. Vote yes: Reeve; Stahl; Attebery; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore  
Vote no: none  
Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Resolution No. 22-0510-429 approved and adopted.

Approval to Seek Bids for the Sale of Vehicles & Equipment – The City has several vehicles and equipment that is no longer needed. City Clerk Hutchcraft asked for Council approval to offer these for sale by sealed bid. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve seeking bids for the sale of vehicles and equipment. Vote yes: Stahl; Attebery; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeve  
Vote no: none  
Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dreith reported that L&E Recycling will be expanding their commercial recycling business on the south highway. They also plan to tear down some older buildings around the old Southern Lumber Company and the former service station across the street. Mayor Dreith met with the County and the Health Department and a future recycling event will be scheduled. The full Mayor's report is attached.

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 and Section 2(c)(2) – collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. Vote yes: Attebery; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Reeve; Stahl  
Vote no: none  
Mayor Dreith declared motion carried.

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

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Dreith declared motion carried and Council returned to regular session at 7:33 p.m.

FOP Contract – No action was taken on this agenda item.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Dreith declared meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

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Mike Dreith, Mayor