

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Special Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Special Meeting called to order by City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft at 6:00 P.M.

City Clerk Hutchcraft stated that the Notice and Agenda for this Special Meeting was sent to all City Council members and all acknowledged receipt of the notice. Certification of the Notice of the Special Meeting is attached. This Special Meeting was called by the aldermen due to the passing of Mayor Mike Dreith.

Prayer led by Ken Otey followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft called the roll:

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: Jeff Vaughan, WFIW Radio; Tom Mathews, Wayne County Press; Ken Otey; Claire Vaughan; Libby Lingafelter; Doug Skaggs; Dian Downs; DuWayne Nobles; Andrew Miller; and other citizens from the community.

Public Comments – Kristi Hornung addressed the Council. She stated that she has always had a good working relationship with every mayor including Mayor Dreith. She felt Mayor Dreith had been treated unfairly from the beginning of his term by many of the aldermen as well as the editor of the local newspaper. She encouraged women to run for the Council seats so it would not be controlled by one person.

Public Comments – Jill Andrews addressed the Council. She said Mayor Dreith had accomplished many things in his short time as mayor and she hopes the Council will continue to get those projects completed that Mayor Dreith had started and asked that they don't undue what he has done.

Resolution for Consideration of Acting Mayor Appointment – Attorney Rice explained the process for the acting mayor appointment. This appointment is only until an election is held in the spring. At that time there will be a mayoral election for a two-year term. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the appointment of Gary Moore to serve as acting mayor.

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

Vote no: none

Abstain: Moore

City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft declared motion carried and Resolution No. 22-0607-438 approved and adopted.

Oath of Office - City Attorney Darrin Rice administered the Oath of Office to Acting Mayor Gary Moore. Moore stated he would like to vote in accordance with mayoral powers.

Gary Moore stated that he hopes to gain everyone's support. He said he not looking to undue anything that has been done in the past. The past ten days has been a difficult time for the city with the passing of the mayor, Preston Mathews, and former alderman Jim Griffith. He wants to work with everyone open and honestly and asked that people contact him if they need anything. He hopes to continue to take the city forward.

Resolution Authorizing Signatures Required for Banking – A motion was made by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Lisenbee to approve the resolution authorizing signatures required for banking including the acting mayor.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 22-0607-439 approved and adopted.

Resolution Designating an Authorized Agent for IMRF – A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the resolution to designate Gary Moore as Authorized Agent for IMRF.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 22-0607-440 approved and duly adopted.

FOP Contract – Acting Mayor Moore stated that we have been working on an agreement with the FOP. This will be three-year agreement and will include a 12% pay increase over the three years. It will also include an expansion of the residency requirement to a 45-minute radius from the police department in an effort to attract a larger applicant pool. There will be a memorandum of understating that states the FOP cannot negotiate an expansion of the residency at the next contract negotiations. The probationary period has been extended, overtime will be calculated on a 40-hour work week, overtime is based on a completed 30-minute segment instead of 15 minutes, compensatory time has been eliminated, holidays will not be paid until after the holiday occurs, the timing of the payment for unused vacation is changed from any time during the physical year until the last quarter, and shift bidding can only occur once a year. We have also reduced the minimum manning to one officer to account for a one to two hour gap in the schedule. A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman Lisenbee to approve the FOP Contract.

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

Vote no: Eckleberry; McGill

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Executive Session – Alderman Eckleberry made a motion, seconded by Alderman Lampley to go into Executive Session to discuss Section 2(c)(21) – minutes of closed session meetings and Section 2(c)(6) – the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Vote yes: Stahl; Attebery; Eckleberry; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Reeve
Vote no: none
Acting Mayor Moore 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
Vote no: none
Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Council returned to regular session at 6:41 p.m.

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

Vote yes: 7
Vote no: 0
Acting Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Acting Mayor