

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Meeting called to order by Acting Mayor Gary Moore 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:

Acting Mayor: Gary Moore
City Clerk: Tina Hutchcraft
City Attorney: Darrin Rice
Aldermen: Dewey Eckleberry; Cody Attebery; Clifford Reeve; Tyler Lampley; Eugene McGill;
Jerry Lisenbee; Terry Stahl

Also Present: Ken Otey, WFIW Radio; Tom Mathews, Wayne County Press; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; Libby Lingafelter; Carroll Dugger, Cemetery Department; Claire Vaughan; Dian Downs; Doug Skaggs; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2022 and bills of June 28, 2022 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Acting Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the June 14, 2022 meeting. Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2022.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Acting Mayor Moore asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the June 28, 2022 meeting. Motion by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the bills.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Resolutions - IMEA and IPEA Appointment – A motion was made by Alderman Lisenbee, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the appointment of Tyler Lampley to the IMEA and IPEA Board of Directors.

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

Vote no: none

Abstain: Lampley

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 22-0628-441 and Resolution No. 22-0628-442 approved and adopted.

Salt Storage Shed – We received only one bid for the salt storage shed. The bid was from Kieffer Bros. Construction in the amount of \$218,043.00. The bid was quite a bit higher than expected but the price of construction materials is very high right now. Acting Mayor Moore suggested this bid be rejected with the possibility of going out for bid again at a later date. Alderman Lisenbee made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stahl to reject the bid for the salt storage shed.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Ordinance Concerning Security Light Installation and Service Fees – Wayne-White Electric maintains and sends out the bills for our electric system. They have had a request from a resident to have a 400w directional security light installed on their property. The city does not currently have pricing for that in our ordinances. This ordinance establishes the rate for the 400w directional light at \$20.00 per month. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve this ordinance concerning security lights.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 22-0628-288 approved and adopted.

Agreement with IDOT for Street Paving Project – We have received a final agreement from IDOT for the street paving project. Previously the cost of the project was a state and local share. We have been notified that 80% of the project will now be paid with federal dollars and the remaining cost will be shared by the state and the city. The projected cost for the city is now estimated at \$174,100. This project is tentatively scheduled for the September 23, 2022 letting. A motion was made by Alderman Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the agreement with IDOT for the street paving project.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

RJ Marketing Contract – Acting Mayor Moore told the Council that Claire Vaughan with RJ Marketing has made the Council meetings available to viewed online and she does an amazing job with our Facebook page and our website. He said it is time to renew our contract with her and asked if there were any objections to this renewal. Hearing no objections, Acting Mayor Moore said he will authorize the renewal of the contract with RJ Marketing.

Purchase of a Utility Vehicle for the Cemetery Department – The Cemetery Department is continuing to have problems with the utility vehicle they use. Four quotes were presented to the Council for the purchase of a new utility vehicle for this department. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the purchase of a utility vehicle from Carter Turf & Tractor in the amount of \$28,650.00.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Committee Updates – Acting Mayor Moore has updated the committee assignments and those were presented to the aldermen.

Dangerous Buildings and Condemnation Proceedings – Three properties have been identified by our police department as dangerous buildings. The addresses for these properties are 504 NW 7th Street, 303 NE 7th Street, and 1014 N. Epworth Street. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to declare the above properties as dangerous buildings and authorize Attorney Rice to begin condemnation proceedings.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Resolution Amending the Loan Agreement with Garrison-Jones & Sons – The original loan listed two people under the Personal Guaranty section of the agreement. This amendment will change it from two individuals to just one. Dennis R. Terry will be the only name listed. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Eckleberry to approve the resolution amending the loan agreement with Garrison-Jones & Sons.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 22-0628-443 approved and adopted.

Discussion Concerning Construction of Fences on Private Property – Acting Mayor Moore told the Council that he has been approached by an individual that had purchased property and wanted to put up a privacy fence in his back yard. Before a building permit is issued for this, the gas, water and electric departments review the request, and all must sign off on the request. The departments wouldn't approve the fence. Acting Mayor Moore isn't sure the city has the ability to tell somebody that they can't build a fence on property they own. He understands that we may have utilities located in a back yard and we would need to be granted access to those utilities. He feels a homeowner should be able to build a fence as long as access would be granted and the homeowner understands that if repairs are needed on those utilities that we would have the right to make those repairs. We also have an ordinance that says you can't have a dog inside a fence where our meters are. Moore said we have meters that can be installed that can be remotely read. These meters could be installed at the owner's expense. Moore thinks the city should take a look at our current ordinances and make a change to allow homeowners the right to construct a fence if they choose to do so. It was the consensus of the aldermen to have Attorney Rice research the current ordinances and make recommendations for change.

Ordinance – TIF Agreement with Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen – The owners of Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen made a request to the TIF Committee to help with flooring repairs that were needed at their location. The TIF Committee is recommending Council approval of this request up to a maximum sum of \$3,000.00. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Reeve to approve the TIF Agreement with Feed My Sheep Soup Kitchen.

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 22-0628-289 approved and adopted.

Miscellaneous – Acting Mayor Moore gave an update concerning the Municipal Court proceedings held earlier today. He also mentioned the Retail Merchants are planning Farmer’s Market Days on July 16, 23, and 30.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Lampley reminded everyone that Fireworks will be held Sunday, July 3rd at Southwest Park. There will be bands playing prior to the fireworks display and food trucks will be set up as well.

Miscellaneous – Ken Otey mentioned Saturday, July 2 will be Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. This will be held on the Courthouse square.

Miscellaneous – A Townhall meeting is scheduled this Thursday evening, June 30 at 6:00 p.m. here at City Hall.

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)(1) – the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

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

Vote no: McGill

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

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

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

Vote no: none

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Council returned to regular session at 6:49 p.m.

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

Vote yes: 7

Vote no: 0

Acting Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Acting Mayor