Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Meeting called to order by Mayor Gary Moore at 6:00 P.M.

Prayer led by Doug Skaggs followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft called the roll:

Mayor: Gary Moore
City Clerk: Tina Hutchcraft
City Attorney: Darrin Rice
Aldermen: Terry Stahl; Allen Marsh; Sheryl Eckleberry; Eugene McGill; Bruce McKibben; Clifford Reever; Dewey Eckleberry

Absent: Cody Attebery

Also Present: Tom Mathews, Wayne County Press; Doug Skaggs; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; Ben Lewis, Assistant Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2023 and bills of October 24, 2023 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the October 10, 2023 meeting. Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Marsh to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2023.
Vote yes: 7
Vote no: 0
Absent: 1
Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Mayor Moore asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the October 24, 2023 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve the bills.
Vote yes: McKibbben; Reever; Stahl; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill
Vote no: none
Absent: Attebery
Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Ordinance Establishing New Interconnection Policy – We have a few facilities that have solar and right now they are under net metering. That means if their solar produces two kilowatts per hour and they only use one, they would get a credit for the other one. We have a business in town that is looking to install a large solar system which has the capability of producing more wattage than they use, which means they would like to sell the excess back to the city. Under the current net metering that would not be a good deal for the city. The rate last month was $.14 per

kilowatt and it doesn't make sense for us to purchase the kilowatt back at a higher price than what we buy from IMEA. IMEA has given us this language for the new policy. The ones that are currently set up with solar would be grandfathered in for ten years and their rate would not change until 2032. For the new businesses that would come on line, we would have a buy back cost and our buy back cost would be the net billing from IMEA on a monthly basis. Last month it happened to be .0856 per kilowatt hour and at that time we would issue a credit for that amount. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve this ordinance establishing the new interconnection policy.
Vote yes: 7
Vote no: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1
Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 23-1024-345 approved and adopted.

Ordinance Amending the Code Concerning Regulation of Open Burning – Mayor Moore told the Council this ordinance will change a few of the regulations we have concerning opening burning. The ordinance still allows residents to burn their leaves. Residents will now have to have an apparatus for recreational fires with restrictions on the size of this apparatus and no burn barrels will be allowed. These regulations will apply to anyone living within the city limits and up to one mile from city limits. All fires will have to be attended, and you must have a way to extinguish the fire. There is also a limit to the size of logs that can be used for a recreational fire. Attorney Rice also stated EPA regulations states that you can only burn landscape waste at the place it is generated. A motion was made by Alderman Reever, seconded by Alderman Stahl approving the ordinance amending the code concerning regulation of open burning.
Vote yes: 7
Vote no: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1
Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 23-1024 -346 approved and adopted.

Ordinance Approving TIF Agreement with Mindy Isaacs – The TIF Committee has met and are asking the Council to approve a TIF Agreement with Mindy Isaacs. Mindy's Sew Shop is moving to a new location. Mindy plans to hire more employees and will use the TIF money for HVAC equipment, flooring, paint, restroom renovations, etc. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Reever to approve the ordinance for a TIF Agreement with Mindy Isaacs in the amount of $20,000.00.
Vote yes: Reever; Stahl; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben
Vote no: none
Absent: Attebery
Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 23-1024-347 approved and adopted.

Ordinance Approving TIF Agreement with Mid East Supply – The TIF Committee has met and are asking the Council to approve a TIF Agreement with Mid East Supply. The funds will be used to help with the cost to demolish their old gray building. A motion was made by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the ordinance for a TIF Agreement with Mid East Supply in the amount of $19,500.00.

Vote yes: Stahl; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reever
Vote no: none
Absent: Attebery
Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 23-1024-348 approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 23-1024-496/Release of Executive Session Minutes – Alderman Dewey Eckleberry made a motion, seconded by Alderman Marsh to approve Resolution No. 23-1024-496 regarding the release of executive session minutes.
Vote yes: 7
Vote no: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1
Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 23-1024-496 approved and duly adopted.

Resolution No. 23-1024-497/Authorizing Destruction of Recordings – Alderman Stahl made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry to approve Resolution No. 23-1024-497 authorizing the destruction of audio recordings for closed session meetings.
Vote yes: 7
Vote no: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 1
Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 23-1024-497 approved and duly adopted.

Award Bid for Industrial Drive Sidewalk Project – Two bids were received for this project. Kieffer Bros. Construction submitted a bid in the amount of $57,166.08 and Esker & Walker submitted a bid in the amount of42,366.85. Mayor Moore stated that Frontier College indicated they will pay a portion of this cost pending their board approval. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McGill to award the bid for this project o Esker & Walker Construction Inc. in the amount of $42,366.85.
Vote yes: Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reever; Stahl
Vote no: none
Absent: Attebery
Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore reminded everyone about the dates for Trick or Treating, the Fireman's Chili Supper, and the Veteran's Parade. He also stated that Howell Paving is about to be done with the curbing work and that Robinson is starting the work on the new sign that will be going up at the parking lot of First and Delaware.

Adjourn Meeting – Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to adjourn the meeting.
Vote yes: 7
Vote no: 0
Absent: 1

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

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Gary Moore, Mayor