

Fairfield, Illinois  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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; Cody Attebery

Also Present: Tom Matthews, Wayne County Press; Ken Otey, WFIW Radio; Doug Skaggs; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; Ben Lewis, Assistant Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Dian Downs; D.E. Young, Garage Department; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2024 and bills of January 23, 2024 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the January 9, 2024 meeting. Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Marsh to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2024.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Mayor Moore asked if there were any corrections or objections to the bills for the January 23, 2024 meeting. Motion by Alderman Attebery, seconded by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry to approve the bills.

Vote yes: Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reever; Stahl; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Service Agreement with B-All Technology Solutions, LLC – A few years ago we had some computer issues at city hall and we contracted with Hefley and Associates to help us out with our issues. We entered into a contract with Hefley and Associates and Chad Barbre was the technician. Mr. Barbre recently purchased a portion of the business from Hefley and has gone out on his own. His new business is called B-All Technology Solutions, LLC and he has presented us with a new contract to continue with him. The services and monthly fee remains the same as our previous contract. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve the service agreement with B-All Technology Solutions, LLC.

Vote yes: Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reever; Stahl; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Award Bid for West Tower Repainting – At the last meeting the Council voted to reject the two bids that were received for painting the west water tower because the bids came in were very high. Mayor Moore asked for the Council to approve seeking bids again for this project in hopes that we can get a better price. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Sheryl Eckleberry to seek bids for the west tower repainting.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Recreation Fund Request for the Solar Eclipse – Mayor Moore reported that the recreation committee is asking for the Council to approve a request in the amount of \$18,000 for expenses related to the solar eclipse. He said some of this money will be used to purchase shirts, to finish paying for the band that will be performing and the purchase of other items that will be sold. Mayor Moore said once shirts and tickets for the concert are purchased we should be able to recoup the money that has been spent. A motion was made by Alderman Reever, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve the recreation fund request for \$18,000 for the solar eclipse.

Vote yes: McGill; McKibben; Reever; Stahl; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Business Tax District – At the last meeting Mayor Moore presented preliminary plans for the use and expenditure of Business Tax District monies. He asked for the Council to look over this information that was presented. He asked if anyone had any comments or questions. Alderman Sheryl Eckleberry asked for clarification of the business tax district boundaries. Doug Skaggs will get a map showing the boundaries prepared for her. With no other discussion, Mayor Moore directed Attorney Rice to prepare the necessary documents to get the program up and running. This will be brought back to the Council for final approval.

TIF Distribution Discussion – Mayor Moore stated that we have been giving back 40% of the TIF surplus back to the taxing bodies each year. He told the Council that he would like to increase what we give back this year and he suggested we give back 70% this year. The TIF #1 balance is currently \$1,532,712. We have committed \$95,500 in TIF Agreements as well as \$545,176 committed for the parking lanes and connector roads project. If we gave back 70% to the taxing bodies it would leave TIF with a balance of approximately \$200,138. Alderman Attebery said he would be for giving back 70% also. All the other aldermen seemed to agree. This will be brought back to the Council for their approval.

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore stated that work continues on the installation of AMI meters for the electric system. At this time, meters are read throughout the city at different times throughout the month. Once these meters are installed, Wayne-White will have the ability to

read the meters from their office. With AMI meters, everyone will eventually be billed for the previous month, rather than being nearly two months behind in some cases. To catch-up or “true-up” a bill to current, bills may reflect approximately 5 more days than normal on the bill. This will occur until the bill is current. Everyone will eventually be billed for the same date range. Each utility customer will be receiving a letter explaining the new time for meters to be read.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

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Gary Moore, Mayor