

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, May 28, 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; Bruce McKibben; Clifford Reever; Dewey Eckleberry; Cody Attebery

Absent: Alderman Eugene McGill

Also Present: Mark Wells, WFIW Radio; Tom Mathews, Wayne County Press; Doug Skaggs; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; Ben Lewis, Assistant Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Dian Downs; Meghan Grieve; Stephanie Grieve; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2024, and bills of May 28, 2024 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the May 14, 2024 meeting. Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Marsh to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2024.

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 May 28, 2024 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve the bills.

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

Vote no: none

Absent: McGill

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Real Property – A public hearing was held earlier to open bids for the sale of property the city owns along Leininger Rd. M-Pressions Dance Productions submitted the only bid in the amount of \$10,000.00. Their plan is to build a dance studio on the property. A motion was made by Alderman Reever, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve this sale.

Vote yes: 7

Vote no: 0

Absent: 1

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 24-0528-364 approved and adopted.

Ordinance – Annual Pay Raise for Part-time Airport Employees – A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Sheryl Eckleberry to approve the ordinance to give the part-time airport employee the same annual pay increases as are given to the City's employees that are covered by the IBEW collective bargaining agreement.

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

Vote no: none

Absent: McGill

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 24-0528-365 approved and adopted.

Ordinance – “Right Turn Only” Sign at SW 3rd St. & West Delaware St. – A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the ordinance to make the intersection of SW 3rd St. and West Delaware St. as a “Right Turn Only”.

Vote yes: 7

Vote no: 0

Absent: 1

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 24-0528-366 approved and adopted.

Intergovernmental Agreement with Fairfield Public School District #112 for a School Resource Officer – We currently provide a school resource officer at the high school. District #112 has reached out saying they would also like to have a SRO for their schools. Chief Colclasure and Assistant Chief Lewis have met with the school board and they are agreeable to a three-year contract. The school district will pay 80% of the SRO salary and the rest will be paid by the city. The SRO will serve mainly at Center Street School with regular visits to Northside. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry to approve this agreement.

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

Vote no: none

Absent: McGill

Mayor Moore declared motion carried

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore told the Council that the state is repealing the 1% grocery tax effective January, 2026. Local municipalities will have the ability to implement a sales tax without a referendum being placed on the ballot.

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore has met with Wayne County Control officials. He asked the residents who are having issues to please call the Humane Society first instead of calling the police department. If they do not get results, then he encouraged them to contact the mayor's office.

Miscellaneous – The restrooms at the cemetery are currently locked. People have been leaving the facility in a mess and Mayor Moore doesn't feel the cemetery employees should have to continue to clean up after these individuals. There is a possibility that he will instruct them to be

unlocked only during the regular business hours. We have also been experiencing similar problems with the restrooms located at Freedom Park.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Sheryl Eckleberry asked about people walking their dogs in the cemetery and not cleaning up after them. Mayor Moore stated we have ordinances in place that says dogs and cats are to be on leashes and owners are required to clean up any mess made by their animal.

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

Vote yes: 7

Vote no: 0

Absent: 1

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Mayor