

Fairfield, Illinois  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday, July 9, 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 Mathews, Wayne County Press; Mark Wells, WFIW; Doug Skaggs; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; Ben Lewis, Assistant Police Chief; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Dian Downs; Kayla Warren; DE Young, Garage; Travis Williams, Airport; Claire Vaughan; Silas Eckleberry; Jill Andrews; Shirley Edgington; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2024, and bills of July 9, 2024 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the June 25, 2024 meeting. Motion by Alderman Sheryl Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Marsh to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 25, 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 July 9, 2024 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve the bills.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Recognition of Retired Police Officer – Sergeant Silas Eckleberry has retired from the Fairfield Police Department. Police Chief Colclasure stated that Sergeant Eckleberry has worked for the department beginning May 10, 1989 and retired June 28, 2024. He has served in many areas of the department including the drug task force, sergeant, and assistant chief. Mayor Moore presented a plaque to Silas and thanked him for his many years of service to our city.

Proclamation for “Dolly Parton Imagination Library Day” – Dr. Jill Andrews told the Council about the launch of a Dolly Parton Imagination Library program for our Wayne County children

and the benefits to children that learn to read. Mayor Moore read a proclamation in support of this program.

Approval of Airfield Pavement Maintenance & Pavement Markings Project – Airport Manager Travis Williams told the Council about the pavement maintenance and markings project. The total cost of the project is expected to be about \$230,044 with a 5% local share of \$11,502. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve this project.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Award the Bid for Street Maintenance Project – We plan to do more work on Airport Rd., Frontier Drive, and Ferrington Farm Road. The only bid received was from Mt. Carmel Stabilization in the amount of \$30,631.68. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve this bid. This cost of this project will be paid out of MFT Funds.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Agreement in Regard to Reimbursement of Police Officer or Firefighter Training, Certification & Equipment Costs – Mayor Moore and Attorney Rice presented this agreement to the Council. This agreement states that if an individual is hired as a police officer or firefighter they must reimburse the city for any costs of their training, certification, and equipment costs if they leave before completing three years of service. Alderman Reever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve this agreement.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Hiring of Police Officers – Mayor Moore told the Council that we need to hire some additional individuals to serve on the police department. He asked for Council approval to hire four from the current eligibility list. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve hiring four police officers for the police department.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Update on the Watershed Program (Lakeside) – A public hearing was held last night about this project and many people attended. Mayor Moore spoke to the Council about the different options that has been presented on this project. The four options are: do nothing; a dry dam costing the city \$160,000; a shallow wet dam costing the city \$1.4 million; and a deep wet dam

costing the city \$1.6 million. These projects are all contingent on funding. Mayor Moore asked for feedback from the residents about what they would like to see the city do. He asked residents to contact either him or their aldermen. Mayor Moore stated he would like to see water back in the lake and he thinks the city could find a way to pay for the project.

Financial Report – Mayor Moore presented the financial report for the month of June.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

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Gary Moore, Mayor