

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, October 8, 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; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; John Ray; Doug Skaggs; Carroll Dugger, Cemetery Dept.; Angel Maguire; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2024, and bills of October 8, 2024 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the September 24, 2024 meeting. Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 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 October 8, 2024 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve the bills.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Proclamation for Adult Education and Family Literacy Week – Angel Maguire with Frontier College spoke to the Council about Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. Mayor Moore had previously signed a proclamation for Literacy Week and Mrs. Maguire thanked the Council and the City for promoting and supporting IECC in what they do and provide.

Resolution for a Revolving Loan to Samantha Baker d/b/a 618-JUAN-8 Bakery, LLC – Samantha Baker told the Council that she has purchased a building downtown and she and her husband plan to open a bakery there. The building needs a lot of renovation. They need to make the building ADA compliant, relocate water and sewer lines, and the building needs electrical

upgrades. She is asking for Council approval of a revolving loan in the amount of \$30,000. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Atteberry to approve this loan.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 24-1008-524 approved and adopted.

Purchase of a Dump Truck for the Cemetery Department – We have received a bid for the purchase of a dump truck for the cemetery department. The truck they have has many problems and they are in need of a more reliable vehicle. Alderman Stahl saw a used dump truck in Effingham for sale and is recommending we check out this truck to see if it is still available before we commit to buying a new one. Other aldermen were in agreement and Mayor Moore tabled this purchase until the used truck can be looked at.

Purchase of a Dump Bed for Street & Bridge Department – The Street & Bridge Department needs a new dump bed to put on the 2001 International truck. The current bed needs to be replaced. Vaughan Equipment Inc. has given us a price in the amount of \$17,039.33. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve the purchase of a dump bed from Vaughan Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$17,039.33

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Discussion Concerning Front Yard Fencing – The City has a zoning ordinance that states front yard fencing cannot be higher than 30 inches. We have a resident that has requested to build a fence taller than that because he has a child with medical issues and needs the fence to be tall enough so he cannot step over the fence. Mayor Moore recommends that we allow our residents to go to the zoning board and request a special exemption. All of the aldermen agreed with Mayor Moore's recommendation.

Recreation Fund Expenditure Request – The recreation committee has requested the expenditure of \$3,000 for various activities. They have requested \$225.00 for Trunk or Treat, \$700.00 for the Holiday Open House, and \$600.00 for the Christmas Parade. They are also asking for \$375.00 for a speaker and microphone and \$1,100.00 for electrical upgrades for downtown. A motion was made by Alderman Reever, seconded by Alderman Sheryl Eckleberry to approve this request.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

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

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore reported that the electrical work being done by Wayne-White and Hoosier has been completed. He also mentioned to the Council that the paperwork has been finalized for the purchase of the property on NE 7th Street. We will begin the process of demolishing the house on this property.

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 6:28 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Mayor