

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, October 22, 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 Reeve; Dewey Eckleberry

Absent: Alderman Attebery

Also Present: Tom Mathews, Wayne County Press; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; Tyler Kamp, Water Filtration; Doug Skaggs; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2024, and bills of October 22, 2024 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the October 8, 2024 meeting. Motion by Alderman Sheryl Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 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 October 22, 2024 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the bills.

Vote yes: Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reeve; Stahl

Vote no: none

Absent: Attebery

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Sunrise Sanitation – Kristie Blackman with Sunrise Sanitation addressed the Council asking for a five year extension to the trash removal contract. She pointed out a few changes that she is requesting from the current contract. She no longer provides service to the park district so that language will be removed. They currently charge for a container at the gas department that was left off the last contract so she would like to add that in the new extension. She also would like to remove language allowing the additional three bags weekly because there have been problems with animals getting in the bags and spreading trash on the ground. She proposed an increase to

\$23.85 per resident in 2025 with a 4% increase each of the following years and an extra tote would cost residents \$10 compared to the \$5 being charged now. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to extend the contract with Sunrise. No motion was made so Mayor Moore stated that we will discuss going out for bids for our trash collection at the next Council meeting.

Award Bid for Water Filter Chemicals – Bids were opened for chemicals for the water filtration plant and we received bids from five different companies. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to accept the bids for chemicals at the Filter Plant as recommended by Leadman Tyler Kamp.

Vote yes: Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reeve; Stahl

Vote no: none

Absent: Attebery

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-1022-375/Risk Management Insurance – The Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association submitted a quote for our risk management insurance. Mayor Moore recommends we pay Option #1 which is the full payment amount of \$214,309.07. Alderman Reeve made a motion, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve Ordinance No. 24-1022-375 authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.

Vote yes: Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reeve; Stahl; Dewey Eckleberry

Vote no: none

Absent: Attebery

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 24-1022-375 approved and duly adopted.

Discussion/Approval – Property for Hotel – Mayor Moore told the Council that a developer is willing to invest \$10 million in the construction of a new hotel in the City of Fairfield. The developer has asked if the city would be willing to offer some land for this development. We do own a little over 8 acres along Williamson Drive. Mayor Moore asked for Council permission for he and Attorney Rice to work with the developer to donate up to 4 acres of this property for the construction of a hotel and the possibility of adding a restaurant outside of the hotel. The hotel would be a Comfort Inn & Suites and will be a 70 room construction with four stories. A motion was made by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Stahl to authorize the Mayor and Attorney Rice to negotiate with the developer concerning the city's property to be used for the construction of the hotel with the understanding that if the development doesn't occur the land would revert back to the city.

Vote yes: Marsh; McGill; McKibben; Reeve; Stahl; Dewey Eckleberry; Sheryl Eckleberry

Vote no: none

Absent: Attebery

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore reminded everyone that the hours for Trick or Treating is October 30th and 31st from 5-8:00 p.m. We also will be closing a portion of Main Street on the 31st for a Halloween celebration. Many local retailers plan to stay open late and many others will be set up along the street. Lots of vendors will be participating and costume judging will also take place. He also reminded everyone of the Firemen's Chili Supper that will be held Friday, October 25th.

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

Vote yes: 7

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Mayor