

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

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; Cody Attebery

Also Present: Jarrod Pruitt, Wayne County Press; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; Ben Lewis, Assistant Police Chief; Doug Skaggs; Dian Downs; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2025 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the January 14, 2025 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Marsh to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2025.

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 28, 2025 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve the bills.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Ordinance Approving a TIF District Redevelopment Agreement with Besnik Mehmedi dba Five Brothers Restaurant – Alderman Attebery presented a TIF district agreement with Besnik Mehmedi dba Five Brothers Restaurant. They have completed a new roof and HVAC system for their building. A motion was made by Alderman Reeve, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the TIF District Redevelopment Agreement with Five Brothers Restaurant in the total amount of \$33,000.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 25-0128-381 approved and adopted.

Resolution Approving a Business District Redevelopment Agreement with Reta Mathews on behalf of Classic Pizza & Pasta Restaurant – Alderman Attebery presented a business district agreement with Reta Mathews on behalf of Classic Pizza & Pasta. They have replaced the roof on the back portion of the building. A motion was made by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the Business District Redevelopment Agreement with Classic Pizza & Pasta in the total amount of \$2,500.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 25-0128-534 approved and adopted.

Disconnection of Utilities of Rental Property – Mayor Moore discussed with the Council a policy he has put in place concerning the disconnection of utilities of rental properties. The utility company cannot be used as a means for eviction. The landlord will need to comply with the proper eviction laws to remove the tenant before the water and gas is disconnected. The policy outlines the steps the collector's office is to follow.

Resolution No. 25-0128-535/Declaring a Surplus of Funds in TIF District No. 1 – Mayor Moore asked the Council to approve this resolution to declare a surplus of funds in the TIF District in the amount of \$404,643 so the money can be returned to the taxing bodies. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve Resolution No. 25-0128-535 declaring a surplus of 404,643.00 in TIF District No. 1.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 25-0128-535 approved and duly adopted.

Executive Session – A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Stahl to go into Executive Session to discuss Section 2(c)(21) – minutes of closed session meetings and Section 2(c)(2) – collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Return to Regular Session – Alderman Stahl made a motion, seconded by Alderman McKibben to return to regular session.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Council returned to regular session at 7:14 p.m.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Mayor