

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, April 22, 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 Reever; Dewey Eckleberry; Cody Attebery

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

The minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2025 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the April 8, 2025 meeting and for the March 25, 2025 Executive Session minutes. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Marsh to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2025 and the minutes of the March 25, 2025 Executive Session.

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 April 22, 2025 meeting. Motion by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Attebery to approve the bills for payment.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Mayor Moore stated the agenda item to discuss the sale of property along Airport Road will be tabled and discussed at a later date.

Resolution Setting the Dates for Council Meetings – The resolution setting the dates for upcoming Council meetings was presented. Mayor Moore told the Council that all meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. However, the 2nd Tuesday of November will be holiday for the city so that month's meeting will be held Thursday, November 13. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve this resolution.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 25-0422-538 approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 25-0422-539/Declaring the Election Results and Certification of Ballot – Mayor Moore presented Resolution No. 25-0422-539 to the Council declaring the results of the municipal election held April 1, 2025. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McKibben to approve Resolution No. 25-0422-539 Declaring the Results of the City of Fairfield Municipal Election.

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 25-0422-539 approved and duly adopted.

Pay Raises for Police Chief and Assistant Police Chief – In the past we have given the police chief and the assistant police chief the same increase in salaries and benefits as outlined in the FOP contract. A motion was made by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the same pay raises and benefits for the police chief and assistant chief being the same as given in the FOP Contract.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Resolution Approving a Business District Redevelopment Agreement with David Legg – Doug Skaggs presented a business district agreement with David Legg. The business district committee met and recommends Council approve this request. Mr. Legg will be demolishing nine buildings at 901 West Delaware Street. A motion was made by Alderman Attebery, seconded by Alderman Dewey Eckleberry to approve the Business District Redevelopment Agreement with David Legg in the total amount of \$5,000.

Vote yes: Reever; Attebery; Dewey Eckleberry; McKibben

Vote no: Stahl; Sheryl Eckleberry; Marsh; McGill

Mayor Moore voted yes to break the tie.

Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Resolution No. 25-0422-540 approved and adopted.

City Band – A motion was made by Alderman Reever, seconded by Alderman Attebery to set aside \$7,000.00 for City Band. The dates will be June 5th, June 12th, June 19th, June 26th, and July 3rd.

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

Vote no: none

Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Miscellaneous – Mayor Moore has been receiving complaints about loud mufflers. He has spoken with the police chief and assistant chief instructing them to have their officers begin enforcement of the city ordinances concerning loud mufflers.

Miscellaneous – There is a clean-up day scheduled for Saturday, May 17 from 8-noon. Fairfield National Bank will be hosting a shred day as well and the Health Department will have electronic recycling that same day.

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

Vote yes: 8

Vote no: 0

Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Mayor