

**COUNCIL MEETING 19-13**  
**July 8th, 2019**

The City Council met in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM with the Mayor calling the meeting to order and the following answering to roll call:

Steve Faber	Council Member
Chris Colomer	Council Member
Michael Yaklich	Council Member
Michael Komnick	Council Member
Gary Moore	Mayor

News media present was as follows:

Mike Helenthal Star Courier  
Sean Kernan WKEI

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Moore asked for a moment of silence for our troops still fighting overseas.

Mayor Moore explained that the next items were placed on the consent agenda and were considered to be routine in nature to be passed as a whole with one vote of the Council. Mayor Moore requested that any member of the Council or the audience wishing to have an item removed from the consent agenda for individual consideration to make the request and the item would be removed and considered following the approval of the remaining consent items. The consent agenda included minutes from the June 24, 2019 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending June 26, 2019 in the amount of \$200,038.64, The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Faber. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$916,125.28 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Komnick. Bill from CIPP was questions by Yaklich. It was explained by Rodney Johnson and Gary Bradley that these are liners for the sewer infrastructure. Councilman Yaklich was also concerned that All Seasons didn't take care of some small volunteer trees on Elm St. Keith was not present to answer however Gary Bradley reassured Yaklich that these could be taken care of easily. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Moore then asked if anyone wished to speak regarding a non-agenda item. Andy Taylor stepped forward to keep the board informed about his property located at West Mill St. by Central School. Mr. Taylor admitted that the roof at this location is in serious need of help. He was just here to reassure the board that he is actively looking to get a repair company out to get the necessary repairs done in a timely manner and would keep the board informed on the progress.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Acceptance of the minutes from the planning Commission from meeting June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Ordinance #3972 Granting Special use permit to Don Grabbe was approved on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Yaklich then congratulated Mr. Grabbe on the improvement to the property. Council Member Yaklich did then ask how they had dealt with a couple neighbors that had complained about the juke box noise. Mr. Grabbe explained that he had reduced the Juke box noise by adjusting the volume level and stated that he was very happy with his recent profits and his neighbors also seemed pleased with adjustments made. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution # 5173 authorizing the continuation of the non conforming use at 200 E 7<sup>th</sup> st as A B-2 Business district was approved on a motion made by Council Member Yaklich and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Owner stepped forward when Council Member Yaklich asked if this property had ever been reverted back to a residential status. Owner assured that this property had always been a business. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5174 acknowledging the Illinois Housing Development Grant in the amount of \$37k was approved on a motion made by Council Member Komnick and seconded by Council Member Faber. Colomer address the board with a concern on how we can realocate the funds. City Manager Bradley addressed the concern and stated that we have some funds that we allocated to remove delapitated homes and those funds now can be used for additional projects. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5175 to authorize the City Manager Gary Bradley to enter into an agreement with Nyhart for the City actuarial services was approved with a motion made by Council member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Yaklich voiced a concern about the \$1000.00 additional fee for the GASB for 2018. City Finance Director Debbie Johnson explained that these were included in the bid and these were for past year and for the upcoming audit in July. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

The Proclamation declaring July 10<sup>th</sup> Caleb Cleaver day was presented to Caleb Cleaver by Mayor Moore.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Faber spoke to the board and audience on the Prairie Chicken Festival and the Black Knight Mural. Expressed the excitement for this Community to have such a wonderful festival. Encouraged all to attend and enjoy all the festivities that they had to offer. But when looking at the mural...please pull over and park. It will be worth you time.

Council Member Colomer also wanted to address Caleb Cleaver and praise him for his strength and perserverience. Colomer also reiterated that the Prairie Chicken Festival had so many great things to offer. Mentioned the need to support your community and what it has to offer. Mentioned the Chalk art on Saturday.

Council Member Komnick started by thanking Police Chief Ainley on speaking with the Senior Center. Komnick also wanted to mention the Mary Poppins production that was this past weekend. Stated he may be a bit biased due to his family performing in the production. Gary Moore also stated it was an amazing show and that we should congratulate the performers. Komnick stated hats off to the arts.

Council Member Yaklich requested an update on E street? Due to the length of the project, were there any additional costs that we should be concerned about? City Manager Bradley responded with any project like this one there are unexpected issue that arise. Rodney Johnson also responded with he was in contact with IMEG to see if there was additional funds that the state could help with. Bradley stated that is the benefit in being in the 80/20 split to help detour some of the cost. Yaklich asked how the engineer search was coming? City Manager Bradley responded that we are only 2 months into this year and that our main focus at this time is to finish the projects that we have on our plate. A question was raised by Yaklich on the Neponset Ambulance Service and if we had entered into an agreement with them. Council Member Yaklich was concerned that a decision and or vote was never brought before the board. Council Member Colomer and Coucil Member Faber assured Council Member Yaklich that yes this was brought in front of the board and that they voted to let the City Manager to go forward with negotiations and make the deal. Yaklich asked about the budget reports and the date of their completion. City Manager Bradley stated that just that morning City Finance Manager Debbie Johnson hasd all the numbers inputed and they had a hard copy. Last but not least Council Member Yaklich asked for an update on the sludge. Bardley stated that he was in contact and was hoping to hear if they were going to spread today or tomorrow but unfortunaly didn't get a response in time for the meeting. Concerns by Colomer and on the man hours that we are paying for from this company. And if they are not doing the work are we due a refund for the funds. Mayor Moore also commented on this stating he felt we were not being charged for the man hours that they were just stating they will provide the man hours, but agreed he feels that if they were doing better cleanouts and not partial cleanouts we may not be in this situation. Council Member Yaklich asked for a copy of the bill and check for the Division St. project. City Manager Bradley stated he would get that to him.

Mayor Moore wanted to also mention that the Mary Poppins performance was wonderful and he was glad to attend. Mayor Moore also congratulated retired Police Officer Tim Pence for his service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There being no further business, Council Member Colomer moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Faber seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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RABECKA JONES ,      CITY CLERK

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