

The January 27TH, 2021 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. All members of the City Council were present in Chamber.

The Consent Agenda included the following items:

- a. Approval of Minutes of the January 11th Meeting.
- b. Payroll for the pay period ending January 16th, 2021 in the amount of **\$201,655.85.**
- c. Reports from Police, Community Development, and Bock, Incorporated

Councilmember Faber moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Colomer seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$253,390.25.

Councilmember Yaklich moved to approve payment of the bills. Councilmember Faber seconded the motion. Discussion: Councilmember Colomer inquired about the access systems bill that showed multiple line items charged very similar amounts. Kevin Newton stepped up to the microphone to explain that this was the first bill that we had received from Access and that we will be getting a similar one for lease and this one was managed It support. Each department was given a dollar amount to add to their budget for It specific. Councilmember Yaklich had a group of questions that all really pertained to shopping and buying local. Kevin Newton was able to go through a few of the bills that Yaklich was concerned about and explain that they do always try and look local and have an obligation to get the best price. Councilmember Faber had a question about oil that we bought for \$14.88 and why we had to go to Martin to get such oil. Newton stated he was not sure the specifics but that have been a scenario where we were already there and picked it up, or that maybe this oil was a specific use for a specific tool or machine. Councilmember Yaklich inquired about the YMCA membership reimbursement. City Manager Gary Bradley stated that there was an accounting error and there were too many payments taken from employee payroll. These checks were just reimbursing employees. Yaklich was curious about the American Dream Home improvement for \$7500.00. City Manager Bradley stated that in this case the City felt confident in paying the contractor direct due to an issue between the contractor and the resident. This was the amount approved for the work. Yaklich also inquired about LOCIS and their membership fees. Faber asked about the lightening strike bills. Clerk Jones stated that we are still working that claim. No further questions regarding to the bills. **The motion was approved 5-0.**

Public Comments: None

New Business:

- a) **Consideration of Resolution #5269** awarding a contract for the demolition of property located at 114 Vine St — **Councilmember Colomer moved to approve. Councilmember Faber seconded the motion.** Council Member faber asked if this home was the one that was caught on fire? Keith Edwards stated this home had not had a fire. This home was taken by a financial institution and abandoned. **The motion was approved 5-0.**
- b) **Consideration of Resolution #5270** declaring certain vehicles as excess and directing staff regarding the disposal of assets. **Councilmember Faber moved to approve. Councilmember Komnick seconded the motion.** Council Member faber asked how these were going to be auctioned off. Chief Welgat stated we have used eBay in the past and had good luck. Council Member Yaklich asked if when these vehicles are sold where do the proceeds go back too. City Manager Bradley stated they go back to the fund that they were purchased from. Colomer expressed that he feels the funds need to be used for future rolling stock and potentially the acquisition fund. Welgat stated that in the past we have taken the vehicles to the State of Illinois and that is no longer an option. Yes, Chiefs intention is to put that back in rolling stock and purchase new vehicles. Colomer asked if we were selling our only street sweeper. Bradley stated we have two. **The motion was approved 5-0.**

- c) **Audit-Update from the Finance Director** Randi Haley discussed the audit and how we are just waiting for 2 documents. She stated they are anticipated to have something to report in Mid-February. Faber asked for an easier format to follow with the budget.

Council Communications:

- Councilmember Faber wanted to mention how the City did a good job with the snow removal. Faber was not sure what the law is or what we can do about cars that parked in the way during a snow emergency. Council Member Faber and Colomer agreed that it just needs to be enforced and educate the public on the laws and how they can help speed up the removal process. Chief Welgat stated this should be a simple fix and he will be working with K.Newton on getting this process streamlined. Faber is also concerned on who is responsible for an illegally parked car when a plow hits it. Justin raver stated it is a grey area and he was not sure.
- Councilmember Colomer wanted to compliment K Newton and his crew on getting all the snow plowed and keep up the great work.
- Councilmember Komnick also wanted to thank K Newton on a great job and asked about recycling and if we have had any conversation? G Bradley stated there has not been any feed back at this time. Komnick did ask that we take care of our own sidewalks and clearing paths. Komnick mentioned the speed sign and how the Welgat thought it was working. Komnick stated he liked all the information that we can get from this. Welgat explained their process and how they are constantly moving it to gather as much information as they can.
- Councilmember Yaklich compliment to whomever took care of the car parked at liberty park. Had a resident approach him about Francis Park and whether a lease option can be made. Mayor Moore spoke up and stated that he had also been contacted but we are very limited on who we can give the park too and if it left the ownership of the City it would have to go to the University of Illinois.

Mayor's Communications:

- Mayor Moore had a few things, but they had already been mentioned by council members are already discussed. No further discussion.

Announcements: None

Councilmember Colomer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Faber seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM