

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 204 SOUTH BLOOMINGTON STREET  
STREATOR, IL 61364 – DECEMBER 18, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL** Members Present: Tara Bedei, Ed Brozak, Brian Crouch, Joe Scarbeary and Mayor Jimmie Lansford.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** There were no changes to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ann Stapleton:** Still waiting for something to be done in Bronson alley between Park and Bloomington Streets. Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, reported an ordinance will be present in January 2020 to make this alley one-way.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED FY2020 CITY OF STREATOR**

**BUDGET.** Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed budget for FY 2020,

**MOTION:** Bedei made a motion to open the Public Hearing; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Dave Plyman, City Manager, presented the budget to the Council relaying the budget having significant financial issues related to high personnel costs.

**COMMENTS:** There were none.

Mayor Lansford request a motion and second to close the Public Hearing regarding the City Budget.

**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**2. ORDINANCE 2019-31. ADOPTING AND APPROVING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, JANUARY 1, 2020.**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt and approve the budget for the City of Streator for the FY 2020, beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

Councilman Scarbeary stated that he had serious reservations about approving this budget. The citizens living in the city limits are paying the bills for others. We need to increase the sales tax by ½%.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to approve the 2020 budget; seconded by Crouch.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch and Mayor Lansford.

**Present:** Scarbeary

**3. ORDINANCE 2019-32. FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY FOR ALL PURPOSES FOR DEFRAYING EXPENSES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2020.**

Plyman presented this ordinance with an increase of taxes on real property of 4.81% for FY 2020. Councilwoman Bedei thanked the staff for working hard on this budget and reducing the original increase.

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to levy and assess taxes on real property for all

purposes for defraying expenses for all corporate purposes for the City of Streator for FY 2020.  
**MOTION:** Crouch made a motion to approve tax levy and assessment on taxes for the City of Streator; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch and Mayor Lansford.

**Present:** Scarbeary

**4. ORDINANCE 2019-33. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2019 THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$3,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2015, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. (City Hall Renovation).**

Plyman presented items 4-9 to the Council explaining the property tax abatement ordinances. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt the abatement ordinance for Series 2015.

**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**5. ORDINANCE 2019-34. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2019 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$2,340,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2016B, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. ("ITF Northpoint Plaza")**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt the abatement ordinance for Series 2016B.

**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Crouch.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**6. ORDINANCE 2019-35. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2019 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF INTEREST ON \$1,485,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017A, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. (2006 Park Improvements).**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt the abatement ordinance for Series 2017A.

**MOTION:** Crouch made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**7. ORDINANCE 2019-36. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2019 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$1,325, 000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017B, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. (TIF Projects).**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt the abatement ordinance for Series 2017B.

**MOTION:** Bedei made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Scarbeary.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**8. ORDINANCE 2019-37. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2019 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON \$585,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017C, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. (Library Expansion).**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt the abatement ordinance for Series 2017C.

**MOTION:** Crouch made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**9. ORDINANCE 2019-38. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2019 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$2,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2019, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. (South Industrial Park Vactor)**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt the abatement ordinance for Series 2019.

**MOTION:** Bedei made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**10. RESOLUTION 2019-57. APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN IDOT HIGHWAY PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTER STREET SEWER PROJECT IN THE CITY OF STREATOR.**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to approve the resolution authorizing an IDOT Highway permit to allow for the construction the Center Street Sewer Project.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Crouch.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**11. RESOLUTION 2019-58. APPROPRIATING \$13,000 OF MFT FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH ROADWAY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR FY 2019 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY THE CITY OF STREATOR UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE.**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to approve the resolution appropriating \$13,000 MFT funds in connection with roadway maintenance project for FY 2019.

**MOTION:** Crouch made a motion to approve the resolution; seconded by Scarbeary.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**12. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2020.**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to approve the Meeting and Holiday Schedule for 2020.

**MOTION:** Crouch made a motion to approve the schedule; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**13. ORDINANCE 2019-39. ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A BINDING QUESTION OF WHETHER THE ANNUAL LIBRARY TAX FOR THE STREATOR PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE CITY OF STREATOR SHOULD BE INCREASED FROM .15% TO 0.23% TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt an ordinance providing the submission of a binding question of whether the annual tax for the Streator Public Library should be increased to appear on the ballot of the election to be held on March 17, 2020.

**MOTION:** Crouch made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**Abstain:** Brozak.

**14. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to approve the consent agenda with a fund warrant total of \$1,632,927.45.

**MOTION:** Crouch made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Scarbeary.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

**8. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS**

Bedei – She thanked all the many, many volunteers that worked on the Christmas parade and Light Up Streator festivities.

Brozak – He echoed Tara’s thanks and wished everyone a “Merry Christmas.”

Crouch – He also thanked the volunteers for the Christmas events.

Scarbeary – Explained that the City does not get all of the real estate taxes and this is why we need to increase the sales tax, He also encouraged everyone to shop local for Christmas.

Plyman – Shared a memo from Chief Pastirik of the aggressive enforcement of the semi traffic on North Wasson Street.

Mayor Lansford – Said he visited with a family with Streator ancestors dating back to 1825. The family visits Streator often and was very pleased with all the good things going on in Streator.

**9. ADJOURNMENT – 7:29 p.m.**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL: Ayes:** Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.



Patricia L. Henderson  
City Clerk