

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PINCKNEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL

HELD TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert L. Spencer called the regular meeting of the Pinckneyville City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Members present: Commissioners Ricky J. Cicardi, Kevin B. Hicks, Sammy D. Peradotta, William B. Stotlar, and Mayor Robert L. Spencer. Mayor Spencer declared a quorum present. Mayor Spencer announced the agenda was set. Administrative staff present: City Clerk Melissa S. Kellerman, City Attorney Don Bigham, Police Chief Kenny Kelley, Fire Chief Jim Gielow, and Economic Development Coordinator Carrie Gilliam. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the public was invited to attend by social distancing in the lobby area and the Council Chambers of City Hall or by calling in on a conference line. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cicardi.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Peradotta to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020, regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stotlar reviewed the comparative payroll from the treasurer's report and stated that Total Gross Payroll was \$750,781.49 for the payroll ending May 2020, up from last year. Total Hours Paid and Overtime Hours were up slightly from last year. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the accounts payable. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cicardi. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Hicks wished Commissioner Cicardi a belated Happy Birthday.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-17 AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO COLLIN HIRSCH FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES

Commissioner Cicardi presented Resolution No. R-2020-17, a resolution placed on file at the May 11, 2020, regular council meeting, authorizing a lease of real estate owned by the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois to Collin Hirsch for agricultural purposes. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peradotta. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

REQUEST APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SIX 50' LIGHT POLES FOR SOFTBALL FIELD

Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to purchase six 50' light poles from Egyptian Electric for the Greg Hale Softball Field at an approximate purchase price of \$500 per pole. He stated that high winds during a storm took down one of the poles and would like to replace all the light poles at the same time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

STREET CLOSURE FOR ST. BRUNO SCHOOL

St. Bruno School is requesting to close the 200 block of Gordon Street at 6:00 p.m. for 30 minutes on May 28, 2020, for their 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the street closure as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peradotta. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-13 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A STREET SWEEPER

Commissioner Peradotta presented Ordinance No. O-2020-13, an ordinance authorizing the sale of a street sweeper by the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois. Commissioner Peradotta stated they City is no longer using the street sweeper and it is in the best interest of the City to dispose of it. An offer has been made to purchase the street sweeper for \$35,000. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2020-13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stotlar. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-19 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING TO AN ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT WITH MUTUAL MEDICAL PLANS, INC., TO SERVE AS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR OF CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

Commissioner Stotlar presented Resolution No. R-2020-19, a resolution placed on file at the May 11, 2020, regular council meeting, approving and authorizing to an addendum to the agreement with Mutual Medical Plans, Inc., to serve as third party administrator of the City's Health Insurance Plan. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-19. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cicardi. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-20 TO AUTHORIZE THE STOP LOSS INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HEALTH CARE PLAN

Commissioner Stotlar presented Resolution No. R-2020-20, a resolution placed on file at the May 11, 2020, regular council meeting, to authorize the Stop Loss Insurance renewal for the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, Health Care Plan, for one year, choosing Plan C. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-20. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-18 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO OBTAIN PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND COVERED DEPENDENTS THROUGH STOTLAR DRUG COMPANY

Mayor Spencer presented Resolution No. R-2020-18, a resolution placed on file at the May 11, 2020, regular council meeting, authorizing the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, to enter into an agreement to obtain prescription medications for City employees and covered dependents through Stotlar Drug Company. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-18. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. ABSTAINED: Commissioner Stotlar. Motion declared carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-11 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS DISTRICT GRANT FROM ALEX AND JULIA WOOLSEY, DBA SWEET GROUNDS ICE CREAM & COFFEE CO.

Mayor Spencer introduced Ordinance No. O-2020-11, an ordinance authorizing approval of an application from Alex Woolsey and Julia Woolsey, DBA Sweet Grounds Ice Cream & Coffee Co. for Business District Funds and committing Business District Funds from the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000.00. Julia Woolsey presented the proposal stating she and her husband plan to open a family-oriented ice cream and coffee shop. They are purchasing the Parker Heating building on Jackson Street, and plan to have a drive-up window in the alley and a walk-up window with outdoor/patio seating. They plan to serve gourmet coffee, hand-dipped and soft-serve ice cream, and some food with lunch delivery options. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2020-11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cicardi. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-12, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FROM ALEX AND JULIA WOOLSEY, DBA SWEET GROUNDS ICE CREAM & COFFEE CO.

Mayor Spencer introduced Ordinance No. O-2020-12, an ordinance authorizing approval of an application from Alex Woolsey and Julia Woolsey, DBA Sweet Grounds Ice Cream & Coffee Co. for Façade Improvement Grant funds of the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, and committing façade improvement grant funds from the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2020-12. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-14 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS DISTRICT GRANT FROM JC'S AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION, INC.

Mayor Spencer introduced Ordinance No. O-2020-14, an ordinance authorizing approval of an application from JC's Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Inc., Business District Funds and committing Business District Funds from the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, in the amount of \$25,000.00. Jim Brand stated he purchased his building 15 years ago and plans to use the funds to replace the roof of his building with a metal roof and add a front awning. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2020-14. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stotlar. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-15 COMMITTING BUSINESS DISTRICT FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE PINCKNEYVILLE BUSINESS DISTRICT

Mayor Spencer introduced Ordinance No. O-2020-15, an ordinance committing Business District Funds from the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, to implement a program for redevelopment agreements within the Pinckneyville Business District. Economic Development Coordinator Carrie Gilliam stated that many businesses who applied for a CARES Act Grant didn't qualify due to having part-time employees instead of full-time, so this would allow them to apply for \$2,500 assistance. The first offer will be a 30-day window to those who did not qualify for the CARES Act Grants, then the offer will be to other who wish to apply. There is an application process to qualify and the business would have to make certain commitments to qualify for this program. She stated there is a budget ceiling of \$100,000 for this program which could support up to 40 businesses. Commissioner Peradotta stated this could be the assistance that helps a small business stay open. Commissioner Hicks asked how many businesses are in our business district and if the businesses had to provide bank statements and what qualifications needed to be met to apply. Ms. Gilliam stated that, to be eligible, businesses had to be open and operating as of January 1, 2020, then had to close or have limited business due to COVID-19. Attorney Bigham stated under Business District statute, the City doesn't have the power to give grants, so they chose to enter into a redevelopment agreement with eligible businesses to lease window space for an ad to support the Pinckneyville Forward Program. Attorney Bigham verified with Ms. Gilliam that there are over 55 businesses in our Business District. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2020-15. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stotlar. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-21 TO AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR THE CDBG DOWNSTATE SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Spencer presented Resolution No. R-2020-21, a resolution authorizing a public hearing notice for the CDBG Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program Grant Application. Mayor Spencer stated there were 15 business applicants, but only five qualified. Attorney Bigham stated that the City makes application for the grant funds on behalf of the business, but the business must supply financial information to show that they qualify for this grant. A public hearing is set for June 8, 2020, at 5:45 p.m., prior to the next regular council meeting. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-21. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stotlar. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

DISCUSS PHASE 3 OF RESTORE ILLINOIS

Mayor Spencer presented the Council with three handouts regarding Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan which included guidance on outdoor dining and other reopening guidelines for specific businesses. There are toolkits for guidelines on how businesses are to open. Outdoor dining questions should be directed to the Perry County Health Department. He stated the City Lake will open May 29, 2020, the same time that Pyramid State Park will re-open. The playground at the City Park is to remain closed. Commissioner Cicardi stated softball practice may resume with certain guidelines to practice and that the rest of the season is still in question. Commissioner Hicks asked about the City Pool. Commissioner Cicardi stated that the pool has been cleaned and filled with water and chlorine added and they are hoping for a July 1, 2020, opening, with Health Department approval. Commissioner Cicardi stated the City Lake is the City's water supply with EPA requirements and reminded the public of the No Wake and 10 horsepower limit requirements on the lake. Commissioner Stotlar noted the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is now at 41 in Perry County. Commissioner Hicks questioned the use of masks. Commissioner Stotlar stated he read they were to assist with the emission of droplets from coughs and sneezes. Commissioner Stotlar and Mayor Spencer have heard that the virus is not living as long on surfaces as was originally thought.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Stotlar said he heard Dixie's was going to have tables outside for patrons. Commissioner Hicks stated the Moose Lodge and Eagles were wanting to set up tables outside their buildings. Mayor Spencer said he was waiting on the guidelines. Commissioner Cicardi stated businesses could use the picnic tables from the City Park and he's started a list. He has asked Attorney Bigham must first draw up a waiver for the businesses to sign to release the City of any responsibility from injury from misuse of the tables and to protect against damage. Commissioner Hicks asked about enforcement of the outdoor dining guidelines. Mayor Spencer stated the Health Department will draw up guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Stotlar, seconded by Commissioner Cicardi to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.