

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PINCKNEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 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, and Mayor Spencer. Mayor Spencer requested permission for Commissioner Stotlar to attend the meeting by phone. Commissioner Hicks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cicardi to allow Commissioner Stotlar to attend by phone. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried. 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, and Fire Chief Jim Gielow. 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 Peradotta.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Peradotta to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020, regular council meeting, and the August 13, 2020, Special Council Meeting. 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.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

City Clerk Melissa Kellerman reported total ending bank balances were \$6,524,315.53, while unrestricted balances were \$1,809,784.25, for the period ending July 31, 2020, both up from last year. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. 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.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

City Clerk Melissa Kellerman added five invoices to the accounts payable: Companion Life for the monthly premium in the amount of \$257.11, JC's Air Conditioning for air conditioning maintenance at City Hall in the amount of \$160.81, Terminix for the monthly bill in the amount of \$55.00, Sparklight for monthly internet service in the amount of \$138.93, and Great America Financial Services for the monthly copier system in the amount of \$125.00. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the accounts payable with the additional invoices. 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.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Cicardi reported there are still issues with damages and graffiti out at the City Park. He again asked the public to contact the police if they see anything suspicious.

Commissioner Cicardi thanked Josh Giacomo, Mike Pearson, and Larry Loos for assistance with a tree removal at the parking lot of the Community Center after a storm. He also thanked Fire Chief Jim Gielow and his crew for power washing the lot prior to it being sealed. He then corrected cost of the sealing and striping that was reported in the Weekly Press last week. The correct amount is \$9,009.60.

Commissioner Cicardi stated that the utility poles are up and electric has been installed at the softball field after wind damaged the area in April. He stated everything is almost done out there.

Commissioner Cicardi then stated the pool season is over and he thanked Cheryl Clark, Taylor Smith, Michelle Mohr and the rest of the pool crew. He said they were able to host a couple swim meets.

Commissioner Peradotta addressed the notice that was sent out with the city bills this month regarding the Ordinance No. O-2020-21. He clarified that the City is not charging for hauling off trimmings after storm damage, or if an owner trimmed their own bushes or trees. Those are still included in the \$3.00 per month fee on the city bills. He stated that the problem has been with contractors who trim trees on private property and leave the trimmings behind for the city to dispose of. Those should be hauled off by the contractors, but the contractors are either charging the owner or not offering to haul them off. The city will haul them off for a charge as disclosed in the Ordinance. He also reminded the community that grass clippings and debris are to be swept off the sidewalks and kept out of the street so they don't plug up the storm sewers.

Commissioner Peradotta notified the council that South Walnut Street will be repaired between West Randolph Street and West Kaskaskia Street starting September 8, 2020. Construction is estimated to last 30 working days, weather permitting, and only one lane will be closed at a time.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A TOSHIBA VFD FROM BHMG**

Commissioner Cicardi requested approval to purchase a Toshiba VFD from BHMG for the cost of \$4,392.70 for the water plant. He stated this bid was over 30 days old, but he just received it last week, so he hoped the company would still stand by the bid, but he requested permission for an allowance up to \$200.00 over the original bid, if necessary. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve the purchase up to \$4,592.70. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-29 APPROVING POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-21**

Commissioner Hicks presented Resolution No. R-2020-29, a resolution approving policy for implementation and enforcement of Ordinance No. O-2020-21. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-29. 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.

**PINCKNEYVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – FUNDING FOR MARDI GRAS 2020**

Commissioner Hicks invited Christian Feltmeyer, Chamber Executive Director, and Betti Mucha, Chamber Board Secretary, to speak on behalf of their request for funding for Mardi Gras 2020. Betti Mucha stated they normally request a \$1,500.00 sponsorship, but that the Chamber is understanding of businesses cutting back during the pandemic, and therefore, requested any amount of funding that the City could provide to assist with Mardi Gras advertising expenses in the form of a sponsorship. She stated that while the parade, vendor fair, car show, and business trick-or-treat have been cancelled, they still plan to have the pageant, sell 50/50 tickets, and sell merchandise. She stated they intend to host a live broadcast of the pageant, hoping by that time, restrictions will be less and at least some people can attend the pageant in person. She also stated the Chamber will request businesses to allow the Chamber 50/50 trailer to be parked on their properties during the week of Mardi Gras to sell tickets.

Commissioner Hicks stated the City has always supported the Chamber and Mardi Gras, but since other events have been cancelled this year, like the Duster Thomas Tournament, Fair, Thresherman's, and Optimist Club, and they didn't request any money, it may not be prudent to give funds to the Mardi Gras event. Betti Mucha stated while Mardi Gras is different this year, the Chamber still plans to host some of the events. Christian Feltmeyer stated they will have to pay a company for the live feed of the pageant. Betti said the winning 50/50 ticket would be drawn after the pageant and that would also be live-streamed.

Commissioner Hicks asked the council how they felt. Commissioner Cicardi stated no one else asked for money. He also asked what happens with their part of the 50/50 they collect. Betti replied it helps pay for next year's Mardi Gras, so Commissioner Cicardi asked what about last year's 50/50. Commissioner Hicks asked Josh Giacomo of the Thresherman's, who was present at the meeting, if they had any expenses for their event that was cancelled. He replied that they lost around \$1,500.00, and would take any donation the City would make to them as well.

Commissioner Peradotta stated if the City gives something to one, they should give something to all. He suggested he would be okay with \$500.00. Commissioner Stotlar stated the City didn't give any other organization any money, so you set a precedent if you give money to the Chamber. Mayor Spencer stated if you're not going to set a precedent, then you should just not give anybody any. City Attorney Don Biggam stated the funds are drawn from the hotel/motel tax fund to help with advertising to draw visitors into the community, which is not the case this year.

After much discussion, it was decided to table this request at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-28 AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) AERONAUTICS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE AT THE PINCKNEYVILLE-DUQUOIN AIRPORT.**

Mayor Spencer introduced Resolution No. R-2020-28, a resolution to be placed on file, authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, and the State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Aeronautics to provide funds for maintenance at the Pinckneyville-Du Quoin Airport. He stated this was a grant applied for under the COVID CARES Act in the amount of \$30,000.00. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to place on file Resolution R-2020-28. 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.

**OPEN HOUSE – COMMUNITY CENTER**

Mayor Spencer invited Rhonda Shubert to discuss the updates to the Community Center and the possibility of an open house. Ms. Shubert stated the parking lot has been resurfaced and striped, the signs and lights have been installed at the parking lot entrance, a sign has been installed on the East door. She stated the Community Center has been rented out for three events already. She said the handicap ramp still needs the guard rail and there are two drywall spots to be fixed by Labor Day.

She asked about the possibility of having an open house in September, shortly after the Community Center opens. She stated she has discussed it with the Perry County Health Department and was advised to prop open doors, have people enter and exit through separate doors, and provide a one-way directional path through the facility. Hand sanitizing stations and masks will be required. Refreshments and handouts are not allowed, but this would give the community a chance to inspect the Community Center and see what is available for rental as well as how it will otherwise be used. Commissioner Cicardi said a hand sanitizing station from the pool can be used and City Clerk Kellerman offered some from City Hall. The Commissioners and Mayor thought it was a good idea to go ahead and have it. The date of the Open House was set for Saturday, September 26, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon.

**ALL DEPARTMENTS REQUESTED TO PREPARE A LIST OF EQUIPMENT ITEMS FOR AUCTION**

Mayor Spencer requested that all departments prepare a list of unused equipment items that can be auctioned off in the near future. He suggested selling on eBay or possibly the department heads already had a list of people interested in some of the property. City Attorney Don Biggam stated the council would need to delegate authority by a resolution to sell the surplus property.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Josh Giacomo just commented that Larry Loos helped with his backhoe when they worked on the tree removal at the parking lot of the Community Center after a storm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Cicardi to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.