

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PINCKNEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL

HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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. Commissioner Cicardi requested to move items 3, 4, and 5 on his agenda until after Executive Session. 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 Hicks.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Hicks to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2020, regular council meeting. 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Stotlar reviewed the comparative payroll from the treasurer's report and stated that Total Gross Payroll was \$1,247,790.31 for the payroll ending August 2020, up from last year. Total Hours Paid were 55,540 and Total Overtime Hours were 1,074 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

Commissioner Cicardi requested to add an invoice to Accounts Payable from Todd Hays in the amount of \$225.00 for labor for generator repair. He also requested to remove the invoice from Mathis Excavating in the amount of \$700.00. City Clerk Melissa Kellerman requested to add three invoices to Accounts Payable: (1) BLIP Networks in the amount of \$69.95 for airport internet; (2) Clearwave Communications in the amount of \$2,217.18 for internet and phone service at utility department, city hall, and community center; and (3) Belleville Seed House, Inc. in the amount of \$4,572.50 for grass seed for the new soccer park. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the accounts payable with the deletion of the Mathis Excavating invoice and addition of the other four invoices. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Cicardi stated that Josh Giacomo from the American Thresherman Association Inc. informed him that the Fall Thresherman Show is scheduled for October 16, 17, and 18, 2020. There will be no trains for the kids, but they will host a small show and possibly the flea market.

Commissioner Cicardi thanked Commissioner Hicks, Police Chief Kenny Kelley and his police officers for helping with the vandalism at the city park. He stated progress is being made.

Commissioner Peradotta stated that the South Walnut Street construction has been delayed, but they are scheduled to start soon.

REQUEST TO APPROVE CONTRACT PROPOSAL FROM WATER TREAT TECHNOLOGY

Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to amend and approve the contract proposal from Water Treat Technology for contract operator services for water treatment compliance. The amendment is on page 2 where the facility's sewer rate should be revised from \$1.61 per 1,000 gallons to \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons. The proposal includes contractor services, mileage, and lab fees (to be billed separately) for sampling for EPA compliance at the East Sewer Plant. 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-2020-31 FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF IOWA STREET AT IL ROUTE 13, AND WATER STREET AT IL ROUTE 154 TO IMPROVE TURNING RADII

Commissioner Peradotta presented Resolution No. R-2020-31, a resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for reconstruction of Iowa Street at IL Route 13, and Water Street at IL Route 154 to improve turning radii. He noted this is to extend the streets for vehicles to enter these streets near the roundabout. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2020-31. He stated the funds will come from the Rebuild Illinois Funds. 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.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL FLU/PNEUMONIA VACCINES FOR THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the annual flu/pneumonia vaccines for all full-time and part-time City employees. The clinic for the City employees is scheduled for October 6, 2020. Commissioner Cicardi noted Ellice Wickwire had contacted him stating the clinic hours originally disclosed are subject to change. 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-2020-28 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 presented Resolution No. R-2020-28, a resolution placed on file at the August 24, 2020, regular council meeting, 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. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution R-2020-28. 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.

REQUEST TO HIRE PART-TIME CLEANING PERSON FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Spencer requested approval to hire a part-time cleaning person for the Community Center at \$10.00 per hour. A motion was made by Commissioner Peradotta, seconded by Commissioner Cicardi to approve hiring Lily Tanner for the position. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2020-30 TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE

Mayor Spencer introduced Resolution No. R-2020-30, a resolution to be placed on file, authorizing the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, to enter into an agreement with Economic Development Resources, LLC for professional services and

assistance. The Perry County Enterprise Zone is due to expire next year, and this will begin the process of renewal. The City of Pinckneyville and the City of DuQuoin have agreed to each pay one-half share of the proposed consultation fee of \$70,000.00 to Economic Development Resources, LLC. Carrie Gilliam, Economic Development Coordinator, stated our Enterprise Zone covers Pinckneyville, DuQuoin, St. Johns, and Perry County, and that the most popular benefit is the sales tax abatement on building materials. She introduced Daniel Schmidt, Project Manager for Economic Development Resources, LLC. He stated that along with the sales tax abatement, it offers a property tax abatement, utility tax exemptions, a tax exemption on installation of large machinery, and a corporate contribution deduction. Ms. Gilliam stated the renewal would extend the Enterprise Zone for 23 years. She gave examples of previous uses of the program which have greatly benefited the city and county, with over 500 applications open currently for our city. She stated the application process is a lengthy, competitive process competing with larger cities like Springfield and Champaign for a limited number of zones. Mr. Schmidt stated it is a very viable tool for the Cities and County, especially the sales tax abatement. Mayor Spencer stated there are three tools we usually use: Business District, TIF, and Enterprise Zone. He stated he'd hate lose any of these tools, as some projects use all three of these tools. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to place on file Resolution No. R-2020-31. 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-2020-22 AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT
UNDER THE ILLINOIS LOCAL CURE PROGRAM**

Mayor Spencer presented Ordinance No. O-2020-22, an ordinance of the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, authorizing a request for financial support under the Illinois Local CURE Program. He noted this is for eligibility of reimbursement of COVID-related expenses from the Illinois Local CURE Program. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2020-22. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Peradotta, seconded by Commissioner Cicardi to move the meeting to Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. for the discussion of: Section 2 (c) (1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Peradotta, seconded by Commissioner Cicardi to return to the regular meeting at 7:11 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM ALAN RIECKENBERG EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2, 2020

Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to accept the resignation from Alan Rieckenberg from Utility Department effective October 2, 2020, with the City Attorney authorized to arrange details of payment of accumulated benefits. Commissioner Peradotta seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVAL TO HIRE OPERATOR – SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS

Commissioner Cicardi requested approval to hire Dylan Hardin as an Operator - Sewer Treatment Plants. Commissioner Cicardi said he checked with all departments and no one was interested in the position. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve hiring Dylan Hardin as a full-time sewer treatment plant operator effective September 15, 2020. 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.

**APPROVAL FOR NOTICE OF BID FOR OPERATOR – WATER & SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS/
TREATMENT PLANT RELIEF AND MAINTENANCE**

Commissioner Cicardi requested approval for a Notice of Bid for an Operator – Water & Sewer Treatment Plants/Treatment Plant Relief and Maintenance. The applicant must have qualifications to meet standards of a water/sewer treatment plant operator. He stated the 10-day bid process will start September 15, 2020, and will be advertised. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve the Notice of Bid. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Stotlar, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.