

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

**HELD MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor 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 add an invoice in the amount of \$4,250.00 to Midwest Tree Service for emergency tree removal of dangerous trees in the park. Mayor Spencer announced the agenda was set. Administrative staff present: City Clerk Melissa Kellerman, City Attorney Don Bigham, Fire Chief Jim Gielow, and Police Chief Kenny Kelley. 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, seconded by Commissioner Stotlar, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021, regular council meeting. 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 treasurer's report and stated that Total Gross Payroll was \$1,051,072.06 for the payroll period ending July 2021, up from last year. He stated that the regular hours of 44,699.60 and overtime hours of 925 were both down from last year as well. 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**

City Clerk Melissa Kellerman added two additional invoices to the accounts payable: C2 Pinckneyville Solar in the amount of \$2,648.25 and Verizon in the amount of \$725.71 for the city cell phones. Commissioner Cicardi added a bill from Midwest Tree Service in the amount of \$4,250.00 to take down and remove dangerous trees at the park. A total of \$7,623.96 was added to the accounts payable. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cicardi, to pay the accounts payable with the additional invoices. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Cicardi reminded the public that HMG Engineers would be conducting inspections for proper water discharge to properties across the tracks in the areas of Front Street to Fairgrounds Road to Sunset Terrace starting August 1, 2021. He stated owners would have 30 days to correct any issues found with improper discharge into the city's storm sewers.

Commissioner Cicardi stated there will be a music event at the Thresherman's Saturday, August 23, 2021.

Commissioner Cicardi mentioned that the national gas surveys have gone out to city customers and asked everyone to complete their survey.

Commissioner Cicardi thanked the public for their patience during the recent boil water order and hopes to lift the order on Tuesday. He also thanked the city employees who worked extra hours to fix the problem. He introduced the new Utility Superintendent, Brad Boulton.

Mayor Spencer gave an update on the Highway 13/127/154 Project. He stated the project has approved the purchase of land and would be negotiating soon, and hopes to start construction around the end of this year or first of next year.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-33, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM VISU-SEWER OF MISSOURI, LLC**

Commissioner Cicardi presented Resolution No. R-2021-33, a resolution placed on file at the July 12, 2021, regular council meeting, authorizing the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois to accept a proposal from Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC, for smoke testing of the City sanitary sewer system on Front Street and Fairground Road. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2021-33. 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-2021-35, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ENTER INTO A PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY (RAILROAD MILE POST 93.63)**

Commissioner Cicardi introduced Resolution No. R-2021-35, a resolution to be placed on file, authorizing the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois to enter into a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company (Railroad Mile Post 93.63). He stated this is for the new sewer plant and is at the Gordon Street crossing. City Attorney Don Bigham stated the railroad has specific requirements that must be met. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to place on file Resolution No. R-2021-35. 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-2021-36, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ENTER INTO A PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY (RAILROAD MILE POST 93.52)**

Commissioner Cicardi introduced Resolution No. R-2021-36, a resolution to be placed on file, authorizing the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois to enter into a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company (Railroad Mile Post 93.52). He stated this is the same project, but under a trestle. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to place on file Resolution No. R-2021-36. 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.

**APPROVAL TO UPGRADE EFFLUENT PUMP PEAK FLOW CONTROL PANEL**

Commissioner Cicardi requested approval to upgrade the effluent pump peak flow control panel with Guarantee Electrical Construction at a total cost of \$24,640.00. Utility Superintendent Brad Boulton stated that a lightning strike took out a transformer which affected the control panel which is now obsolete, so this would update the system and would help energy costs. He also stated some of this may be covered by the insurance and also that Ameren offers a \$7,500.00 rebate for the upgrade. After the new sewer plant is built, this can either be used there or elsewhere as needed. He stated he has an appointment with the insurance adjuster the next day to look at the damage. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve the request. 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 PURCHASE MCCROMETER METER AND TRANSMITTER FROM HEARTLAND CONTROLS**

Commissioner Cicardi requested approval to purchase a McCrometer MW508 eight-inch meter at a cost of \$2,747.00 and a McCrometer E7000 transmitter at a cost of \$936.00 both from Heartland Controls for a total cost of \$3,683.00. Utility Superintendent Brad Boulton stated this is for the Ameren building. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Peradotta seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2021-12, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 2011 DODGE CHARGER AUTOMOBILE  
BY THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Commissioner Hicks presented Ordinance No. O-2021-12, an ordinance authorizing the sale of a 2011 Dodge Charger automobile by the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2021-12, and dispose of the police car. Commissioner Cicardi seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF \$200,000.00 TOWARD DOWNSTATE POLICE PENSION FUND DEFICIT**

Commissioner Stotlar requested approval of a payment of \$200,000.00 toward the Downstate Police Pension Fund deficit, which is over \$900,000.00. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the payment. 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 TO APPOINT ARLEN WILL TO THE POLICE PENSION BOARD**

Mayor Spencer requested approval to appoint Arlen Will to the Police Pension Board to replace the vacancy left by James Shillinger. A motion was made by Commissioner Peradotta and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve the appointment. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**APPROVAL TO APPOINT JOE FOLDEN TO THE POLICE MERIT BOARD**

Mayor Spencer requested approval to appoint Joe Folden to the Police Merit Board to replace the vacancy left by Fred Pabst. A motion was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Stotlar to approve the appointment. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAM AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Mayor Spencer invited Rhonda Shubert to address the Council regarding the Community Center Program and the After-School Program. Rhonda stated she would like to host an After-School Program for children in K-6<sup>th</sup> grades. She would have a 50-kid limit and has already discussed with the schools about bussing them from school to the Community Center. She suggested a fee of \$10.00 per week or \$2.00 per day which would be used towards purchasing supplies for the program. The program would be Monday-Friday 3-5 p.m. except 2-5 p.m. on Tuesdays, and would not be available if school is not in session, cancelled, or if school gets out at noon. She will request donations of snacks from the Food Pantry and other local organizations. She is in need of volunteers such as retired teachers and high school students. City Clerk Melissa Kellerman has checked with the City's insurance and there is no problem with hosting the program at the Community Center. All Commissioners agreed Rhonda is doing a good job and were in agreement with the need for the program. Rhonda stated she will request a list from teachers of kids who are struggling in class and needing extra help. Upon arrival the children will receive a snack, then proceed to work on homework or read, followed by recreational activities.

Regarding the Community Center, Rhonda noted there are signs with bar codes by the flowers in the memorial garden so guests can look up information on each flower. There is a reading library out front and a blessing box is coming soon. She said the new air conditioning was installed that day, and she is hoping this will help with circulation in the basement rental area. She said the Community Center has been rented most weekends and some are renting it out for meetings and training sessions as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Commissioner Peradotta, seconded by Commissioner Cicardi to move the meeting to Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. for the discussion of: Section 2 (c) (1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee, Section 2 (c) (2) Collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules, and Section 2 (c) (5) Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. 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 Stotlar to return to the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stotlar to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.