

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PINCKNEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022, AT 5:45 P.M.  
FOR REVIEW OF REQUEST FROM AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY FOR  
EASEMENTS FOR EXPANSION OF TRANSMISSION LINE RIGHT OF WAY**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Robert L. Spencer called the public hearing to order at 5:45 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, for review of the request from Ameren Illinois Company for easements for expansion of transmission line right of way. 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. Administrative staff present: City Clerk Melissa S. Kellerman, City Attorney Don Bigham, and Fire Chief Jim Gielow.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Spencer stated this public hearing allows for public comment on the easements to Ameren for expansion of the electrical transmission line right of way on Blue Bunting Road, Kiwi Road, and Amber Drive, which will go from 125 feet to 150 feet, 12.5 feet on each side.

City Attorney Don Bigham stated each easement corresponds to a different tax parcel number. He stated Ameren will compensate the City of Pinckneyville \$48,641 for the three easements which is satisfactory. He stated Ameren proposes to pay damages in favor of property owners for five years of crop damage and compaction. The City will be responsible for filing any claim on farm ground that is rented out. This will allow Ameren to increase its protection of space around its transmission lines. City Attorney Bigham stated he ensured the easements were non-inclusive so that the property could still be farmed. He said there are restrictions that Ameren can put communications to monitor the use of the lines, but they cannot sublease or sell easements to any other company.

After Council reviewed the easements and exhibits, Mayor Spencer opened the floor for public comments or questions.

There were no public comments.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion made by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Cicardi to close the public hearing. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried and the public hearing was closed at 5:55 p.m.