

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PINCKNEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL

HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022, 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, Sammy D. Peradotta, William B. Stotlar, and Mayor Robert L. Spencer. Commissioner Kevin B. Hicks was absent. Mayor Spencer declared a quorum present. Mayor Spencer announced the agenda was set. Administrative staff present: City Clerk Melissa Kellerman, City Attorney Don Bigham, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Peradotta.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022, regular council meeting, and the minutes of the February 8, 2022, special meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stotlar. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, 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 \$143,648.32 for the payroll period ending January 2022, up a little from last year. He stated that the regular hours of 5,263 were down and overtime hours of 199 were up from last year's numbers. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cicardi. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, 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 Peradotta. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Peradotta thanked Street Department employees Travis Gilliam, Jason Peradotta, and Bill Hicks for their hard work and overtime in clearing the City streets during the recent snow/ice storm.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-07 TO ENTER INTO A PARK MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THOMAS E. GARNER, D/B/A GARNER MOWING SERVICE

Commissioner Cicardi introduced Resolution No. R-2022-07, a resolution to be placed on file authorizing the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, to enter into a park maintenance service agreement with Thomas E. Garner, D/B/A Garner Mowing Service. Commissioner Cicardi stated Mr. Garner declined to mow the park and ball diamonds this year and to only do park maintenance. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to place on file Resolution No. R-2022-07. Commissioner Peradotta seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-09 AUTHORIZING LEASES OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES (LESSEES: STEVEN AND BRENT EPPLIN AND EDDWARD J. BRUNS)

Commissioner Cicardi introduced Resolution No. R-2022-09, a resolution to be placed on file authorizing leases of real estate owned by the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, for agricultural purposes (Lessees: Steven and Brent Epplin and Edward J. Bruns). Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to place on file Resolution No. R-2022-09. Commissioner Stotlar seconded

the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

PURCHASE 2022 FORD F550 DUMP TRUCK FROM VOGLER FORD

Commissioner Cicardi requested approval to purchase a 2022 Ford F550 4x4 dump truck from Vogler Ford at a total cost of \$63,500.00, stating he would be ordering the truck, which may not arrive for a year. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Peradotta seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

PURCHASE LENOX GAS FURNACE FOR THE UTILITIES OFFICE FROM J.C.'S AIR CONDITIONING

Commissioner Cicardi request approval to purchase and install a new Lenox gas furnace for the Utilities Office from J.C.'s Air Conditioning at a total cost of \$3,350.00. He stated this is for the furnace only. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Peradotta seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

WATER TOWER PRESSURE TRANSMITTER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Cicardi requested approval of a Water Tower Pressure Transmitter Replacement Project for the three water towers from Logicon Group at a total cost not to exceed \$3,585.00. He stated this checks the water levels in the water towers and what is being used is antiquated. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Stotlar seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

HMG TO DISCUSS RESULTS FROM SUMP PUMP INSPECTIONS AND SMOKE TESTING

Commissioner Cicardi introduced Jesse Maynard from HMG Engineers, Inc., who had performed the sump pump inspections and smoke testing on homes in the Fairground area across the tracks last year. Mr. Maynard stated there were 44 deficiencies on the smoke testing, with the majority being on the home owner's side, from missing or modified clean-outs to gutters or sump pumps draining into the sewer system. He said some culverts and water meter pits smoked, which could be on the City side. He said they need to now address how to proceed with the home owners. He said some gutters and sump pumps are tied into the sewer system, and HMG had gone door-to-door, but had no response from the owners of their progress to correct the issue.

Mayor Spencer said the seven deficiencies that are the City's responsibility need to be taken care of first, then the two that fall under both the owner and City's responsibility. He said that leaves 35 letters to go out to home owners and that HMG should work with the City Attorney on the language of the letters. City Attorney Don Bigham said the letter must come from the City, would follow EPA guidelines and Ordinance to determine the fine and a deadline/inspection date to confirm that the deficiency had been resolved. He stated each letter would be independent based on the deficiency found at each location. Mr. Maynard said there is a picture of each deficiency which can be included in each letter. Mayor Spencer said a deadline needed to be set for corrections to be made. Mr. Maynard said 60 days after the date of the letters should be sufficient. City Attorney Don Bigham stated there needed to be procedures for the inspection of properties after corrections have been made. It was also suggested if anyone needed further information, they contact Commissioner Cicardi within two weeks of the date of the letter in order to still meet the deadline. Mr. Maynard said they would respond to the EPA on the progress on this issue.

PRICE A 2022 GRASSHOPPER 727 ZERO-TURN MOWER AND OBTAIN TRADE-IN PRICE FOR OLDER MOWER

Commissioner Peradotta requested approval to price a 2022 Grasshopper 727 zero-turn mower and to obtain a trade-in price for the older mower. He stated he will bring back the estimate, but would like to purchase the new mower by the first of April 2022. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner

Cicardi. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-08 AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF AUDIO RECORDINGS OF THE CLOSED COUNCIL MEETINGS CONDUCTED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2020

Commissioner Stotlar presented Resolution No. R-2022-08, a resolution authorizing the destruction of audio recordings of the closed council meetings of the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, conducted on or before June 30, 2020. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-08. Commissioner Cicardi seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

PURCHASE SHARP MX-M4071 COPIER/PRINTER/SCANNER/FAX FOR CITY CLERK'S OFFICE FROM STILES

Commissioner Stotlar requested approval to purchase a new Sharp MX-M4071 copier/printer/scanner/fax for the City Clerk's office from Stiles at a purchase price of \$5,255.00. City Clerk Melissa Kellerman stated the current copier quit working last Friday, and Stiles offered a loaner to them today. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Peradotta seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-02 PROVIDING FOR THE DEDICATION OF A PUBLIC STREET (MANN DRIVE)

Mayor Spencer presented Ordinance No. O-2022-02, an ordinance providing for the Dedication of a Public Street in the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois (Mann Drive). This ground was resurveyed and corrects the former survey. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2022-02. Commissioner Stotlar seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Skorch asked to speak to the Council regarding the recent snow storm. He stated he had discussed the issue with Commissioner Peradotta last year about why the City did not have hand-push snow plows for sidewalks. He asked why this year the snow was cleared from sidewalks in front of Commissioner Peradotta's house and not in the business area. He said the sidewalk on the West side South Walnut Street was cleared while the East sidewalk in that area was not cleared from the Library to the Post Office. He wanted to know how the City will move forward. He asked why business owners and residents are responsible for clearing their own sidewalks, but when Mardi Gras comes, the City owns the sidewalks. He also stated, on behalf of the Moose Lodge, a pile of snow was left in front of the doors and no one could park or enter their front door.

Commissioner Peradotta responded that the City did not clear the sidewalk in front of his home, but a friend, Larry Pfau, had cleared it. He said the plows left a pile of snow at corner of each street and that no snow piles should be left on sidewalks by snowplows, and that he would discuss that with his workers. He said the main goal was to clear a path for police, fire, and ambulance access on streets and so the public could travel on the street safely. He said that snow plows do not intend to block driveways, but they also cannot open each driveway entrance to a street, that is the responsibility of the property owner, like the sidewalks. Mayor Spencer agreed the businesses and homeowners are to clear their own lots and sidewalks.

Commissioner Peradotta stated there was still ice under the snow even if the sidewalks had been cleared. Mr. Skorch said salt could be used on the sidewalks, and asked if the Street Department could keep a snow blower to clear public works sidewalks. City Attorney Don Bigham stated that snowfall is considered an act of God, and the City is not responsible for clearing it. He said the City does not have the manpower, budget or resources to assume the responsibility, but would take the issue under advisement. Mayor Spencer thanked him for his comments.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Peradotta, seconded by Commissioner Cicardi to move the meeting to Executive Session at 6:47 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, 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 7:16 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Cicardi seconded by Commissioner Stotlar to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Peradotta, Stotlar and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.