

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PINCKNEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL

HELD MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023, 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 Stotlar requested to table the item on his agenda. Mayor Spencer announced the agenda was set. Administrative staff present: City Clerk Melissa Kellerman, City Attorney Don Bigham, and Fire Chief Jim Gielow. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Stotlar.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2023, regular council meeting and the minutes of the March 22, 2023, special 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 treasurer's report and stated that the ending balance total for the period ending February 2023 was \$10,298,723.46 up from last year, and unrestricted balance total was \$2,171,252.17 also up from last year. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. 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.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the accounts payable. 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

None

HIRE DAVID BARCZEWSKI AS PART-TIME EMPLOYEE FOR THE PARK DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cicardi requested approval to hire David Barczewski as a part-time employee for the park department subject to passing a drug test and physical. He stated David had already passed the background check. Commissioner Cicardi made a motion to approve hiring David Barczewski, which was seconded by Commissioner Peradotta. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

HIRE KEITH HUBLER AS PART-TIME EMPLOYEE FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Peradotta requested approval to hire Keith Hubler as a part-time employee for the street department subject to passing a drug test and physical. He stated Keith has already passed the background check and will replace Charlie Davis, who left last fall. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve hiring Keith Hubler. Commissioner Cicardi seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

DISCUSS LOWERING CITY OFFICIALS' SPENDING LIMITS FROM \$2,500.00 TO \$1,500.00 WITHOUT COUNCIL APPROVAL

Commissioner Stotlar stated this would be tabled until a later meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-14 AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE TO THE UNIVERISTY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

Mayor Spencer introduced Resolution No. R-2023-14, a resolution to be placed on file, authorizing a lease of office space to the University of Illinois Extension. Mayor Spencer stated this is the same two-year lease agreement as the prior one to lease office space in the Community Center. He also stated monthly rent would be \$1,098.65 with utilities billed and paid separately. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to place on file Resolution No. R-2023-14. 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-2023-15 TO ACCEPT A BID PROPOSAL FROM HAGENE EXCAVATING, LLC, FOR DEMOLITION SERVICES AT 107, 109, AND 111 S. WALNUT ST.

Mayor Spencer introduced Resolution No. R-2023-15, a resolution to be placed on file, to accept a bid proposal from Hagene Excavating, LLC, for demolition services at 107, 109, and 111 S. Walnut St. He stated these properties were approved by Council on March 22, 2023, to be acquired from the current owners. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to place on file Resolution No. R-2023-15. 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-2023-16 TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR A GREANT UNDER THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATEWIDE PLANNING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM

Mayor Spencer introduced Michael Ziarnek, Director of Transportation Planning of the Greater Egypt Planning and Economic Development Commission. Mr. Ziarnek stated there are funds available through the Illinois Department of Transportation to develop bicycle paths in the five counties of Jefferson, Franklin, Perry, Williamson, and Jackson. Greater Egypt administers the grants and invites City's to join in. Carbondale and Marion already have bicycle plans. Mt. Vernon and Benton are working on theirs, and Pinckneyville, Du Quoin, West Frankfort, and Murphysboro have been invited to join. This unifies the region to draw in more tourism. Mayor Spencer stated Pinckneyville was already working on a bicycle plan with Perry County Engineer, Brian Otten. Mr. Ziarnek stated they work with engineers to evaluate the best roadways to State parks and recreation areas.

Mayor Spencer presented Resolution No. R-2023-16, a resolution to authorize an application of the City of Pinckneyville for a grant under the Illinois Department of Transportation Statewide Planning and Research Program. This resolution shows the City's support of the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission's bicycle path to connect Pyramid State Recreational Area with the City of Pinckneyville. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2023-16. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Miller-Porter of Panther Car Wash stated she had previously presented her case to find a way for the City to provide fair and equitable sewer charges for their car wash. She asked if they could present their proposal. Mayor Spencer stated he was waiting on further information before providing a decision, but she could present her proposal. Ms. Porter stated that since they remove their own waste from the car wash pits and are already paying to haul that off, they feel it is unfair to pay full sewer rates. They feel it would be more fair pay half the sewer rate charge or have a double meter. She said they are not asking to not pay a sewer fee like others, but are trying to be fair. She stated if they are required to pay the full sewer rate, they could let the solids go through, but that would not be beneficial to the City's sewer system. Mayor Spencer stated the Council would take it under consideration and have an answer for them at the next Council meeting April 10, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Peradotta, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to move the meeting to Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. for the discussion of: Section 2 (c) (5) Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, Section 2 (c) (6) Setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body, and Section 2 (c) (11) Litigation, pending or probable. 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 6:52 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 6:53 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Cicardi, Hicks, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.