

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PINCKNEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL

HELD MONDAY, JUNE 26, 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 Kevin B. Hicks, Joshua L. Kuhnert, Sammy D. Peradotta, William B. Stotlar, and Mayor Robert L. Spencer. Mayor Spencer declared a quorum present. Mayor Spencer announced the agenda was set. Administrative staff present: City Clerk Melissa Kellerman, City Attorney Don Bigham, Fire Chief Jim Gielow, and Economic Development Coordinator Carrie Gilliam. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Kuhnert.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023, regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, 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 May 2023 was \$10,694,450.26 up from last year, and unrestricted balance total was \$3,211,604.25 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 Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the accounts payable with one additional invoice in the amount of \$550.00 from Illinois Tax Increment Association for annual dues to be paid from TIF Funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Hicks read a No Burn Advisory from Fire Chief Jim Gielow and the City of Pinckneyville. Everyone is urged to refrain from any type of outside burning, discarding cigarettes, or doing any type of work or activity involving fire during the current drought conditions, including the use of fireworks.

Commissioner Hicks congratulated the Perry County Fair Board for the 2023 Perry County Fair which was very well-attended and had a very nice carnival. Ilene Ruroede, representing the Perry County Fair Board thanked the City Council, Perry County residents and all other area counties for their support and attendance at the fair. She stated they received many thanks and no complaints, and the fair board plans to bring this carnival back next year. Commissioner Kuhnert thanked the Pinckneyville Jr. Softball League and Park Manager, Dan Naugle, for their work at the fairgrounds during the fair. Commissioner Peradotta said he was impressed with the number of rides. Ms. Ruroede also stated the wrestling event brought laughter and joy to the spectators.

Commissioner Peradotta notified residents that the streets within the boundaries of South Main Street, West Water Street, Mill Street, and Parker Street, along with part of Mann Drive, Front Street, County Road, Arch, Midway and fairground entrance, will be oiled and chipped July 11, 12, and 13, weather permitting. He stated signs will be up on the affected streets on July 10, and asked residents to not park on these streets during the day of the dates they are to be oiled and chipped. Illini Asphalt has been contracted to do the work.

TWISTED VINE REQUESTS TO CLOSE PART OF JACKSON STREET JULY 1, 2023

Commissioner Hicks read a request from Lauren Moore of the Twisted Vine to close part of Jackson Street from North Main to North Walnut Street for a large party on July 1, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the request, which was seconded by Commissioner Peradotta. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-08 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
TO ENTER INTO A LEASE ON THE PREMISES AT 5512 STATE ROUTE 154, PINCKNEYVILLE, ILLINOIS,
WITH PERRY-JACKSON COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**

Commissioner Kuhnert presented Ordinance No. O-2023-08, an ordinance placed on file at the June 12, 2023, regular council meeting, authorizing the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, to enter into a lease on the premises at 5512 State Route 154, Pinckneyville, Illinois, with Perry-Jackson County Child Advocacy Center. Commissioner Kuhnert made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2023-08. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stotlar. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVE QUOTE FROM USA BLUEBOOK TO PURCHASE TWO LMI PUMPS

Commissioner Kuhnert requested approval of a quote from USA Bluebook to purchase two LMI Pumps at a total cost of \$5,858.00 to be paid from the water fund. Commissioner Kuhnert made a motion to approve the purchase, which was seconded by Commissioner Stotlar. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVE QUOTE FROM PUMPS AND CONTROLS TO PURCHASE TWO PERISTALTIC PUMPS

Commissioner Kuhnert requested approval of a quote from Pumps and Controls to purchase two Peristaltic Pumps at a total cost of \$14,738.28 to be paid from the water fund. Commissioner Kuhnert made a motion to approve the purchase, which was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVE QUOTE FROM EAGLE MICROSYSTEMS TO REPLACE THE CARBON FEED SYSTEM

Commissioner Kuhnert requested approval of a quote from Eagle Microsystems to replace the carbon feed system at a total cost of \$17,562.00 to be paid from the water fund. Commissioner Kuhnert made a motion to approve the purchase, which was seconded by Commissioner Peradotta. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVE QUOTE FROM ILLINOIS ELECTRIC WORKS TO PURCHASE TWO TOSHIBA VFD PUMPS

Commissioner Kuhnert requested approval of a quote from Illinois Electric Works to purchase two Toshiba VFD Pumps at a total cost of \$4,348.00 to be paid from the water fund. Utility Superintendent Brad Boulton noted all the purchase requests tonight are due to the water plant equipment being 25 years old, and purchasing two at once will allow for redundancy in the event of a future failure. Commissioner Kuhnert made a motion to approve the purchase, which was seconded by Commissioner Stotlar. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-10 TO AMEND SECTION 52.034 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF PINCKNEYVILLE, PERRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Commissioner Peradotta presented Ordinance No. O-2023-10, an ordinance placed on file at the June 12, 2023, regular council meeting, to amend Section 52.034 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois.

Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2023-10. Commissioner Stotlar seconded the motion. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

DISCUSS RESOLUTION OF SEWER CHARGES FOR PANTHER WASH

Commissioner Stotlar stated he reviewed the top 10 commercial water users' accounts, and found that all are paying the same sewer rate with the exception of the prison, which has its own contract, and Beelman's, which has a separate meter for the water which gets added to their concrete trucks. He stated the only solution is to require Brand's carwash to hook up to sewer as well and pay the same rate as other commercial users. Beth Miller-Porter and Amy Chapman of Panther Wash were in attendance and stated that was not their intention. Commissioner Stotlar stated that reducing the sewer rates is not advantageous to the City. Ms. Miller-Porter then stated they would need to make a decision if they would continue to remove the solids or push them through to the sewer system. Jesse Maynard of HMG Engineers was in attendance and stated that carwashes are supposed to remove the grit before it goes into the sewer system, and he did not recommend forcing it through. Jeff Egbert of the Pinckneyville Press asked if Brand's carwash would have to remove solids too, and Mayor Spencer stated they already do this. Ms. Miller-Porter requested a separate sewer meter because all of their water consumption does not go down the drain. Mr. Maynard stated that metering the sewer would go against the current ordinance. Ms. Miller-Porter said there is no break for commercial businesses who have larger water consumption. Mayor Spencer replied the prison has its own contract. He also stated the City of Pinckneyville has the lowest water rates in Southern Illinois. Commissioner Stotlar asked what their sewer rate was for their carwash in Du Quoin. She stated it is one times the water rate. She also stated she checked and Coulterville doesn't charge sewer and Nashville's sewer rates are less than the water bill for carwashes, while Carbondale has a separate sewer meter. Ms. Miller-Porter stated they are paying \$16,000-\$20,000 per year for sewer rates and was just asking for a break. Commissioner Stotlar said they should increase their carwash rates by \$1.00. Mayor Spencer then asked if the consensus of the council was for the Panther Wash charges to remain the same. Commissioner Stotlar agreed and said to make Jim Brand hook up to sewer. Ms. Miller-Porter then said there are some other options they could do at the carwash to help save, but not as much as the sewer costs. Mayor Spencer again said the consensus is for the charges to remain the same.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2023-09 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FROM STEVE TANNER AND DAWN TANNER FOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUNDS

Mayor Spencer presented Ordinance No. O-2023-09, an ordinance authorizing approval of an application from Steve Tanner and Dawn Tanner for Façade Improvement Grant Funds of the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, and committing Façade Improvement Grant Funds from the City of Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois. Dawn Tanner stated this is for their property located at 512 South Walnut Street. She said they replaced the roof last year, and now intend to replace the siding, windows, and garage door, then they would like to rent it out. Economic Development Coordinator Carrie Gilliam stated this will improve the looks along the street and could bring in another business prospect to town. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuhnert. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND PAY APPLICATION NO. 1 FOR IL-127 WATER MAIN RELOCATION PROJECT FROM HAIER PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.

Mayor Spencer requested approval of Change Order No. 1 and Pay Application No. 1 from Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc., for the IL-127 Water Main Relocation Project. Jesse Maynard of HMG Engineers said this project is complete except for the southwest corner of the courthouse. He stated the \$2,990.14 change order was for extra excavation and cutting and a difference in size of some water main connections. He recommended the change order and pay application be approved. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve the Change Order and Pay Application. The motion was seconded by

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

APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT IML 110th ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2023

Mayor Spencer requested permission to approve attendance at the IML 110th Annual Conference September 21-23, 2023, in Chicago. Commissioner Stotlar asked who was going and Mayor Spencer stated he planned to attend. Commissioner Peradotta made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kuhnert. On roll call: Commissioners Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: Commissioners Hicks and Kuhnert. Motion declared carried.

UPDATE ON ILLINOIS HIGHWAY 127 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Jesse Maynard of HMG Engineers reported there will be a Public Meeting Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. He stated it would be in this week's Pinckneyville Press. This is regarding the sewer line replacement on Illinois Highway 127 and all business owners are encouraged to attend the Public Meeting. He stated this is a big project and the contractor will be trying to see how best to accommodate everyone, but the highway will be shut down during the project. Mr. Maynard stated this is only the project to move the sewer line out of the driving lanes to what will be the new bicycle lane. He stated this will be from the Dairy Queen down to Grand Avenue.

Mayor Spencer then stated that the area around McDonald's and Laurel Street should be open after this week. He said the pavement will be replaced on the south, east, and north sides of the courthouse and street lighting will be next. He said the signal lights are expected to go up by September. Commissioner Peradotta asked about resurfacing the west side of the courthouse and Mr. Maynard replied that was next in line. He said the overlay all through town would be after the sewer relocation project. He said they want to be done with everything by the end of September.

Fire Chief Jim Gielow noted the stop sign was omitted on Mulberry Street at the highway, so the Street Department was contacted to put out one of their temporary stop signs.

Kuhnert made a motion to place on file Resolution No. R-2023-04. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stotlar. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carrie Gilliam thanked the police department and the Pinckneyville Press for their assistance when her husband's truck was stolen earlier that day.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Peradotta, seconded by Commissioner Kuhnert 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 Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Stotlar, seconded by Commissioner Kuhnert to return to the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

APPROVE COMPENSATION FOR AIRPORT MANAGER

Commissioner Stotlar requested approval of compensation in the amount of \$625.00 per month for Airport Manager, Stephen Moss starting in July 2023. Commissioner Stotlar made a motion to approve the request, which was seconded by Commissioner Kuhnert. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, 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 7:06 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Hicks, Kuhnert, Peradotta, Stotlar, and Mayor Spencer voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.