

MINUTES - CITY COUNCIL MEETING
204 SOUTH BLOOMINGTON STREET - STREATOR, IL 61364
FEBRUARY 19, 2025 -7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bedei called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members present: Dave Conner, Tim Geary, Dave Reed, and Mayor Bedei.

Member absent: Matt McMullen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #1 was removed from the agenda. The public hearing was held at the Plan Commission meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Domdrick – He was concerned because he was trying to inquire about the Housing Rehab Project that was awarded to the City of Streator. He has been unable to obtain any information. Mayor Bedei reported to him that that this will be Round 2 and we are still waiting to receive the award. There will be 10 houses chosen within the city limits. We will hold a Public Meeting as soon as the award is granted.

Chief of Police Franklin – This previous Friday night one of our officers made an exemplary arrest. Officer John Thompson spotted a getaway car of an assault reported. Chasing him down and apprehending him, as well as locating a weapon involved in the incident. Chief Franklin read a letter that he and the Deputy Chief, Robert Wood, wrote to commend his actions as a Streator police officer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC HEARING – REGARDING THE PETITION OF SCHULTZ CREMATORY AND FUNERAL SERVICES PETITIONING FOR A “SPECIAL USE” PERMIT TO OPERATE A CREMATORY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1 ELIZABETH PLACE, STREATOR, LL. ~~REMOVED FROM AGENDA~~**

2. **MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE PLAN COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION:**

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to receive and place on file Plan Commission’s Recommendations.

2025-01- Plan Commission Recommendation. Recommending issuance of “Special Use” permit to petitioner, Schultz Crematory and Schultz Funeral Services, to operate a crematory at property located at 1 Elizabeth Place, Streator, Illinois, Counties of LaSalle and Livingston.

2025-02. Plan Commission Recommendation. Recommending approval of a “Façade Grant” to property owner, Anthony Michael, 506 E. Hickory Street, Streator, Illinois, in the amount of \$15,000.

MOTION: Reed made a motion to receive and place on file Plan Commission’s recommendations; seconded by Geary.

ROLL: Ayes: Conner, Geary, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

3. ORDINANCE 2025-03. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ISSUING A “SPECIAL USE” PERMIT TO SCHULTZ CREMATORY AND SCHULTZ FUNERAL SERVICES, PETITIONER, TO ALLOW FOR THE OPERATION OF A CREMATORY AT PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1 ELIZABETH PLACE, STREATOR, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adopt an ordinance approving and issuing a “Special Use” permit to Schultz Crematory and Funeral Services to operate a crematory at 1 Elizabeth Place, Streator, Illinois.

MOTION: Geary made a motion to adopt the above ordinance; seconded by Conner.

Dave Plyman, City Manager, presented this item to the Council and reported the Schultz’s purchased the former McGrath’s building at Northpoint. There was no further discussion

ROLL: Ayes: Conner, Geary, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

4. RESOLUTION 2025-05. A RESOLUTION GRANTING AN AWARD OF A “FACADE GRANT” TO PROPERTY OWNER, ANTHONY MICHAEL, 506 EAST HICKORY STREET, STREATOR, ILLINOIS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to authorize a resolution granting a “Façade Grant” to property owner, Anthony Michael, 506 E. Hickory St., Streator, Illinois, in the amount of \$15,000.

MOTION: Geary made a motion to authorize the above resolution; seconded by Conner.

Plyman presented this item to the Council and there was no further discussion.

ROLL: Ayes: Conner, Geary, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

5. ORDINANCE 2025-04. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10.24.200 A. OF THE STREATOR MUNICIPAL CODE DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF PRAIRIE COURT AND VAN BUREN STREET AS A CONTROLLED INTERSECTION FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE & LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adopt an ordinance amending Section 10.24.200 A. of the Streator Municipal Code designating the intersection of Prairie Court and Van Buren Street as a controlled intersection for the City of Streator, LaSalle & Livingston Counties, Illinois.

MOTION: Reed made a motion to authorize the above resolution; seconded by Geary.

Plyman presented this item to the Council reporting this had been discussed at a previous Council meeting. There was no further discussion.

ROLL: Ayes: Geary, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.

Nay: Conner.

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

6. RESOLUTION 2025-06. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LASALLE FOR ROADWAY OIL AND CHIP FOR STREETS WITHIN OTTER CREEK TOWNSHIP, IN THE CITY OF STREATOR, COUNTIES OF LASALLE & LIVINGSTON, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to authorize the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the County of LaSalle for roadway oil and chip for streets within Otter Creek Township, in the City of Streator, Counties of LaSalle & Livingston, Illinois.

MOTION: Conner made a motion to authorize the above resolution; seconded by Reed.

Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, presented this item to the Council reporting we will participate in the County’s project to oil and chip Little Main and Morrell Streets in Otter Creek Township. Councilman Conner asked if this was similar to the agreement passed last year. Palm state it was.

ROLL: Ayes: Conner, Geary, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.
Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

7. RESOLUTION 2025-07. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PART OF 202 PLEASANT AVENUE BY THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to approve the purchase of part of 202 Pleasant Avenue by the City of Streator, LaSalle and Livingston Counties, Illinois.

MOTION: Conner made a motion to authorize the above resolution; seconded by Geary.

Palm presented this item to the Council reporting in 1995 when the City built the lift station along Bridge Street a portion of the underground piping is on this property. With this purchase the City will ensure ownership of the facility. There was no further discussion.

ROLL: Ayes: Conner, Geary, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.
Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

8. ORDINANCE 2025-05. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREATOR AND JACOB & KLEIN, LTD FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF STREATOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT II.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adopt an ordinance approving the execution of a professional service agreement with Jacob & Klein, LTD for the redevelopment of the Streator TIF District II.

MOTION: Reed made a motion to adopt the above ordinance; seconded by Geary.

Plyman presented this item to the Council reporting the City is currently negotiating a development agreement with Beck Oil Company. This ordinance authorizes the execution of a contract to amend the TIF 2/Downtown District. The second ordinance authorizes the execution of a contract to establish a new TIF district possibly including the Owens facility. The council was in favor of both ordinances.

ROLL: Ayes: Conner, Geary, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.
Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

9. ORDINANCE 2025-06. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREATOR AND JACOB & KLEIN LTD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STREATOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT VI.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adopt an ordinance approving the execution of a professional services agreement between the City of Streator and Jacob & Klein LTD for the Establishment of a Streator Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District VI.

MOTION: Geary made a motion to adopt the above ordinance; seconded by Reed.

There was no discussion.

ROLL: Ayes: Conner, Geary, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.
Absent: McMullen.

10. MOTION – AUTHORIZING IRON CIRCUIT, LLC TO INSTALL POLES AND SENSOR EQUIPMENT ALONG E. 12TH STREET TO MONITOR TRAIN MOVEMENT.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to authorize Iron Circuit, LLC, to install poles and sensor equipment along East 12th Street to monitor train movement.

MOTION: Conner made a motion to approve the motion; seconded by Geary.

Palm introduced Jason Marvel. Mr. Marvel explained he is developing a new business to forecast roadway/train crossing impacts to assist with emergency vehicle routing. He is requesting access to use the City right-of-way along 12th Street to help develop his new business.

ROLL: Ayes: Conner, Geary, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda with a fund warrant total of \$732,166.36.

MOTION: Geary made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Conner.

ROLL: Ayes: Conner, Geary, and Mayor Bedei.

Abstain: Reed.

Absent: McMullen.

12. DISCUSSION - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Location for Park Board's recommendation for constructing Pickleball Courts

Palm is applying for a grant to allow (2) two Pickleball Courts to be constructed in the City of Streator. The Council needs to confirm a location for the courts to be built. After the discussion, the council reached a consensus on using Merriner's Park and installing new playground equipment.

B. Trees in resident's yard at Morrell & Bloomington Streets

This location has been discussed previously. The owner did obtain permission from City Hall to install the trees that have now become a safety issue. The consensus of the Council is to remove the trees to eliminate the safety issue and the City will pay for the cost of the removal. We need to review the ordinance.

13. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Reed – Congratulations to our new firefighter, Dustin Holland.

Mayor Bedei – Said she welcomed Dean Chalkey to his new position with the City of Streator.

Plyman – Reported to the Council we released an RFP for the City of Streator for waste proposals. We may need to have a special meeting on the second Wednesday in March after the bids are in.

14. ADJOURNMENT

AT 7:58 P.M. Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Conner made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Reed.

ROLL: Ayes: Conner, Geary, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.

Absent: McMullen.

Patricia L. Henderson
City Clerk