

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL &
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - 4:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Bedei called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Dave Conner, Tim Geary, Dave Reed, and Mayor Bedei.
Member absent: Matt McMullen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Bedei asked if there were any changes to the agenda.
There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Bedei requested public comments within the 3-minute limit.
There were none.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. RESOLUTION 2024-01. AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREATOR AND KURTZ PARAMEDIC SERVICES, D/B/A AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE PARAMEDIC SOLUTIONS (AMR), TO APPROVE WAGE INCREASES FOR EMS EMPLOYEES.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to authorize a contract under the first amendment of the agreement between the City of Streator and Kurtz Paramedic Services, D/B/A American Medical Response Paramedic Solutions (AMR), to approve wage increases for EMS employees.

MOTION: Geary made a motion to approve the wage increases for the EMS employees; seconded by Reed.

Dave Plyman, City Manager, explained this item was discussed at the December Committee of the Whole meeting. With the job market, such as it is, we need to retain the EMS employees. This cost was included in the 2024 budget.

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

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Code Enforcement

The Fire Department has been doing codes for weed violations since 2010. This has caused them to spend less time doing necessary Fire Department work that is crucial to the city and the department. The plan is to bring code over to City Hall and hire another part-time person help ease the load.

2. Modification of COW Meetings

There was discussion among the Council members about having two City Council meetings per month. They would like to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. This would allow for more people to be in attendance at the meetings. This will be on the January City Council agenda.

3. Migrant Bussing.

Mayor Bedei reported she was on a conference call with our City Attorney and she explained the legal aspect of declaring our municipality as a non-sanctuary for immigrants. I think we need to have a plan if a bus of immigrants shows up in Streator. Police Chief Franklin stated the Police Department has a plan. They would either escort the bus to a check-in station in Chicago, or hire a school bus and escort the bus to Chicago. The consensus was the Council was in favor of this plan.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Plyman reminded the Council of the GLCEDC dinner on January 31, 2024 at the Silver Fox.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 4:31 Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adjourn to Executive Session under **5ILCS 120/c for the purpose of discussing:**

- 1. Collective bargaining.**

CLOSED SESSION: 5ILCS 120/c FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING

- 1. Collective Bargaining.**

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

AT 4:59 P.M. Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to reconvene to Open Session.

MOTION: Conner made a motion to reconvene to Open Session; seconded by Geary.

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

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:


AT 5:00 P.M. Mayor Bedei made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.


Patricia L. Henderson
City Clerk