

**MINUTES - REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
204 SOUTH BLOOMINGTON STREET - STREATOR, IL 61364
January 17, 2024 - 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bedei called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Members present: Dave Conner, Tim Geary, Dave Reed, and Mayor Tara Bedei.
Member absent: Adam McMullen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beau Boyles spoke to oppose Item #2 on the agenda. Vacating the alley behind Southside Street Ball Field. His concern is that the alley is needed in case of an emergency to get an ambulance back there as soon as possible. We have had some bad injuries on that field and we need to keep the alley open for safety reasons.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORDINANCE 2024-01. AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1514 E. 1ST STREET TO THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE & LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adopt an ordinance annexing territory commonly known as 1514 E. 1ST St. to the City of Streator, LaSalle & Livingston Counties, Illinois.

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

Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, presented this item to the Council reporting the residents were seeking Police and Fire protection and wanted to annex to the city.

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

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

2. ORDINANCE 2024-02. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF A PUBLIC (CITY) RIGHT OF WAY FOR A PORTION OF A NORTH-SOUTH ALLEY WEST OF 602 & 604 COAL STREET, CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE & LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adopt an ordinance authorizing the vacation of a portion of a north-south public alley west of 602 & 604 Coal Street, Streator, Illinois.

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

Palm reported the petitioner is a Council member and he also confirmed for the Council there are no utilities in the alley.

Geary commented the alley was too narrow to get an ambulance or a squad car down if there was a need.

After some discussion, City Attorney Churney, reported that we need a super-majority vote to pass this ordinance and we have one member absent. She suggested the ordinance be tabled until the next meeting.

MOTION: Reed made a motion to table the Ordinance from Item #2 until the next City Council meeting.

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

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

3. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE FOLLOWING PLAN COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL.

Plan Commission's Recommendation:

1. Plan Commission Recommendation 2023-13. Recommending approval and granting of a "Facade Grant" to property owner, Eric Ratliff, 423 E. Main Street, Streator, Illinois, in the amount of \$15,000.

2. Plan Commission Recommendation 2023-14. Recommending approval and granting of a "Facade Grant" to property owners, Cindy and Jim OConnor, 115 E. Main Street, Streator, Illinois, in the amount of \$15,000.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to receive and place on file the two above Plan Commission recommendations.

MOTION: Conner made a motion to receive and place on file the Plan Commission recommendations; seconded by Reed.

Palm presented this item to the Council reporting these were two recommendations made by the Plan Commission in November 2023 to be paid in 2024.

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

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

4. RESOLUTION 2024-02. A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL AND GRANTING AN AWARD OF A "FACADE GRANT" TO PROPERTY OWNER, ERIC RATLIFFE, 423 EAST MAIN STREET, STREATOR, ILLINOIS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to approve and award a facade grant to property owner, Eric Ratliffe, 423 East Main Street, Streator, Illinois, in the amount of \$15,000.

MOTION: Geary made a motion to approve and award the facade grant; seconded by Reed.

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

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

5. RESOLUTION 2024-03. A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL AND GRANTING AN AWARD OF A "FACADE GRANT" TO PROPERTY OWNERS, CINDY AND JIM OCONNOR, 115 EAST MAIN STREET, STREATOR, ILLINOIS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to approve and award a facade grant to property owners, Cindy & Jim OConnor, 115 East Main Street, Streator, Illinois, in the amount of \$15,000.

MOTION: Conner made a motion to approve and award the facade grant; seconded by Reed.

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

Absent: McMullen.

Motion passed.

6. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE FOLLOWING PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL.

1. Plan Commission Recommendation 2024-01. Recommending approval and granting of a "Facade Grant" to property owner, Jason Francis, property owner, 1109 N. Bloomington Street, Streator, Illinois, in the amount of \$30,000.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to receive and place on file Plan Commission recommendation to award a facade grant to property owner, Jason Francis, 1109 N. Bloomington, Illinois, in the amount of \$30,000.

MOTION: Reed made a motion to receive and place on file the Plan Commission recommendation; seconded by Geary.

Palm presented this item to the Council reporting by rules this facade grant location is not in the downtown district, so the rules are it cannot be granted until July 1, 2024. We just wanted the Council to have an opportunity to review this one.

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

Motion passed.

7. ~~RESOLUTION 2024-04. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR THE WWTP OXIDATION DITCH PROJECT.~~

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to authorize a resolution accepting and approving a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the WWTP Oxidation Ditch Project.

MOTION: Geary made a motion to accept and approve the grant from US EPA; seconded by Conner.

Mayor Bedei reported to the Council this has been a long process, but we were successful.

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

Motion Passed.

8. RESOLUTION 2024-05. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A STATE GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DCEO) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (DCBG) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SPRING & VERMILLION STREETS SEWER LINING PROJECT.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to accept and approve a state grant from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Community Development Block in conjunction with the Spring & Vermillion Streets Sewer Lining Project.

MOTION: Conner made a motion to accept and approve the state grant from DCEO Community Development Block Grant; seconded by Reed.

Palm presented this item to the Council reporting this \$425,000 will complete the lining of Spring & Vermillion Streets.

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

Motion Passed.

9. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to receive and approve the Mayoral appointments.

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

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

Motion passed.

Board of Fire and Police Commissioners

Re-appoint Jordan Risley Term Ending 12-31-26

Streator Library Board

Appoint Jack Schuler Term Ending 7-31-25

Streator Parks and Open Spaces Board

Re-appoint Afton Caulkins Term Ending 12-31-26

Re-appoint Doug Snell Term Ending 12-31-26

Streator Tourism Committee

Reappoint Ed Brozak Term Ending 12-31-26

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second approving the Consent Agenda with a warrant fund total of \$994,843.89.

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

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

Absent: McMullen.

Motion Passed.

11. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Reed – Reminded everyone that the library is having a fundraiser “Carnegie Challenge”, Saturday, January 20th. \$5.00/person and it will be a mini-golf challenge for all who wish to participate.

He also commented on the unfair attacks made on the Streator Fire Department on social media regarding the fire on Elm Street last week. The fire was out of the City Limits. Reed said we need to do a better job of educating the public regarding annexation.

He also thanked Public Works for the great job they have done on the roads in the past week.

Mayor Bedei – She also wanted to give Kudos to Public Works for a great job of clearing the streets.

She also commented regarding annexation that Waste Management is a cheaper rate than outside garbage collection.

12. ADJOURNMENT

AT 7:28 P.M. Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Absent: McMullen.

Motion Passed.



Patricia L. Henderson
City Clerk