

MINUTES OF THE - REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
204 SOUTH BLOOMINGTON STREET - STREATOR, IL 61364
February 7, 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: David Conner, Matt McMullen, David Reed, and Mayor Bedei.
Member Absent: Tim Geary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Ranville – He wanted the Council to know that he had turned in a code violation on West Bridge Street in December 2023 and nothing has been corrected. Mayor Bedei assured him there was work being done on his complaint.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to remove Ordinance 2024-02 from the table.

MOTION: Reed made a motion to remove the ordinance from the table; seconded by McMullen.

After discussion, the Council decided to do a trial run by designating the alley as “No Parking” to keep the alley open for emergency vehicles only.

ROLL: Nays: Conner, McMullen, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.

Absent: Geary.

Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. RESOLUTION 2024-06. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE OPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREATOR AND AC POWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC, NEW YORK, TO DEVELOP A SOLAR FARM ON THE FORMER SMITH- DOUGLAS SITE.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to approve a resolution authorizing a lease option agreement between the City of Streator and AC Power Development Company, LLC, New York, to develop a solar farm on the former Smith-Douglas site.

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

Dave Plyman presented this item to the Council reporting this agreement is only an option to allow this company up to two years to obtain an agreement with Commonwealth Edson and gain state and federal government approval to construct a solar farm on this site. This company is also exploring other options in our community.

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion passed.

3. MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Fire and Pension Board

Reappoint Janet Spies Term Ending 12-31-26

Fire & Police Pension Board

Reappoint Robert Lee II Term Ending 12-31-26

VCOM ETSB Board

Reappoint David Plyman Term Ending 01-11-27

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

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

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion passed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to approve the Consent agenda with a fund warrant total of \$577,151.01.

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

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion passed.

5. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

J. Palm, City Engineer – reported we will have a public bid opening on February 15 to demo 210 S. Bloomington Street and remove asbestos and demo 121 W. Hickory Street.

Mayor Bedei – reported the city will be working to install radar signs at the Streater House School and the February Park Board meeting has been moved to March 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**6. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION 5ILCS 120/2c (2)
FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING**

1. Collective Bargaining.

At 7:17 P.M. Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussion of legal matters under 5 ILCS 120/2

MOTION: McMullen made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session; seconded by Reed.

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion passed.

7. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

AT 8:00 P.M. Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to reconvene to Open Session.

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

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

AT 8:02 Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion passed.


Patricia L. Henderson, City Clerk