

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
204 SOUTH BLOOMINGTON STREET - STREATOR, IL 61364
MARCH 20, 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.

Absent: Tim Geary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PROCLAMATION – “U.S. FAIR HOUSING LAW”

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A CYPRESS SHELTER KIT FROM TIMBER FRAME SOLUTIONS, LLC.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to waive competitive bidding and authorize the purchase of a cypress shelter kit from Timber Frame Solutions, LLC for Marilla Park.

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

Dave Plyman, City Manager, reported to the Council he thinks this is a low-cost option. The quotes have already been collected and are in your packets. Conner and McMullen questioned why we would use cypress wood. Plyman said it is treated and would last longer than regular wood.

Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, said we could do our design and put it out to bid or put it out for quotes. We will add 2 shelters by the pond with the OSLAD Grant we received. After discussion, it was decided we need to revisit this option.

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion failed.

2. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS REVENUE IN THE STREATOR SOUTH INDUSTRIAL SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THAT SURPLUS REVENUE TO THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY TREASURER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO AFFECTED TAXING DISTRICTS ON A PRO RATA BASIS FOR TAX YEAR 2022 PAYABLE 2023.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adopt an ordinance declaring surplus revenue in the Streator South Industrial Special Tax Allocation Fund and authorizing payment of that surplus revenue to the Livingston County Treasurer for distribution to affected taxing districts on a pro-rata basis for tax year 2022 payable 2023.

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

Mayor Bedei reported to the Council these are the same ordinances that were passed last month for the special tax allocation funds in LaSalle County. This is done annually.

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion Passed

3. A RESOLUTION CONCERNING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE & LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to authorize a resolution concerning the Freedom of Information Act request for the City of Streator, LaSalle & Livingston Counties, Illinois.

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

City Attorney, Sheryl Churney, presented this item to the Council reporting this is a housekeeping matter. The FOIA Act allows a municipality to rule for their municipality.

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion Passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda with a fund warrant total of \$498,275.99.

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

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion Passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. CITY PROPERTIES FOR SALE

The different phases of sales were discussed and they wanted to make sure the appraisals were up to date.

2. STREATOR GARDEN CLUB IS SEEKING PERMISSION TO COLLECT MONEY AT DOWNTOWN CORNERS.

3. STREATOR MONARCH MISSION IS SEEKING PERMISSION TO COLLECT MONEY AT DOWNTOWN CORNERS.

There was a lot of discussion regarding collecting money on the main streets and corners of the city. It was also pointed out that pan-handling on state routes is illegal. Attorney Churney will look into the legal aspect. This will be revisited at the next meeting.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mayor Bedei – Reported that Congressman Darin LaHood awarded the city \$750,00 for the Iowa Ave. Street Project.

She is one of 7 chosen speakers today at the Illinois Valley Area Chambers (IVAC) State of the Cities Address. There will be ribbon cuttings at Tinker Tuckets and the Running Store this week.

Palm – The house on W. Hickory Street and 210 S. Bloomington Street are scheduled for demolition.

ADJOURNMENT

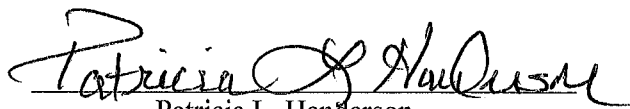
AT 7:38 P.M. Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

Absent: Geary.

Motion Passed.



Patricia L. Henderson
City Clerk