

**MINUTES - REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
204 SOUTH BLOOMINGTON STREET - STREATOR, IL 61364
APRIL 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: David Conner, Tim Geary, Matt McMullen, David Reed, and Mayor Bedei.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager, Dave Plyman, added an Executive Session to the agenda.

PROCLAMATION – “MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH”

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 2024-17. EAST MAIN STREET SEWER PROJECT IDOT PERMIT.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to authorize a resolution for the East Main Street Sewer Project IDOT permit.

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

Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, reported to the Council this is for the IDOT permit only, we are extending their service.

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

2. RESOLUTION 2024-18. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT (OSLAD) AND AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREATOR AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to authorize a resolution accepting a grant from Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) and authorizing the agreement between the City of Streator and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

MOTION: Conner made a motion to accept the grant from OLSAD; seconded by McMullen.

Palm presented this item to the Council reporting this is a 100% funded grant and we can hopefully get started on this project in the fall.

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

3. RESOLUTION 2024-19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STREATOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY BETWEEN VEOLIA WATER NORTH AMERICA-CENTRAL, LLC AND THE CITY OF STREATOR, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to authorize an amendment to the agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Streator Wastewater Treatment Facility between Veolia Water North America-Central, LLC and the City of Streator, Illinois.

MOTION: Geary made a motion to authorize the amendment to the Wastewater Treatment Facility contract; seconded by Reed.

Palm presented this item to the Council and introduced Rory Munns, representative from Veolia. He commented that Jeremy has done well keeping us updated and current regarding communications from the Sewer Plant. Palm reported to the Council that our attorney had made some minor adjustments to the amendment, for a 5-year extension.

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

Motion passed.

4. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE PLAN COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 2024-03. Recommending approval of the award of a "Special Use" permit under the provision of Chapter 15, 15.48.100 to allow for the installation of an electronic billboard zoned in a "C-3" General Commercial for property at 1712 N. Bloomington Street, Streator, Illinois.

2. PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 2024-04. Recommending approval of the award of a "Special Use" permit under the provisions of Chapter 15, 15.58.100 to allow for the installation of an electronic message board in an "R-A" Single Family Residential for Kimes School, property at 1207 Reading Street, Streator, Illinois.

3, PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 2024-06. Recommending approval and granting an award of a "Facade Grant" to property owner, Daniel Riordan, 1726 N. Bloomington Street, Streator, Illinois, in the amount of \$15,000.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to receive and place on file Plan Commission's Recommendations., 2024-03, 2024-04, and 2024-05.

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

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

Motion passed.

5. ORDINANCE 2024-08. APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A "SPECIAL USE" PERMIT TO PETITIONER, ROBINSON OUTDOOR, LLC, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 15, 15.48.100 TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD IN A "C-3" GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING ON A PORTION OF PROPERTY AT 1712 N. BLOOMINGTON STREET, STREATOR, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to approve a "Special Use" permit to petitioner, Robinson Outdoor, LLC, to allow for the installation of an electronic billboard in a "C-3" General Commercial Zoning district on a portion of property at 1712 N. Bloomington Street, Streator.

MOTION: Geary made a motion to adopt an ordinance to authorize a "Special Use" permit to Robinson Outdoor, LLC; seconded by Conner.

Palm presented this item to the Council and reported the billboard would be located back where the car wash used to be. He introduced Danny Marlen from Robinson Outdoor, LLC, and he described the billboard to the Council and said it would be monitored by the State of Illinois.

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

Motion passed.

6. ORDINANCE 2024-09. APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A "SPECIAL USE" PERMIT TO PETITIONER, KIMES SCHOOL, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 15, 15.48.100 TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD IN A "R-1A" ZONING ON A PORTION OF PROPERTY AT 1207 READING STREET.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to approve a "Special Use" permit to petitioner, Kimes School, to allow for the installation of an electronic message board in a "R-1A" Zoning district on a portion of property at 1207 Reading Street, Streator.

MOTION: Reed made a motion to adopt an ordinance to authorize a "Special Use" permit to petitioner, Kimes School; seconded by McMullen.

Palm presented this item to the Council reporting this will replace the existing sign in front of Kimes School. He also reported there has not been any opposition to the sign from neighbors.

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

Motion passed.

7. ORDINANCE 2024-10. AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 538 GOLF ROAD, TO THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE & LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, Illinois.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adopt an ordinance annexing property commonly known as 538 Golf Road, Streator, Illinois, to the City of Streator.

MOTION: Reed made a motion to adopt an ordinance annexing property, commonly known as, 538 Golf Road, to the City of Streator; seconded by Conner.

There was no discussion or opposition to the annexation.

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

Abstain: Geary.

Motion passed.

City Attorney Churney, told Tim Geary, that he had to abstain from his vote because the annexation was in his wife's name.

8. RESOLUTION 2024-20. A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TAG DAY SOLICITATIONS FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE & LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to authorize a resolution concerning Tag Day solicitations for the City of Streator.

MOTION: Reed made a motion to authorize the above resolution regarding Tag Day solicitations; seconded by Geary. There was no discussion, this item had been discussed at the previous City Council meeting.

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

Motion passed.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda with a fund warrant total of \$923,366.60.

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

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

Motion passed.

10. DISCUSSION ITEM

1) FACADE GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2024.

Palm presented this item to the Council explaining there are 6 façade grants in the budget for this year. We currently have 3 applications that have been approved that are outside of the Downtown District. We have another 1 pending that is considered in the Downtown District. Businesses outside of the Downtown District cannot be funded until July 1 anticipating funds are left in the budget. The question I want you to think about for the future of the program is whether we should change this requirement.

11. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Reed – This weekend is Open House to kick off the season for Engle Lane Theatre.

Mayor Bedei – Our attorney is working on our property for sale list.

Don Noon is having another one of his sculptures placed in Marilla Park on Monday.

12. CLOSED SESSION: 5ILCS 120/2c (2)

(1) Collective Bargaining.

AT 7:35 P.M. Mayor Bedei requested a motion and second to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining.

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

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

Motion passed.

13. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

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

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

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

Motion passed.

14. ADJOURNMENT

AT 8:02 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, Geary, McMullen, Reed, and Mayor Bedei.

Motion passed.

Patricia L. Henderson
City Clerk