

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERRIN,
ILLINOIS HELD AT HERRIN CITY HALL ON
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

Mayor Steve Frattini called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor led us in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Shelly Huggins, City Clerk called the roll and the following were present:

STEVE FRATTINI	_____	Mayor
SHELLY HUGGINS	_____	City Clerk
CARL GOODWIN	_____	Treasurer
MARK KOCHAN	_____	City Attorney
SHEILA AHLGREN	_____	Alderman Ward I
DAVID SHOEMAKE	_____	Alderman Ward I
RANDY CROMPTON	_____	Alderman Ward II
PAUL YORK	_____	Alderman Ward II
STEVE MILLER	_____	Alderman Ward III
SCOTT KINLEY	_____	Alderman Ward III
BILL SIZEMORE	absent	Alderman Ward IV
MARILYN RUPPEL	_____	Alderman Ward IV

PUBLIC None.

MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2024 Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman York to approve the minutes of March 25, 2024 Council Meeting. Alderman Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley, Ruppel and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Carl Goodwin stated reviewed adjustments all in balance. Reconciled banks statements, all were good.

BUDGET OFFICE REPORT Carrie Cravens, Budget Director stated we have started paying bills for Downtown Christmas.

CODES Bret Childers Codes Administrator stated that we have had 8 burned out houses and 2 have been demolished and one demolition in progress.

PUBLIC WORKS Bill Sizemore, Chairman of the Public Works was absent from the meeting.

Tom Somers, Public Works Director had nothing to report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT Marilyn Ruppel, Chairman of the Public Improvement Committee had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY David Dorris, Police Chief stated Eclipse went smoothly today.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief gave update on new fire station building process.

David Shoemake, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee had nothing to report.

FINANCE Motion was made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to authorize bills to be paid before the Council. Alderman Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley, Ruppel, Ahlgren and Shoemake voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

INSURANCE Sheila Ahlgren, Chairman of the Insurance Committee stated they met earlier and have item later.

HERRIN LIBRARY LIAISON Marilyn Ruppel, Liaison for the Herrin City Library stated Friday, 4/19 at 2 p.m. Robert DeFilipis will overview his book.

HERRIN CIVIC CENTER LIAISON Scott Kinley, Liaison for the Herrin Civic Center stated Queen of Hearts \$10,000 Tuesday night. Wednesdays are Wing-It Wednesday. Mouse Races coming up this Saturday evening, fundraiser for Hometown Christmas Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET 05/01/24 TO 04/30/25 Motion made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to pass the Budget for May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025. Alderman Miller, Kinley, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

ORDINANCE 3-2024 AMEND CHAPTER 38 WATER RATES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES Motion made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Kinley to pass Ordinance 3-2024 Amending Chapter 38 Water Rates of the Herrin Revised Code of Ordinances. Alderman Kinley, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton, York and Miller voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

HEALTH INSURANCE Motion made by Alderman Ahlgren, seconded by Alderman Crompton to approve Health Insurance Blue Choice Option 1 for June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. Alderman Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller and Kinley voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

APPOINT Motion made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Kinley to appoint Mark Kochan, Kochan &

GENERAL COUNSEL Kochan, P.C. as City Attorney/General Counsel. Alderman Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley, Ruppel, Ahlgren and Shoemake voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

APPOINT DESIGNATED COUNSEL Motion made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Kinley to appoint Designated External Counsel: Jonathan Cantrell, Hart/Cantrell Law Firm; Rhett Barke, Gilbert, Huffman, Prosser, Hewson & Barke Ltd. and use IMLRMA designated attorney for claims against the City. Alderman Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley and Ruppel voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

MAYOR Thursday, 4/11 at 10 a.m. will be bid opening for animal control building.

COUNCIL Alderman Crompton stated we have a couple pit bull events with Mr. Spiller and Mr. Charlet and would like to know where we are at with these events. Alderman Crompton is concerned that the reports aren't getting documented. All calls delivered are documented when calls are actually made. Has anyone followed up with Mr. Charlet, Chief Dorris made sure the report was done and citations have been issued.

Alderman Ahlgren stated she has had to call animal control regarding pit bulls in her neighborhood and the response was made very quickly.

ADJOURN Motion made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Kinley to adjourn. Alderman Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley, Ruppel and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".


STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK