

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERRIN,  
ILLINOIS HELD AT HERRIN CITY HALL ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 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	_____ absent	Alderman Ward III
BILL SIZEMORE	_____	Alderman Ward IV
MARILYN RUPPEL	_____	Alderman Ward IV

**PUBLIC** Animal Control put out a need for food today and had an overwhelming response from our community and some council members.

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 23, 2024** Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman York to approve the minutes of December 23, 2024 Council Meeting. Alderman Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller, Sizemore, Ruppel and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Treasurer Carl Goodwin stated he reviewed bank statements and water/sewer adjustments and tow fund, all in balance.

**BUDGET OFFICE REPORT** Carrie Cravens, Budget Director stated year end reports have been ran and files are at CPA to file electronically and IRS isn't accepting filings until today.

**CODES** Bret Childers Codes Administrator gave 2024 report: 801 total complaints, 29 inoperable vehicles, 51 unsafe/unfit structures, 100 trash/debris, 159 misc. and 462 grass.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Bill Sizemore, Chairman of the Public Works thanked employees for cleaning streets.

Tom Somers, Public Works Director stated we a bit behind on trash, hoping to catch up tomorrow. We still have one facility without power at this time. We are starting to do preliminary damage assessments on tree damage etc.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY** David Dorris, Police Chief had nothing to report. Ryan Hudson presented IL State FOP Life Saving Awards to David Loucks & Travis Davie.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief stated as of Friday we are at completion of FD. We will start moving furniture soon. During the ice storm we had over 50 calls in over 12 hours. Last year 635 calls were logged.

David Shoemake, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee stated they met earlier, item later.

**FINANCE** Motion was made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to authorize bills to be paid before the Council. Alderman Crompton, York, Miller, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren and Shoemake voted "Yea". None voted "Nay". They also met earlier and have items later.

**INSURANCE** Sheila Ahlgren, Chairman of the Insurance Committee had nothing to report.

**HERRIN LIBRARY LIAISON** Marilyn Ruppel, Liaison for the Herrin City Library stated Lawyer in the Library, free and open to Public 01/17, call library for time. New Program launching the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month - Steam Explorers for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders from 4-5:00 p.m. 2025 Calendars still available for \$10. Alderman Ruppel read some excerpts from the calendar.

**HERRIN CIVIC CENTER LIAISON** Scott Kinley, Liaison for the Herrin Civic Center was absent from the meeting.

**GRANT UPDATE** Valeri Clodi has a first month update, she has located a potential 23 grants, 1 being \$350,000 for fire Department with no cost sharing and another one for police department being worked on.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE 1-2025 AMEND CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE II, SECTION 1, SUBSECTION L** Motion made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Crompton to pass Ordinance 1-2025 Amend Chapter 15, Article II, Section 1, Subsection L of the Herrin Revised Code of Ordinances. Alderman York, Miller, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake and Crompton voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

TIF PAYMENTS 2023 PAYABLE 2024 Motion made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to approve TIF Payments 2023 Payable 2024. Alderman Miller, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

APPOINT MATTHEW GAYER AS FULL-TIME PATROLMAN Motion made by Alderman Shoemake seconded by Alderman Miller to appoint Matthew Gayer as full-time patrolman effective January 15, 2025. Alderman Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton, York and Miller voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

OFFICIAL OATH Shelly Huggins, City Clerk administered official oath to Matthew Gayer as Full-Time Patrolman.

MAYOR We have a company that has purchased a tract of land in our limits to locate their manufacturing facility out on South 148. Dollar General has had some questions and we are back in communication with them for a 3<sup>rd</sup> store. Mayor stated this past weather event has showcased our employee's dedication to our community. The Civic Center was open as a place of shelter for those without power.

COUNCIL None.

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

  
STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK