

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERRIN,
ILLINOIS HELD AT HERRIN CITY HALL ON
MONDAY, JULY 22, 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	absent 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	Alderman Ward IV
MARILYN RUPPEL	Alderman Ward IV

PUBLIC Dennis Avripas announced the 2024 Corvette Show. It is August 17 from 11-3. Last year they had 75 registered and are looking to having more this year. Three new sponsors and additional vendors this year.

Sandra Dryden is concerned about a house next door to her and it has been a disaster the whole time she has lived there. It has busted windows and the yard is all over grown and can't see the house. People are squatting there. House has mold, holes in the floor etc. Information has been handed off to the codes administrator.

Lani Smith has lived in Herrin since 1997. They currently own a small business on Monroe. The influx of the crime is going to shut down a lot of the small businesses. They have been broken into; the PD was very helpful. They cut cameras, tore up her door. Concerned with the influx of the homeless and crime. With the new Saf-T-Act and rules for law enforcement, it is harder to get the jails to keep people once arrested. She understands the PD is doing their job and that their hands are tied.

MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2024 Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman York to approve the minutes of July 8, 2024 Council Meeting. Alderman Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Carl Goodwin was absent from the meeting.

BUDGET OFFICE REPORT Carrie Cravens, Budget Director stated she didn't have a report in the packet since she wasn't here. She will have account balance report by the end of the week. As of 4 p.m. our system is down and will be down until at last noon tomorrow. The switch over to the cloud will take almost 2 days.

CODES Bret Childers Codes Administrator reminded everyone you cannot live in campers/tents unless at the campground.

PUBLIC WORKS Bill Sizemore, Chairman of the Public Works had nothing to report.

Tom Somers, Public Works Director was absent from the meeting.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY David Dorris, Police Chief stated they have had the night patrols go around and check the businesses. They have been extremely busy and is proud of their men and women for the job they do for our citizens.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief stated there is huge progress on the new station.

David Shoemake, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee stated met earlier, will have items 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, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren and Shoemake voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

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

HERRIN LIBRARY LIAISON Marilyn Ruppel, Liaison for the Herrin City Library stated the summer reading program last one 7/25 at 10:30 The Burke's Alpaca Farm. 7/29-8/2 Jr. Chef Class, children 8-13 from 10-12 everyday, children must be registered, phone 618-942-6109. 8/7 Bloody Williamson at 6:00 p.m. Book sale Last week was successful.

HERRIN CIVIC CENTER LIAISON Scott Kinley, Liaison for the Herrin Civic Center stated Queen of Hearts Tuesday \$4,707. Wing It Wednesday Texas Style Dance Hall, \$5. 7/27 Christmas in July-Hometown Christmas Trivia Night.

NEW BUSINESS:

IDOT FEDERAL AID AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #1 22-00076-00-SW Motion made by Alderman Crompton, seconded by Alderman Kinley to approve IDOT Federal Aid Agreement #1, Section 22-00076-00-SW. Alderman York, Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake and Crompton voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

APPOINT HUNTER ABATE-BARRETT AS FULL TIME DISPATCHER Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman Kinley to appoint Hunter Abate-Barrett as full-time dispatcher effective July 31, 2024. Alderman Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE POLICE DEPT. VEHICLE Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman Miller to authorize purchase of police department vehicle from admin tow fund. Alderman Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton, York and Miller voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

MAYOR We are still waiting on info from RMA regarding light duty to further that discussion.

We have an offer for selling property near the airport. More details later.

A formal offer will be coming for the locomotive soon.

COUNCIL Alderman Miller stated more Pony ballgames this week/weekend at Mt. Dew Park.

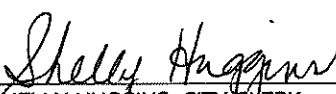
Alderman Crompton asked about hanging Christmas Decorations October 28-November 16. It will be checked with public works director and added to calendar.

Alderman Sizemore has a request for a stop sign at Indian Hill Drive and Hilldale Ave into new subdivision, opposite existing sign. Public Works and PD will check into.

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



STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK