

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERRIN,  
ILLINOIS HELD AT HERRIN CITY HALL ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 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	absent	Alderman Ward II
PAUL YORK		Alderman Ward II
STEVE MILLER	absent	Alderman Ward III
SCOTT KINLEY		Alderman Ward III
BILL SIZEMORE		Alderman Ward IV
MARILYN RUPPEL		Alderman Ward IV

**PUBLIC** Mary Bauman from 18<sup>th</sup> Street near Oak and asked when blue house will be torn down and Nancy Manchen harboring drug dealers in her back yard.

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2025** Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman York to approve the minutes of January 13, 2025 Council Meeting. Alderman Shoemake, York, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Treasurer Carl Goodwin stated he checked 10 years of water bill adjustments and all well.

**BUDGET OFFICE REPORT** Carrie Cravens, Budget Director stated she heard from Brent and got confirmation that W-2s have been filed.

**CODES** Bret Childers Codes Administrator stated that please remember things take time when in the court process and we have one that started last July and we now have a February court date.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Bill Sizemore, Chairman of the Public Works stated E. Clark Trail will be closed from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. tomorrow for tree maintenance.

Tom Somers, Public Works Director stated we have begun the tree debris clean up and picked up several hundred cubic yards and will be at it for quite some time. Mayor encourages everyone to sign up for WCEMA Hyper Reach so you can be notified of our street closures, etc. as we are using this as one of our platforms for getting information out.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY** David Dorris, Police Chief stated that if you as citizens see something please let them know. It helps them. New Officer Gayer is on shift and a great asset to our team.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief stated contract received punch list last night and are well over half way done with it. Hopefully in a couple weeks we will be fully moved in and have started moving items to new station. Chief Priddy presented MABAS Humanitarian Awards to Roger Yates and Paul Haynes for going down to the Hurricane Milton disaster.

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 York, 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 that the library has started new program for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> graders from 4-5 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Herrin History room has reached over 8,000 people on Facebook. January through March, Janice Hill Griffith artwork will be on display. She read some of the history from the 2025 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary calendar.

**HERRIN CIVIC CENTER LIAISON** Scott Kinley, Liaison for the Herrin Civic Center stated Queen of Hearts is \$10,972 Tuesday night. Annual Chamber Dinner is 2/7.

**GRANT UPDATE** Valerie Clodi stated that we have 35 grants available to us. There is one of PD and one for FD that are being actively pursued.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE 2-2025 MUNICIPAL GROCERY RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX & a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax.** Motion made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Kinley to pass Ordinance 2-2025 Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax & a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax. Alderman Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

& GROCERY SERVICE  
OCCUPATION TAX

ORDINANCE 3- 2025 ADOPTING Adopting Official Zoning District Map. Alderman Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, York and OFFICIAL ZONING Kinley voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".  
DISTRICT MAP

MAYOR We are making progress on new animal control facility. Will be ready in about 30 days.

COUNCIL Alderman Ahlgren stated she has had a request for street light in 1300 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Power is available there. We will bring back action next council meeting.

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



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STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK