

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

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

STEVE FRATTINI	_____	Mayor
SHELLY HUGGINS	_____	City Clerk
PATTY DEATON	_____	Deputy City Clerk
CARL GOODWIN	_____	Treasurer
BRANDON ZANOTTI	_____	City Attorney
SHEILA AHLGREN	_____	Alderman Ward I
DAVID SHOEMAKE	_____	Alderman Ward I
RANDY CROMPTON	_____	Alderman Ward II
PAUL YORK	_____	Alderman Ward II
STEVE MILLER	_____ absent	Alderman Ward III
SCOTT KINLEY	_____ absent	Alderman Ward III
MARILYN RUPPEL	_____	Alderman Ward IV

PUBLIC Dennis Avripas stated the Corvette Show is August 19 from 11-3.

MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2023 Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman Crompton to approve the minutes of June 26, 2023 Council Meeting. Alderman Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller, Ruppel and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Carl Goodwin stated that he reviewed bank statements and all in balance as well as water & sewer adjustments. Admin Tow Fees also done. We had our bond rating call today for new fire station bond.

BUDGET OFFICE REPORT Carrie Cravens, Budget Director had nothing to report.

CODES Bret Childers Codes Administrator stated he has had a lot of calls regarding grass in the street. This is against the law.

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

Tom Somers, Public Works Director stated there was a pre-construction meeting lately for the downtown revitalization project to start in September.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY David Dorris, Police Chief was absent from the meeting. Sal Tomas, Deputy Chief stated July is speed month and we have a couple extra officers on duty the rest of the month.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief stated bids are due tomorrow for the new fire station at 2:00 p.m. with bid opening at 2:05 p.m.

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, 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 that summer reading program is going on. 7/13 10:30 a.m. Rend Lake Park Ranger Program.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/ POSSIBLE ACTION OF LAND LEASE FOR LAND APPLICATION OF WASTE WATER SLUDGE We lease property currently next to waste water treatment facility to haul our sludge to. We have tried to lease again or even buy it. Owner is not interested in selling. It is best interests of the city to enter into a lease or purchase the property. It is 180 acres. We have a permit to dump our sludge on the property. If owner still doesn't want to sell, we need to get as long of a term of lease as possible. It would cost up to half a million dollars to have to move where we dump the sludge. Mayor will reach out to property owner.

SIDE LETTER COMMUNICATIONS/LABORERS LOCAL 773 Motion made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to approve side letter with Communications/Laborer's Local 773. Alderman York, Miller, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake and Crompton voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE STREETS FOR CORVETTE SHOW Motion made by Alderman Crompton, seconded by Alderman Ruppel to close E. Monroe from 13th to 14th Streets and N. 14th from E. Monroe to E. Madison Streets for the 2023 River to River All Corvette Car Show on Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alderman Miller, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

RESOLUTION 17-2023 APPOINTING SAM C. MITCHELL & ASSOCIATES Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman Miller to pass Resolution 17-2023 Appointing Sam C. Mitchell & Associates as City Attorney. Alderman Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton, York and Miller voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

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MAYOR Stemm's Café will be opening next door. The ribbon cutting is Friday at 5 p.m.

COUNCIL Alderman Ahlgren stated that we need to be proud how we represent Southern Illinois. We have 2 of the Pony Baseball Representatives on our council. The tournament had 21 teams in it at Marion this past weekend.

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



STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK