

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERRIN,  
ILLINOIS HELD AT HERRIN CITY HALL ON  
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Steve Frattini called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us in prayer and the 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
JOHN BREWSTER	City Attorney
DAVID SHOEMAKE	Alderman Ward I
SHEILA AHLGREN	Alderman Ward I
PAUL YORK	Alderman Ward II
RANDY CROMPTON	Alderman Ward II
SCOTT KINLEY	absent Alderman Ward III
STEVE MILLER	Alderman Ward III
MARILYN RUPPEL	Alderman Ward IV
BILL SIZEMORE	Alderman Ward IV

**PUBLIC** Tim Vaughn asked how the fiber optic is coming in Herrin. Frontier is in the process now and Clearwave will be installing fiber as well.

Michael Meracle stated that two months ago he was pulled over and had a valid driver's license and it stated he was suspended. Within an hour of being released, he went to DMV stating he was a valid driver. He went to Carbondale and got all the paperwork and brought to department, HPD still made him pay the \$400 admin tow fee. He was told he would be reimbursed. He would like his name removed from the Facebook page as being arrested that day. We will follow up with his request.

**MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2022** Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman Crompton to approve the minutes of June 27, 2022 Council Meeting. Alderman Ahlgren, York, Crompton, Miller, Ruppel, Sizemore and Shoemake voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

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

**BUDGET OFFICE REPORT** Carrie Cravens, Budget Director was absent from the meeting.

**CODES** Codes Administrator Richard Swift had nothing to report.

**ANIMAL CONTROL** Animal Control was not in attendance.

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

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 had nothing to report.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief had nothing to report.

David Shoemake, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee stated they met earlier and have two items later in meeting.

**FINANCE** Motion was made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to authorize bills to be paid before the Council. Alderman York, Crompton, Miller, Ruppel, Sizemore, Shoemake and Ahlgren 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 the summer reading program 7/14 is the Giant City State Park Program, 7/21 the Fred & Kittie Burns Show, 7/28 Honey Bee Program. [herrincitylibraryboard@gmail.com](mailto:herrincitylibraryboard@gmail.com) is the new email for the Library Board.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AGREEMENT HERRIN CUSD #4 RESOURCE OFFICERS** Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman Miller to approve agreement with Herrin CUSD #4 for School Resource Officers. Alderman Crompton, Miller, Ruppel, Sizemore, Shoemake, Ahlgren and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

**AGREEMENT LEASE FIRST SOUTHERN BANK 2022 FORD F250** Motion made by Alderman Crompton, seconded by Alderman York to approve Lease Agreement with First Southern Bank for 2022 Ford F250 Truck. Alderman Miller, Ruppel, Sizemore, Shoemake, Ahlgren, York and Crompton voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

**APPOINT CARLIE DAFFRON AS FULL-TIME PATROLMAN** Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman Miller to appoint Carlie Daffron as Full-Time Patrolman effective July 20, 2022. Alderman Ruppel, Sizemore, Shoemake, Ahlgren, York, Crompton and Miller voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

**OFFICIAL OATH** Shelly Huggins, City Clerk administered the official oath to Carlie Daffron as Full-Time Patrolman.

MAYOR The 8U Pony International tournament concluded yesterday. Alderman Crompton and Alderman Miller had a big part in this tournament. Herrin was the runner up of the tournament. Mayor thanked Chief Priddy and his staff for getting our flag poles at City Hall back to working.

COUNCIL Alderman York asked Chief Priddy if he knows how many pallets are outside Liquid Tube on East Herrin Street, he thinks it could be a fire hazard. There is no code to address this issue. What steps are we doing to conserve fuel in our departments? Water and Sewer are on track to double their budget. Our bulk purchase up until now had been locked in, that contract just expired. We are looking at prices increasing into 2023. We had increased the budget 15% but with fuel increases it will not be enough. Vendor has been honoring prices quoted even though we did not initiate a contract.

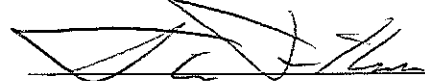
Alderman Sizemore has received a couple calls regarding a leash law for cats. Mayor has had calls as well. Right now, animal control is at capacity as of Friday. We have a leash law but there are issues with manpower etc and mayor entertains ideas of how we can combat the cat problem. The size and condition of our facility keeps us from collecting numerous cats. The catch, spay/neuter and release program are done in some communities and is a costly proposition as well. Mayor spoke to Williamson County Animal control about taking care of our dogs under contract. Official word is they cannot accommodate us.

Alderman Ruppel stated the firework display at the park was nice.

Alderman Miller stated that we and Mr. Ridgway had worked on some back water by City Lake #1.

Alderman Ahlgren stated that there is a culvert that needs cleaned out over by her.

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

  
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STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK