

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERRIN,
ILLINOIS HELD AT HERRIN CITY HALL ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

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	Alderman Ward III
STEVE MILLER	Alderman Ward III
MARILYN RUPPEL	Alderman Ward IV
BILL SIZEMORE	Alderman Ward IV

PUBLIC Pat Mech, has lived at 505 S. 8th Street since 1991. Someone was living in the garage with owner Vicky English's permission. Vacated garage and door and windows have been boarded up. Now they have moved in a camper and are dumping garbage at her house and at a neighboring apartment complex. They have tied up a dog that is on her property. Camper has been moved up against her fence. She doesn't know where else to go with the problem. She stated they have to obey laws in regards to setbacks when they build but these people can have a camper up against a fence. Mr. Mech spoke as well stated they are building another house on their empty lot and is concerned about the trash issue and stated he is 69 and still working 5 days a week to pay for his things. Wants to see this situation taken care of. Also complained that when we get flash floods there is a sewer/water drainage problem and wishes we could do something about his. They want to stay here. We are trying to address the camper living situation. We will be discussing in the morning with our new code's administrator, as a municipality we have to abide by certain rules. We are trying to take steps to remediate. Property owner has tried to evict the tenant but it has to go through the court system and the property owner has not done yet.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman York to approve the minutes of September 12, 2022 Council Meeting. Alderman Ahlgren, York, Crompton, Kinley, Miller, Ruppel, Sizemore and Shoemake voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Carl Goodwin had nothing to report.

BUDGET OFFICE REPORT Carrie Cravens, Budget Director stated that the auditors have started in the office; will be here 2-3 weeks. We did receive our 2nd ARPA payment of \$863,000 for a total of 1.7 million.

CODES Bret Childers Codes Administrator thanked the mayor and council for hiring him. He has hit the ground running. The last two weeks have gone quickly.

ANIMAL CONTROL Animal Control not in attendance. We are trying to move forward with a new animal control facility. Alderman York has volunteered to offer his building expertise in overseeing this process.

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

Tom Somers, Public Works Director stated there is an electronic and tire waste drive at public works garage on this Saturday from 9 a.m. to Noon.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY David Dorris, Police Chief stated they are getting Toughbooks installed and have begun using them.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief stated that he is glad we hired Bret. He has picked right up on the inspections. Brendan Pursell is at academy. Chili Dinner will be drive through only at OLMC on November 12.

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

FINANCE Motion was made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to authorize bills to be paid before the Council. Alderman Crompton, Kinley, Miller, Ruppel, Sizemore, Shoemake, Ahlgren and York 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 gave the August report of the library statistics. Ice Cream Social in August was a success.

HERRIN CIVIC CENTER LIAISON Scott Kinley, Liaison for the Herrin Civic Center stated that Queen of Hearts tomorrow night will be \$5,372.00. Wing-it Wednesdays still going on. \$6 Dinner and \$5 cover charge; 6-9 p.m. The outdoor sign has been out. The Gala Committee gave a sizeable donation and they are now able to order a new sign for \$23,000. October 7 & 8 high school musical.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE PURCHASE OF 3 POLICE DEPT. VEHICLES Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman Miller to approve purchase of three police department vehicles. Alderman Crompton, Kinley, Miller, Ruppel, Sizemore, Shoemake, Ahlgren and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

OPENS BIDS The following bids were received: 824 S. 9th St. – no bids received; 405 S. 19th St. – no bids received; 5 A Lane – no bids received; 7 & 8 Court C – no bids received; 9 Court C – no bids received;

1304 S. 22nd St. - \$3,003.00.

- AWARD BID Motion made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Kinley to award bid of 1304 S. 22nd Street To David & Karla McCowen for \$3,003.00. Alderman Kinley, Miller, Ruppel, Sizemore, Shoemake, Ahlgren, York and Crompton voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".
- AMENDMENT FOP #197 CONTRACT Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman Kinley to approve the amendment to the FOP contract. Alderman Miller, Ruppel, Sizemore, Shoemake, Ahlgren, York, Crompton and Kinley voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".
- ORDINANCE 23-2022 TIF AGREE- Agreement with PKS Land Development, LLC. Alderman Ruppel, Sizemore, Shoemake, Ahlgren, York, Crompton, Kinley and Miller voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".
MENT PKS LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC
- ORDINANCE 24-2022 TIF AGREE- Agreement with Lost Fork Development, LLC. Alderman Sizemore, Shoemake, Ahlgren, York, Crompton, Kinley, Miller and Ruppel voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".
MENT LOST FORK DEVELOPMENT, LLC
- RESOLUTION 10-2022 USE OF DOWNTOWN TIF FUNDS PARK AVE. ENHANCEMENT/SAFETY PROJECT PHASE II Motion made by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman Miller to pass Resolution 10-2022 Use of Downtown TIF Funds for Park Avenue Enhancement/Safety Project Phase II. Alderman Shoemake, Ahlgren, York, Crompton, Kinley, Miller, Ruppel and Sizemore voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".
- MAYOR Mayor attended IML conference last weekend. Mayor and Carl will be going to Carbondale related to the Coal Basin Economic strategy and plan. We are a part of the coal basin. This will be to look at ways to enhance our area. Alderman York will be heading up the building of the new animal control facility. Mayor has been looking at options on how and what to build. We are waiting on a potential site, waiting on the bank to put the site out for bid. It is near the old landfill. There is enough area there for us to build and not have a footprint on the old landfill.
- COUNCIL Alderman Ahlgren stated that she had a call from someone that lives across from Diamond #2 on N. 7th Street. There was a residential parking only sign and it has faded and been knocked down. Also, the speeding in this area needs checked on. She stated that it's good when each department is here. She asks that someone from animal control comes to each meeting. Animal control warden has had a medical issue and hasn't been able to come. She also wishes that someone would be here from public works.
- Alderman Sizemore stated that the animal control fundraiser from a couple weeks ago and netted \$4,700.00. He has had a couple requests regarding 27th Street train crossing as well as the one on Bandyville.
- Alderman Shoemake asked about the traffic light at Monroe not being in sequence. It is under IDOT jurisdiction. Tom will revisit with IDOT.
- Alderman Crompton stated that it is nice for the department heads to speak up and make a small comment about what is going on. This Saturday October 1, Herrin Park is having a vendor autumn in the park. There is 26+ vendors. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ADJOURN Motion made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Kinley to adjourn. Alderman Ahlgren, York, Crompton, Kinley, Miller, Ruppel, Sizemore and Shoemake voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".


STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK