

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERRIN,
ILLINOIS HELD AT HERRIN CITY HALL ON
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 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	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	Alderman Ward III
SCOTT KINLEY	Alderman Ward III
BILL SIZEMORE	Alderman Ward IV
MARILYN RUPPEL	Alderman Ward IV

PUBLIC Chuck Charlet would like to no why the city council can't do something about pit bulls in the town as one killed their dog over the weekend.

Bob Scillufo, Herrin Park District asks that we look at the sidewalks on 5th Street.

MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2024 Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman York to approve the minutes of March 11, 2024 Council Meeting. Alderman Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Carl Goodwin stated he did tow fees today and in balance. Finance meeting 3/28 at 9 a.m. at City Hall.

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

CODES Bret Childers Codes Administrator stated please mow or your neighbors will turn you in.

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

Tom Somers, Public Works Director stated there is a lot of construction happening downtown.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY David Dorris, Police Chief stated that on April 8 there will be extra officers on for the eclipse.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief stated sheeting is going up on the fire house. Trusses will be up soon. We have not pulled the trigger for a burn ban yet. Don't burn if you don't have to. If calls increase, we will issue a burn ban.

David Shoemake, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee met earlier, item later on agenda.

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 stated she, Carrie and the mayor went to an SIH Workshop. We will have an insurance meeting before next council meeting.

HERRIN LIBRARY LIAISON Marilyn Ruppel, Liaison for the Herrin City Library stated WSIL TV attended the Dr. Springs speech at library. There is a new software you can use to borrow e books, magazines, etc. Next book sale is in June. History room has had requests regarding First Baptist Church. 13,144 visited history Facebook page. You can get free eclipse glasses with a borrower's card.

HERRIN CIVIC CENTER LIAISON Scott Kinley, Liaison for the Herrin Civic Center stated Queen of Hearts \$9,600 Tuesday night. 4/7 at 6 p.m. is the little Ozzy Eclipse Eve Party, Wednesdays are Wing-It Wednesday.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINT MATTHEW RANDOLPH FULL-TIME PATROLMAN Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman Kinley to appoint Matthew Randolph as Full-Time Patrolman effective March 27, 2024. Alderman York, Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake and Crompton voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".


OFFICIAL OATH Shelly Huggins, City Clerk, administered official oath to Matthew Randolph as Full-Time Patrolman.

MAYOR Mitchell Law Firm has given notice that they are withdrawing from providing us with legal services. Mayor has been contacted by other attorneys that have interest in serving the City. Finance meeting

Thursday will be about the topic. The property next to the new fire station will potentially close this week. Mayor has met with a potential buyer of a piece of property next to our city limits regarding annexation. It would be a 30-residence subdivision. The railroad contract is being worked on.

COUNCIL None.

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



STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK