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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday September 25, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dickey.

**Roll Call:**

Ward #1	Susie Tongate:	P	Sarah Sarantakos:	P
Ward #2	Randy Wyant:	P	Ray Hanks :	P
Ward #3	Scott Davis:	P	Doug Parsons:	P
Ward #4	Denis Fisher:	P	Laura Miller:	A

Visitors: Supt. Martin, Admin Shull, Officer Rosenbaum, Treasurer Lorenzen, City Atty. Miller, Resident Terry Roesch, Michelle Brucker & Missy Heavilin representing 'After Prom' Committee, Atty Justin Brunner-Thomas Mamer Law Office, and Jean Noellsch – Ford County Chronicle.

Pledge led by Alderman Wyant.

Motion to approve Minutes of September 11th made by Alderman Sarantakos, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Alderman Tongate. Motion carried 7/0.

**Visitors:**

Michelle Brucker & Missy Heavilin representing the After Prom Committee explained plans for a fund raiser on the day of the Lighted Holiday Parade, which is scheduled for the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The committee wants to have horse/carriage rides, sell hot chocolate & cookies, and have a photo booth. They are asking to barricade 8<sup>th</sup> @ Sangamon to the alley and use the north side of the street for the carriage to load and unload, near Syd & Sadies. Their route will travel south on Lott Blvd from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, turn and return coming north on Wood Street back to 8<sup>th</sup>. Council voiced no concerns and Mayor Dickey asked that they work with Supt. Martin on details and barricades, and suggest they talk with Harvest Fest Committee who are in charge of the parade route.

Supt. Martin announced clean-up of excess 'trap rock' will be done on October 9<sup>th</sup>, a day when school is not in session.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lorenzen read the August Treasurer's report and Alderman Sarantakos questioned why the Park & Forestry funds have negative balances. Admin. Shull answered that he has transferred funds into those accounts according to budget and it will show in next report. No further questions.

## **Bills:**

Motion to pay 4 TIF 2 checks totaling \$305,708.01 made by Alderman Hanks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Sarantakos, motion carried 6 in favor, Alderman Fisher abstained.

Motion to pay 2 Downtown TIF checks totaling \$300,856.28 made by Alderman Sarantakos, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Davis, motion carried 5 in favor, Aldermen Fisher & Wyant abstained.

Motion to pay General Fund bills in the amount of \$136,114.58 made by Alderman Hanks, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Alderman Sarantakos, motion approved 6 in favor, Alderman Wyant abstained.

Old business: Consideration to accept a payment and release a lien on property located at 403 W. 10<sup>th</sup> tabled to next meeting.

## **New Business:**

A. Fence quotes – Supt. Martin presented 2 quotes for fencing to be placed around 4 of the Water Well houses to protect the new generators. Peerless Fence of Bloomington was the low bid of \$25,790 including a service gate at each location. Alderman Wyant made the motion to approve the bid from Peerless Fencing at a cost not to exceed \$25,790.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Davis, motion carried 7/0.

B. Task Order 076 presented from Donohue & Associates to update the city Zoning map and provide the city with (2) color 30"x30" maps, and electronic PDF version, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 Alderman Tongate made a motion to approve the \$2500 task order #076, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Hanks, motion approved 7/0.

C. Ordinance No. 2023-O-31, Alderman Parsons made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-O-31 amending Water & Sewer Rates and Establishing a new Drainage Fee of \$10 per residential account and 5% per non-residential account. Other changes are minimum Bi-monthly water rate shall be \$25.00 inside corporate limits, \$30 outside corporate limits; minimum Bi-monthly sewer rate shall be \$15.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion to approve was made by Alderman Hanks, motion carried 7/0.

D. Ordinance No. 2023-O-32, amending the Golf Cart Ordinance, by lowering the driver age from 21 to 18. Alderman Hanks made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Tongate, motion passed 7/0.

Alderman Davis made a motion to Enter Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the purchase of real estate for use by the City for public purposes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2. (c) (5) and for the purposes of discussing probable or imminent litigation on behalf of the City before a court pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion made by Alderman Wyant. Motion carried 7/0.

Council returned to regular session at 8:00. No comments from Executive Session.

Alderman Fisher announced he will be away for the next 6 meetings for family business and asked to attend meetings remotely. Atty Miller stated that he can attend remotely, listen, and enter discussion, but not vote remotely. Council is agreeable to his participation electronically.

Alderman Miller made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Alderman Sarantakos. Motion passed 6/0, meeting adjourned.

APPROVED

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Mayor Daniel E Dickey

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Janice L. Hall, City Clerk