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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Monday November 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dickey in City Hall Council Chambers.

Roll Call:

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

Pledge led by Alderman Hankes.

Visitors:

Residents: Ellen Hankes, Dave Walton, Alan Anderson, Terry Roesch, Rob Schmitt; Harvest Fest / Lighted Parade Committee representatives – Stacy & Brandon Hildebrandt, Brandon Zumwalt, Scott Hardin, Billie Jo Denny; MCS owner Todd McNutt, Mindy Basi – Ford County Chronicle, Chief Rosendahl, Admin Scott Shull, Treasurer Vickie Lorenzen.

Motion to approve Minutes of November 11, 2024, made by Alderman Miller, Alderman Fisher seconded the motion, motion carried 6/0.

Visitor Comments:

Dave Walton, resident of 601 East 7th Street, addressed the council with his written statement of complaints regarding ongoing drainage problems at his house. Mr. Walton stated he has a \$40K woodworking shop at his residence at risk every time his property floods. He acknowledged that around 1988 the City recognized his need for better drainage and installed a tile, but since that time the neighboring properties have been allowed to haul tons of fill and road pack onto their properties and he believes this is the reason for his drainage issues. Mr. Walton aired his complaints about the drainage problems and his disappointment in talks with the Mayor and Supt. Duncan, as well as his neighbor, Mr. Roesch. He wants the runoff stormwater to be directed elsewhere. No questions or comments were made at the end of his statement.

Brandon Zumwalt – representing the Christmas Parade Committee thanked all the sponsors, the volunteers and city workers for their help.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Vickie Lorenzen read the October Treasurer’s report – with no comments or questions.

Committee Reports:

Alderman Sarantakos – stated she had spoken with Fehr Graham Engineer Matt Johnson, and he explained the letter from the IL Dept of Health, which cited items to be added or changed to the new pool plan before resubmission for a permit. Sarantakos advised council that Engineer Matt Johnson will be at our December 9th council meeting to review the timeframe of the bidding process.

Approval of Bills:

Motion made by Alderman Miller to pay 1 - TIF 2 check in the amount of \$856.50 2nd made by Alderman Hanks, motion carried 6/0.

Motion made by Alderman Hanks to pay General Fund checks in the amount of \$175,080.82, 2nd made by Alderman Fisher. Alderman Sarantakos questioned one bill to Getty’s Lawn Service – asking if the City is paying the rental on the Sunbelt rental truck they are using for leaf removal. Mayor Dickey explained that the city entered a flat rate annual agreement for leaf removal with Getty for 3 years, and a breakdown of expenditures was not included. Motion carried 6/0.

Old Business:

- A. Todd McNutt, owner of MCS computer services, presented 2 options for 2 monitors to be added to council chambers for benefit of both council and visitors. The difference was between using 65” or 75” monitors, and the dollar amount difference in the options was less than \$500.00. Alderman Wyant suggested selecting the larger 75” monitors, and Alderman Sarantakos made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2 75” monitors to be installed with training to council – in the amount of \$7,750.72; motion carried 6/0.

New Business:

- A. Tax Levy Ordinance 2024-O-15 total amount \$315,100.00 – Admin Scott Shull suggested lowering the amount to IMRF and raising the amount to FICA, by \$25K. Alderman Sarantakos stated that she felt it should be higher, and Attorney Miller asked for a few minutes to reconcile the amounts. The changes made are IMRF-Pensions from \$73K to \$48K, and Social Security increases from \$50K to \$75K. Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-O-15 with these changes – made by Alderman Wyant, 2nd by Alderman Miller, motion carried 6/0.
- B. Ordinance 2024-O-16 – Downtown TIF Agreement with Tricor Inc., and S&K LLC / dba Falcon’s Nest – in the total amount of \$292,750.00. Funds are received as the assessed value rises from the improvements made, motion to approve this new Downtown TIF Agreement as explained made by Alderman Hanks, 2nd made by Alderman Tongate, motion carried 4 yes, and Aldermen Wyant and Fisher abstained due to owning property in the TIF.
- C. Mayor Dickey explained to council that Rising Bakery was a week later than the allowable time to submit paid invoices for reimbursement from the Façade Grant. He suggested allowing A Renee and Rising Bakery to be allowed an extension to submit paid invoices, instead of the current 120 days, due to difficulty in scheduling workers. Alderman Tongate made the motion to approve the extension for A Renee and Rising Bakery to submit paid invoices and request City Attorney to prepare a permanent amendment to the Facade Grant Program Ordinance with the same time extension for turning in paid invoices, from 120 days to 180 days, 2nd by Alderman Sarantakos, motion carried 6/0.

Motion to Adjourn made by Alderman Davis, second by Alderman Miller, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ATTEST

APPROVED

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk

Mayor Daniel Dickey