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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
Monday March 24, 2025

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 :	A
Ward #3	Scott Davis:	P	Terry Roesch:	P
Ward #4	Denis Fisher:	P	Laura Miller:	P

**Pledge** led by Alderman Fisher.

**Visitors:** Admin Scott Shull, Treasurer Vickie Lorenzen, Officer Rosenbaum, Supt. Martin, Asst. Supt. Nolte, John Bobera, Residents -David Walton, Alan Anderson, Heidi DuVall, Karen Seib, Delbert Tjarks, and Mindy Basi – Ford Co. Chronicle.

Heidi Duvall, representing American Legion Riders and American Legion Auxiliary made requests of council – Legion Riders Flag Day – April 26, intersections of Sangamon & 8<sup>th</sup>, and Rt. 47 N & 8<sup>th</sup> – collect donations from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / Donations are to help veterans.

Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day is May 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – money goes towards Christmas Basket program.

Hometown Heroes – by Legion Riders want to change to a 2-day event. This year hoping to have a band from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> on their vacant lot at Sangamon & 9<sup>th</sup> Streets – DuVall asked if it needed to be roped off. Mayor Dickey stated that if they are selling alcohol, they must rope the area – alcohol sales are to remain at the site where they are purchased. Alderman Tongate stated there is a Cruise Night planned with a band for the same evening and time. Tongate stated there is no Cruise Night planned in September. DuVall will go back to her committees to discuss alternative options. Council approved the fundraising requests for April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer’s Report** presented by Treasurer Vickie Lorenzen.

**Motion to approve Minutes** of March 10, 2025, made by Alderman Roesch, Alderman Sarantakos seconded the motion, motion carried 7/0.

**Committee Reports:**

Alderman Susie Tongate, representing GASA, asked council for permission to be in the intersections of 8th and Sangamon and 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to Noon, on Friday April 11th for a fundraiser. Council and no objection. Also, this coming Saturday, Resident Jayne Tjardes plans to have an informal group discussion at the Farmer’s Market site on Sangamon Avenue and encourages all who are interested to attend with ideas to promote the Farmer’s Market.

Alderman Sarantakos reported on the GC Pool Board meeting held last week. Manager Randy Ferguson has received the permit to be open this coming season. Target opening day is May 31<sup>st</sup>; minor repairs will be done in advance when weather is warmer. Sarantakos went on to say the Pool board prepared a balanced budget of \$129,400 for the 2025 season. Next pool board meeting is April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Sarantakos also met with Peter Hornstein, who is head of the Youth Baseball Program. Supt. Martin is aware of repairs needed at ball fields and stated a new metal roof (\$4,600) will be installed over concession stand at McMillan Field. City asks that all facilities are left clean after use if we are going to continue to spend money on repairs.

Supt. Martin – clarified that Building Permit Applications MUST be accompanied by a survey of the property completed within the past 12 months, OR be able to show actual surveyor property markers to Supt. This is to protect the homeowner and the city; no exceptions will be made.

**Approval of Bills:**

Alderman Miller made a motion to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$\$184,528.47, second to this motion made by Alderman Tongate, motion carried 7/0.

**Old Business:**

- A. Discussion & Consideration Ordinance #2025-O-5 Amending Chapter 16 – Garbage to include previous language regarding inspections, fees, insurance of trucks. Mayor Dickey stated annual permit fees per business will be \$250 with a \$50 per vehicle inspection fee. All vehicles must pass Supt. Martin’s inspection – a checklist has been created. All businesses will also be required to carry workman’s compensation insurance on employees and name the City as an ‘additional insured’ on liability policies. Clerk Hall asked for a list of current garbage haulers to send letters and updated ordinance so all can be inspected and permitted beginning May 1, 2025. Supt. Martin will supply the list of current haulers. Mayor Dickey suggested council leave the heading for ‘Recycling’ terms but remove the current terms until a replacement for Ridgeview Recycling is found. Motion by Alderman Roesch to approve Chapter 16 / Regulation of Garbage hauling and Recycling be approved as amended, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Alderman Fisher, motion carried 7/0. Chairman of Streets & Alleys, Alderman Roesch commented that garbage trucks are creating deep ruts by not changing where they run; Supt. Martin will address this with haulers.

**New Business:**

- A. Discussion and Consideration of Farnsworth Task Order #2025 0-1 for Trap Rock Chip Seal Project. Engineering costs not to exceed \$23,300. Karen Seib stated that she finds it difficult to turn on some of the streets with brown trap rock because of excess rock along the edges, particularly at 19<sup>th</sup> Street & Rt. 47 north. Supt. Martin explained that the chip and seal can only be done over hard surfaces, cannot be extended wider over road edges.
- B. Discussion & Consideration of Facade Grant application from Shepherd’s Closet Inc., 106 Sangamon, to replace front window and door. The total quote is \$11,820. The City matches funds up to a maximum of \$5,000. Alderman Sarantakos made a motion to approve the Façade Grant for Shepherd’s Closet @ 106 N. Sangamon in the maximum amount allowed, \$5,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion made by Alderman Fisher. Roll call vote and motion carried 7/0. Finance Chairman Scott Davis stated this will be available after the beginning of the new fiscal year, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Resident Dave Walton, 601 E. 7<sup>th</sup>, complained that school buses drive across his property exiting the bus lot that is across the street to the north. He talked with Supt. Darnall at one point and the problem was stopped for a time, but now it has become a problem again. Mayor and council suggested he talked with Supt. Darnall again, as this is an issue between school bus drivers and him, private property owner.

- C. Alderman Davis made a motion to Enter Executive Session per IL Codes for the purpose of discussing one or more employees, second made by Alderman Wyant, council entered Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.
  
- D. Council returned to Open Session at 7:55 p.m. Mayor Dickey announced the resignation of our Wastewater Supt. Brad Duncan. Duncan accepted a position offered to him in Pontiac, IL. Fortunately, through a referral, Mayor Dickey has an applicant to fill this position. John Bobera, Manteno, IL, holds a Class 1 Wastewater License and has experience as a Wastewater Operator/Collections Operator since 2008 in Manteno and Grant Park, Illinois. Alderman Wyant made a motion to hire John Bobera as our new Wastewater/Drainage Superintendent, salary \$92,000 with full benefits including health insurance covered at 100%, 4 weeks' vacation, all regular employee benefits as stated in Code - with a start date of April 8<sup>th</sup>; 2nd to this Motion made by Alderman Miller. Motion carried 7/0.
  
- E. Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Wyant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alderman Miller, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

ATTEST

APPROVED

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Janice L. Hall, City Clerk

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Mayor Daniel Dickey