

Fairfield, Illinois
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, September 22, 2020

The City Council meeting was held with in-person attendance and others joined the meeting via phone conference.

Meeting called to order by Acting Mayor Moore at 6:00 P.M.

Prayer led by David Mills followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Tina Hutchcraft called the roll:

Acting Mayor: Gary Moore
City Clerk: Tina Hutchcraft
City Attorney: Darrin Rice
Aldermen: Ralph Barbre; Brett Coale; Tyler Lampley; Eugene McGill; Jerry Lisenbee; Terry Stahl

Absent: Alderman Jim Griffith

Also Present: Ken Otey, WFIW Radio; David Mills, Wayne County Press; Andrew Miller, Fire Chief; Keith Colclasure, Police Chief; Dian Downs; Tyler Lashbrook, Electric Department; Josh Boyd, Water Filtration; Jon Colclasure, Wastewater; Flo Simpson; and other citizens from the community.

The minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2020, agendas and bills of September 22, 2020 were sent out to those entitled to receive them. Acting Mayor Moore asked for approval of the minutes for the September 8, 2020 meeting. Motion by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2020.

Vote yes: McGill; Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Lampley; Lisenbee

Vote no: none

Absent: Griffith

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Acting Mayor Moore asked for approval to pay the bills for the September 22, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Barbre, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the bills for payment.

Vote yes: Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill

Vote no: none

Absent: Griffith

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Proclamation for Adult Education and Family Literacy Week – A proclamation was read and Acting Mayor Gary Moore declared September 21st through September 27th as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

Trick or Treat Dates – Trick or Treat dates will be Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Acting Mayor Moore encouraged everyone to take extra precautions this year due to the COVID-19 virus. Residents that do not wish to participate should leave their porch light turned off.

Ordinance Setting Salaries for Elected Officials – Acting Mayor Moore presented this ordinance to the Council for approval. The Mayor's salary would be fixed at \$50,000 per year and shall receive an annual stipend of \$1,200 for serving as the Liquor Control Commissioner. The City Clerk will continue to receive an annual pay increase as outlined in a previous ordinance and will also receive an annual stipend of \$2,400 a year for Municipal Court and other assigned duties. Both the Mayor and Clerk will receive a bonus at the same time as unelected employees of the city. The alderman salary will be increased annually by 4% for the next two years and beginning May, 2023 the annual increase will terminate. There was some discussion about the possibility of lowering the Mayor's salary and hiring a utility superintendent. The City isn't really financially able to hire a superintendent at this time. Alderman Barbre would like to see the ordinance changed to reflect that the Mayor's position is a full time position. Attorney Rice will prepare an ordinance for this and will have it prepared for the next meeting. Alderman Coale made a suggestion to give the aldermen annual increases based on the pay raises given to the IBEW employees as some spend many extra hours in committee meetings. Other aldermen stated they felt there was no need for an annual increase. A motion was made by Alderman McGill, seconded by Alderman Lampley to approve the ordinance as presented to set the salaries for elected officials effective May, 2021.

Vote yes: Stahl; Barbre; Coale; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore

Vote no: none

Absent: Griffith

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Ordinance No. 20-0922-225 approved and duly adopted.

Authorization to Seek Bids for the Sale of Bucket Cat with a 60 Ton Winch – This machine has not been used for quite some time and there will be no need to purchase a replacement in the future. A motion was made by Alderman Lampley, seconded by Alderman Coale to seek bids for the sale of a 955 Bucket Cat with a 60 ton winch.

Vote yes: Barbre; Coale; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Stahl

Vote no: none

Absent: Griffith

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Amendment to the Leachate Agreement – We previously had an agreement with the Wayne County Landfill to dispose of the leachate water at our Wastewater Treatment Plant. They transported it from the landfill to our facility. Republic began using a different facility to dispose of the leachate as a cost saving measure for their business. Acting Mayor Moore met with Rob Willming, General Manager for Republic Services, to see if a plan could be developed so the city

could recapture some of the lost income we had coming in from the leachate agreement. He would like to run a dedicated line from the landfill into one of our lift stations behind the Elastec building. This line would run down Mt. Vernon Rd. and the city already has easements along this roadway. In the previous agreement the city received \$0.06 per gallon to dispose of the leachate but we had really out priced ourselves. This new agreement states the city will receive \$0.03 per gallon with no out of pocket expense. A motion was made by Alderman Lisenbee, seconded by Alderman Stahl to approve the amendment to the Leachate Agreement with the Wayne County Landfill.

Vote yes: Coale; Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Stahl; Barbre

Vote no: none

Absent: Griffith

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Technology Proposal – IT Support – The city recently experienced some problems with our email. Someone apparently opened an email that they shouldn't have. Acting Mayor Moore met with Chad Barbre with Hefley & Associates about what his company could do to help the city avoid this type of problem again. He has presented a proposal to upgrade our system and to provide IT support. This is a three-year agreement at a cost of \$1,805.00 per month. A motion was made by Alderman Lisenbee, seconded by Alderman McGill to approve the technology proposal with Hefley & Associates, P.C.

Vote yes: Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale

Vote no: none

Absent: Griffith

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Miscellaneous – Alderman McGill thanked Earl Hutcheson for his many years of service to the city and congratulated him on his retirement.

Miscellaneous – There will be police and fire testing on October 24th to establish a new eligibility list for both departments. Applications are now available and the deadline to turn them in is October 9th. A list for fire will be established. We will establish a non-certified list and a lateral list for police. Acting Mayor Moore stated we need to get our police department back up to full force.

Miscellaneous – City wide clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th for city residents. A dumpster will also be available at the St. & Bridge Department. We will also have a dumpster available to dispose of old tires.

Miscellaneous – Alderman Coale was approached by an owner of a downtown business who stated there is not room for customers to park. Business owners are parking in front of the store and leaving their vehicles there all day. There is no easy solution to this problem but Acting Mayor Moore stated he hopes business owners would park further away so customers wouldn't have to.

Executive Session – Alderman Stahl made a motion, seconded by Alderman McGill to go into Executive Session to discuss Section 2(c)(21) – discuss minutes of closed session meetings and

Section 2(c)(1) – the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance of specific employees of the public body.

Vote yes: Lampley; Lisenbee; McGill; Moore; Stahl; Barbre; Coale

Vote no: none

Absent: Griffith

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried.

Return to Regular Session – Alderman McGill made a motion, seconded by Alderman Coale to return to regular session.

Vote yes: Coale; Lampley; McGill; Lisenbee; Stahl; Moore

Vote no: none

Absent: Barbre; Griffith

Acting Mayor Moore declared motion carried and Council returned to regular session at 7:44 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting – Motion by Alderman Stahl, seconded by Alderman McGill to adjourn the meeting.

Vote yes: 6

Vote no: 0

Absent: 2

Acting Mayor Moore declared meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Tina Hutchcraft, City Clerk

Gary Moore, Acting Mayor