

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 20, 2020

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on April 20, 2020 via phone conference as allowed under the Open Meetings Act, because of Illinois Governor Pritzker's Executive Order.

Mayor Alvey called to order the meeting of the City Council at 4:00 P.M.

City Clerk, Sharon Dunham, was directed to call roll, and the following members of the Council were present: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Myers, Gabor and Wille. Also Attending were: Mayor Alvey, City Administrator, Bob Karls, Police Chief Woolford, Fire Chief Campbell, Parks & Rec, Taylor Baxter; David Wilson, Building & Zoning; Jake Kinkade, Sewer Department Superintendent; Ellie Alexander, Tourism; Erich Murphy and City Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alvey stated that there were three items on the consent agenda. He asked if there was a need to have any item removed for later discussion. Hearing none, motion made by Myers, second by Eckhoff, that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Myers, second by Eckhoff to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020, City Council Meeting. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

B. Motion by Myers, second by Eckhoff, to approve payment of bills totaling \$2,265.83 from the TIF I Fund. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Myers, Gabor and Wille

C Motion by Hicks, second by Eckhoff, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$211,296.81 from all other funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Myers, Gabor and Wille

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Electrical Aggregation

Discussion on the City's Municipal Aggregation program for electricity, which the term ends in August. The program can be renewed, having two options. Further information will be analyzed by staff and brought to the next Council meeting for vote.

B. Re-Appointment of Roger Wahls to Police Pension Board

Motion by Gabor, second by Kallas to approve the re-appointment of Roger Wahls to a (2) year term on the Police Pension Board. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, Myers, Gabor and Wille

C. Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program

April 30, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. there will be a public hearing via phone conference, as allowed under the Governor's Executive Order, for interested parties regarding the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program, which the City helps applicants, having under (50) employees, to apply for Grants from the State Block Grant Fund, due to COVID-19 . Phone and code numbers can be received at City Hall.

D. COVID-19 Response

Fire Chief Campbell said approval for the Citywide safety plan is now in effect through April 30, 2020. The Fire Department and Police Department meet weekly. Chief Woolford noted that police activity is down, mostly because of reduced traffic and there have been no arrests for violation of the Executive Order. Taylor Baxter stated that they are continually changing the City's website to update information to residents.

Emergency Declaration

Motion by Kallas, second by Hicks to extend the Emergency Declaration Oder to May 4, 2020, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 6-2. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Hicks, and Wille. Nay votes recorded: Myers and Gabor.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey noted that Interlake has re-opened after being closed by the State for a few days. He also thanked all City employees, staff and residents for help through this COVID-19 crisis.

Administrator Comments

Bob Karls told Council that the City has received a Prairie Foundation Grant of \$2,000.00 that will be used for Rockin at the River series.

Council Comments

Alderman Kallas asked about the Leader building and when the City can go out for proposals to sell.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting of the City Council was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk