

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on July 5, 2021. Mayor Alvey called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 P.M.

The City Clerk was directed to call roll, and the following members of the Council were present: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor and Wille, (Via Zoom).

Absent: Myers

MEETING OF THE PONTIAC CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY

Mayor Alvey asked that the record show the same Aldermen present for this meeting as are present for the regular Council meeting: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

Mayor Alvey asked if there was any business to come before the Civic Center Board this evening. Hearing none, he declared the meeting closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alvey stated that there were two items on the consent agenda. He asked if there were any items that needed to be removed for later discussion. Hearing none, motion made by Eckhoff, second by Kallas that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Kallas to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022 as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

B. Motion Eckhoff, second by Kallas to approve the payment of bills totaling \$514,009.49 from all funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance 2022-O-012

Motion by Gabor, second by Barr to approve Ordinance 2022-O-012, an Ordinance granting a special use permit and variances in connection with the development of an adult-use cannabis craft grower facility at 1002 w. North St., Pontiac, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-1. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille. Nay Vote recorded: Giovanini

B. NIMEC Electrical Aggregation Renewal

Motion by Barr, second by Gabor to approve the renewal of the Municipal Aggregation program from June 2022 to May 2023 period, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

C. Parks Purchase Benches

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Barr to approve the purchase of (17) benches for the parks and (8) benches for the downtown area at a total cost of \$21,132.00 from Belson Outdoors. Some of the bench costs, depending on the area, TIF funds can be used for purchase. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor and Wille.

D. Referendum Update

Mayor Alvey spoke to the Council on the failure of sales tax referendum to pass. Suggested getting together with the Finance Committee and Council to decide a plan of action regarding putting the referendum on the November ballot.

F. Sewer Change Order

Motion by Giovanini, second by Hicks to approve Change Order #8 on the Wastewater Improvement Project, in the amount of \$68,318.00 for (10) changes, as presented.. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

Jake Kinkade told Council that 90% of the project is completed.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey commented recent flash rain and how well the sewer project reacted. Also mentioning a lot of tree damage which Chris Brock stated the City is working on clearing the trees that were uprooted.

Administrator Comments

Jim Woolford introduced to Council, Andrew Henderson, the new IT Director for the City. Bob Karls asked for a Committee of the Whole on August 8, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

Council Comments

Alderwomen Eckhoff asked if the City could file insurance claims on the lost trees from the storm. The City's deductible is higher than the claim would be. She said she is going to be starting a personal blog regarding the ongoing actions in the City, which may help with more disclosure of the goings on in the City. Her blog will have a link on the Pontiac website.

Public Comments

JoanE Lipinski asked the Council about the amount of benches that are being purchased and how it was determined where the benches would be installed. JoanE also noted that the parks and many other areas in the City are still not handicap accessible as required by law. She also noted that the sound at the City meetings, whether in person or online, was bad and many cannot hear.

Ed Lipinski remarked to Council on the failed tax referendum and that the City is fighting perceptions on the City's spending of funds. He thanked Kelly Eckhoff for her efforts and future efforts, hoping that perceptions can be changed.

Executive Session

Motion by Gabor, second by Kallas to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing and considering Personnel, Land Acquisition and Collective Bargaining matters as authorized under Section 2(c)2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

Return from Executive Session

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk