

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Ingold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call showed the following aldermen in attendance: Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Also, in attendance were: Mayor Bill Ingold, Treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen, Public Works Director Mark LeClair, Police Chief Coy Cornett, City Attorney Marc Miller, EMA Director Ed Hanson, and members of the audience and press.

MINUTES

Mayor Ingold asked if there were any changes, corrections or additions that needed made to the minutes from the June Council meeting. Alderman Withers made a motion to approve the minutes of the June Council meeting. Aldermen Geiken seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

LIST OF CLAIMS

Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve the lists of claims, except for the Johnson and Johnson and Frederick Community Bank bills. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Withers made a motion to approve the Johnson and Johnson and Frederick Community Bank bill. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Abstain - Johnson Anderson. Six ayes, one abstain, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVESTMENT REGISTER

The reports have been emailed to all Aldermen. Alderman Johnson Anderson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Register. Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. All approved on a voice vote.

Mayor Ingold read a thank you note from Wendy Graham and Tabitha Eichelberger, and he wished his wife, Lynn, a happy birthday. He also noted that Public Works Director LeClair is retiring at the end of August. A more formal celebration will be held at the next City Council meeting.

FINANCE/BUDGET

There were no committee meetings.

Non-union raises will be discussed at the Executive Session at the end of tonight's meeting.

Treasurer/Comptroller Jensen spoke on the Appropriation ordinance. This is an annual ordinance that the City does. Alderman Pacey asked about an increase. This is designated to

replace the items lost in the fire last month. Alderman Pacey also asked about possibly transferring money for the new zoning map. He let the Council know the plan for updating the Zoning map. This could cost around \$15,000. Alderman Pacey made a motion to transfer \$16,000 from Microloans to License, Permit, and Zoning to cover this cost. Alderman Satterlee seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

The audit is complete, and everything seemed to go smoothly. There were no issues.

Alderman Johnson Anderson made a motion to approve **ORDINANCE 20-17 MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY OF PAXTON, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY, 2020 AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.** Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

There were no committee meetings.

The pump prices for sludge need to be approved for fall. The City always tries to get approved for one million gallons. This is the maximum that can be pumped out, although typically not that much is pumped. Alderman Withers made a motion to approve pumping up to a million gallons of sludge at \$0.05/gallon. Alderman Johnson Anderson seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

ICE students for 2020-2021 were discussed. Public Works Director LeClair has participated in this program for a long time. He hopes that school is in session and this can continue. He feels that they have the budget to have two students this year. This cost is included in the appropriation budget. Alderman Withers made a motion to approving hiring two ICE students this year. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Satterlee, and Withers. Six ayes, one abstain, motion carried.

Public Works Director LeClair commended his employees. Last week was hot and humid. They cut down 46 trees. He's proud of his employees, they did a great job!

PUBLIC SAFETY

There were no committee meetings.

The FOP Request will be discussed at the Executive Session.

The property at 556 W. Center Street was discussed. They were in court a couple of weeks ago to work on this. They have been fined for each day that it isn't cleaned or mowed. The next step will be to get a warrant for the City to clean and mow.

The property at 404 S. Market is going through the same thing. They are being fined \$15 per day that it isn't cleaned up.

The new squad car is done, for a total of \$43,116.15, under the budget of \$45,000. They received \$8,000 for the sale of the old police vehicle.

The Police Department's policy manual is being reviewed at this time.

There was a small protest on July 8th, around 25-30 people. There was one incident, for possession of alcohol, that happened.

EMA Director Ed Hanson asked how adjusting the ordinance for ERS is coming. Alderman Pacey will get it on the agenda for August.

There was discussion on semitrucks traveling through town.

CITY PROPERTY

There were no committee meetings.

The sale of City property will be discussed in Executive Session.

Mayor Ingold updated the Council regarding the fire and replacement items. Bids have been requested for a new building. They are working with the insurance companies.

LICENSE, PERMIT, ZONING & INSURANCE

There was a committee meeting.

Alderman Satterlee would like to schedule a committee meeting for 6:30 p.m., on August 11th.

Mayor Ingold spoke regarding the request for a 7th Class C Liquor license. Alderman Withers made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-18. Alderman Johnson Anderson seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

There was discussion regarding curbside delivery for package alcohol. Casey's would like to be able to sell alcohol curbside. This is not for delivery offsite, but strictly on their property. There was discussion on this topic. A question was raised if the local stores supported this option. The assistant manager that Mayor Ingold spoke to hadn't heard of it. This item was tabled until August.

COMMUNITY

There were no committee meetings.

The Chamber of Commerce asked the City for a \$10,000 donation to participate in the Gift Card program. Last time this program raised \$72,000 for the businesses in Paxton. There was discussion on this topic. Alderman Johnson Anderson feels that the funds should be spent on infrastructure over this item since the future budget is uncertain. Hotel/Motel tax funds could be spent on this item. Alderman Pacey made a motion to donate \$10,000 from Hotel/Motel tax funds to the Chamber of Commerce for the Gift Card program. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Withers relayed the news that this year's Swine and Dine event has been cancelled. They are starting to work on next year's event.

Alderman Evans asked if the school property had been sold. No one had news on this.

Mayor Ingold received some questions regarding the basketball courts at Westlawn and the old Eastlawn school. He relayed the appropriate contacts to the person.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There were no committee meetings.

The TIF project for the Woodworth building was discussed. Mr. Dennis Herges was in attendance to discuss this project. He's proposing putting a new roof on the building. This will stop water from leaking into the building below. The City would offer \$45,000 for this project. There are TIF funds to cover this. Alderman Evans made a motion to approve **ORDINANCE 20-19 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AN BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAXTON, ILLINOIS AND DENNIS HERGES, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION THEREOF, AND OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.** Alderman Geiken seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

LONG TERM PLANNING

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

OTHER

Alderman Johnson Anderson made a motion to go into Executive session for the limited purposes of discussing the employment and compensation for one of more employees, for the discussion of the collective bargaining agreement for the Police Department, and the acquisition and/or sale of real estate all pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)(2) and (6). Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

Open session resumed at 8:41 p.m.

Alderman Withers made a motion to approve a 3% raise for one year for non-union employees. Alderman Johnson Anderson seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve language as presented by Attorney Miller to allow police officers to live within a 30-minute radius of the City. Alderman Satterlee seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

There was some discussion regarding invisible fences and dogs.

At 8:47 p.m. Alderman Withers made a motion to adjourn tonight's regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council. Alderman Johnson Anderson seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes –

Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Johnson Anderson, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Smith
City Clerk