

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

The monthly meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Ingold called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call showed the following aldermen in attendance: Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Also, in attendance were: Mayor Bill Ingold, Treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen, Assistant Public Works Director Bob Carleton, Police Chief Coy Cornett, and members of the audience and press.

The Mayor led the meeting in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **MINUTES**

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

#### **LIST OF CLAIMS**

Alderman Withers made a motion to approve the lists of claims, except for Shaff Implement. Alderman Hoedebecke seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Six ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve the Shaff Implement bill. Alderman Hoedebecke seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Abstain – Evans. Five ayes, one abstain, motion carried.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVESTMENT REGISTER**

The reports have been emailed to all Aldermen. Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Investment Register. Alderman Geiken seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

Mayor Ingold asked for the City's approval of his appointment of Kendall Cox to Alderman for Ward 3. Alderman Evans made a motion to approve Kendall Cox as Alderman for Ward 3. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

#### **FINANCE/BUDGET**

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

The Environmental Study for the StreetScape project has been approved and will be published in the paper soon.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

There were no committee meetings.

Alderman Withers discussed the backhoe purchase. Mayor Ingold updated the Council on this purchase and the funding used. Assistant Public Works Director Carleton let the Council know that having two of these is very helpful and greatly needed. The City is using the General Fund for this purchase, and it does not impact any other projects that the City is working on. Alderman Withers made a motion to purchase this backhoe out of general funds. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Ingold spoke about the truck purchase. Assistant Public Works Director Carleton and the Mayor looked over some of the vehicles that the City has that are not in good condition. At least two vehicles will be sold, potentially three to four others, to purchase a new vehicle. This will come out of Capital Improvement funds. This does still leave funds for existing projects. Alderman Geiken made a motion to purchase the truck from Capital Improvement Funds. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Withers spoke about the sale of vehicles. One of the vehicles did not pass a safety inspection. There are two to four other vehicles that could be sold to get rid of the excess vehicles and decrease maintenance and insurance costs. Alderman Evans made a motion to declare a 2000 GMC Sierra pickup, a 2001 Dodge Ram 3500 pickup, and a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado pickup as surplus property and authorizes the Mayor to solicit offers for purchase and sell such vehicles on behalf of the City. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

There was discussion regarding inspecting light poles for safety.

Alderman Geiken relayed a message from the City of Paxton's Facebook page commending the workers for the efforts in cleaning up after the ice.

Mayor Ingold and Mike Friend, with Farnsworth Group, went through some of the buildings and did some repair reviews. Mayor Ingold updated the Council on those items.

The liftgate control panel at Chestnut Street was looked at by Farnsworth and Assistant Public Works Director Carleton. The starter needs to be replaced soon, and there are some other items that will need some scheduled maintenance down the road. Assistant Public Works Director Carleton talked about their plan for this.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

Chief Cornett updated the Council on the radio installation. He also let the Council know that two officers, Thomas Sink and Trevor Noris, responded to an opioid overdose. Narcan, CPR, and a second dose of Narcan were issued and the person regained consciousness before the ambulance arrived. Chief Cornett has issued commendations to Officer Sink and Officer Noris.

The QR code project is going well. 24 businesses have been the QR code now.

**CITY PROPERTY**

There were no committee meetings.

Alderman Evans made a motion to **APPROVE ORDINANCE 21-1 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT TO SELL REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT PINE ST., PAXTON, FORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS.** Alderman Satterlee seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Seven ayes, motion carried.

**LICENSE, PERMIT, ZONING & INSURANCE**

There was a committee meeting.

Alderman Satterlee let the Council know that work is progressing on the zoning ordinances review and is estimated to be completed on April 2021. There will be another committee meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY**

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

**LONG TERM PLANNING**

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

**OTHER**

At 7:31 p.m. Alderman Withers made a motion to adjourn tonight’s regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Smith  
City Clerk