

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 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: Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, Wilson, and Withers. Also, in attendance were: Mayor Bill Ingold, Treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen, ERS Director Ed Hanson, Police Chief Coy Cornett, Assistant Public Works Director Bob Carleton 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 March Council meeting. Alderman Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March Council meeting. Aldermen Cox seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

LIST OF CLAIMS

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

Alderman Withers made a motion to approve EIEC bill. Alderman Geiken seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, and Withers. Abstain – Wilson. Seven ayes, one abstain, motion carried.

Alderman Wilson made a motion to approve the payment to former TIF Attorney Dan Schuering. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, Wilson and Withers. Abstain – Wilson. Eight ayes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVESTMENT REGISTER

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

Mayor Ingold thanked Alderman Satterlee for her service on the Council. Her work, especially on the zoning revamp, was greatly appreciated. Alderman Satterlee thanked her fellow committee members for their work.

Mayor Ingold thanked Alderman Hoedebecke and let the Council know that they are looking at appointing him to a 2 year term at the next meeting.

Mayor Ingold thanked City Clerk Gwen Smith for her work over the past 6 year.

FINANCE/BUDGET

There were no committee meetings.

Alderman Wilson brought up the FOP contract. It will be reviewed in Executive Session at the end of tonight's meeting,

Treasurer/Comptroller Jensen let the Council know that checks for the new building will be coming through, and they may be larger than \$10k, but they have technically already been approved for payment by the Council.

PUBLIC WORKS

There were no committee meetings.

There was a brief discussion on the Mutual Aid agreement with Bayles Lake. There were a few questions on that agreement from last month. The City has checked with their insurance

provider. Those concerns were incorporated into the mutual aid agreement. Bayles Lake's insurance provider has also reviewed and agreed with the agreement. Alderman Wilson made a motion to **APPROVE ORDINANCE 21-04 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE BAYLES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION EMERGENCY OPERATING PLAN AGREEMENT TO RENDER MUTUAL AID.** Alderman Evans second the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Satterlee, Wilson and Withers. Nay – Pacey. Seven ayes, one nay, motion carried.

Alderman Withers discussed the MFT document that was emailed to everyone. Mayor Ingold and Bob Carleton reviewed the list and drove around town checking certain areas. Greg Cook, with Farnsworth Group, discussed the list and the streets that ended up on the list. As usual, they ask for a little bit more than they anticipate needing in case prices go up during the process. There was some discussion on budgeting. There was clarification that none of the rebuild money will be spent towards road work, as it is uncertain what those funds can be used for at this time. Mayor Ingold let the Council know that on Franklin Street that the curbs are pretty much shot on that street. The City will replace those before the street work is done. There are a couple of other streets that the City will do some prep work on also. Some ADA ramps will be installed before the MFT work is completed also. This costs the City significantly less to complete than for the contractor to complete. Alderman Withers made a motion to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-5 GIVING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK THE AUTHORITY TO SIGN MFT DOCUMENTS FOR NO GREATER A COST THAN \$196,000.** Alderman Wilson seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, Wilson, and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

Assistant Public Works Director Carleton said that water meter change appointments have really dropped off. He asked for people to call and make their appointments to get their meters changed! There are plenty of meters in stock now.

PUBLIC SAFETY

There were no committee meetings.

Chief Cornett talked about the squad car needs. Prices from Miles Chevrolet went up \$2,700 compared last year, and delivery wouldn't be until around October. Chief worked with the Sheriff's office and their contact for vehicles. They have a Ford Explorer Interceptor on the lot and ready to go. It will cost \$6,531 to outfit the vehicle, \$552 to stripe the vehicle, with the total cost after trade in being \$36,042.50.

There is a 2013 that was sold last year for \$8,000. Chief Cornett is hoping to get around \$7,000 for the 2013 Chevy Tahoe that they have to get rid of this year. Rust is a real issue on this vehicle though, and after the City's striping is removed, there could be holes. Victory Chevrolet has offered \$5,000 for a trade in value and Chief feels that this is the way to go. There are more than enough funds in the budget to cover the purchase of the new vehicle.

Alderman Evans made a motion to trade in the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe and purchase and outfit the new Ford Explorer Interceptor for no greater than \$37,500. Alderman Geiken seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, Wilson, and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

Chief Cornett discussed the arrest of Joshua Wright, which occurred after a lengthy investigation. Meth and money were recovered during this arrest. Two letters of appreciation were written, one for Captain Johnson and one for Officer Stafford.

Chief Cornett let the Council know that the shooting range will be open on the second Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon. It will be staffed by someone from the Police Department.

Chief Cornett let the Council know that the Police lobby is open now, and they are responding to medical calls again. Proactivity is on the rise again. Training is on the increase also.

Ford County Public Health Department contacted Chief Cornett to discuss the drive through vaccination clinics, April 18th from 1 – 6 p.m., May 8th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:20 p.m., and June 5th from 8:30 a.m. – 4:20 p.m. They are going to utilize the courthouse parking lot for the 15 minutes observation period. Taft street will be closed down for that timeframe to accommodate the clinics. ERS Director Hanson is working with them to coordinate things, and an officer will be on site also.

556 W. Center Street has been issued ordinance violations. Since doing that, the owner has filled 3 dumpsters and now has trash service. They are also working on paying off the lien on the house.

On 640 E. Patton, the owner tore down part of the house, then stopped. They are working on making contact with them, but are looking at going back to court on this property.

There have been around 35 QR codes that have been distributed around town.

ERS Director Hanson let the Council know that the malfunctioning tornado siren has been replaced with a brand new siren, under warranty. It is louder and more functional than the previous version.

CITY PROPERTY

There were no committee meetings.

The new building is going up and work is on-going.

Alderman Pacey discussed the updates to the Tree Ordinance. It introduces a cost-sharing portion with the City and property owners. Alderman Pacey made a motion to **APPROVE ORDINANCE 21-6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90: TREES OF THE CITY OF PAXTON CODE OF ORDINANCES**. Alderman Geiken seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

Mayor Ingold was notified about some broken park equipment at Pells Park. A swing was replaced, and one of the other pieces of riding equipment is currently being repaired but is unavailable at this time. There was some discussion on replacing some structures at Pells Park, but it is very expensive.

LICENSE, PERMIT, ZONING & INSURANCE

There was a committee meeting.

Alderman Satterlee let the Council know that ordinance changes have been sent to City Attorney Miller and will be voted on in the May City Council meeting. Mike Friend, with Farnsworth Group, updated the Council on the mapping portion of the zoning updates. He's waiting to hear back from another company to get us all the options on the mapping.

Alderman Evans asked if there is a way that time limits can be placed on construction and projects around town. The new revisions to the zoning ordinance do have time limitations.

COMMUNITY

There were no committee meetings.

Mayor Ingold asked for the Council's input on a 4th of July Celebration. Tubes for fireworks can be reused, some might need to be replaced. The Chamber of Commerce is discussing holding the celebration. The City would do the fireworks. ERS Director Hanson brought up how to set up traffic control. They are down people and are looking at signs to help this issue. They are talking about shutting down Summer Street, at Strong Street, to help with traffic flow also.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There was a committee meeting.

Mayor Ingold updated the Council regarding the results of the Public Meeting for DCEO DSBS closeout. That program is finished with the first five companies, leaving one more to go.

There was a committee meeting to discuss advertising at the Rantoul Sports Complex. The Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting as well. They recommended evenly sharing the cost of the \$5,000 advertising package with the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Ingold sent out information on this package to the Council. There was discussion on this item. Alderman Geiken is waiting to hear information from the complex on the details of the package. This will be discussed again in May.

Alderman Geiken let the Council know that Euphoria Nails is open now! They have been very busy so far and are looking for more technicians to hire.

Mayor Ingold updated the Council on a new car wash that is coming to town. This will be out on the west side of town. There will be two automatic car washes and two manual wash bays. They are hoping to be open in the fall.

LONG TERM PLANNING

There were no committee meetings and nothing on the agenda.

OTHER

At 8:09 p.m. Alderman Wilson made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing collective bargaining contract for city employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, Wilson, and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 8:32 p.m.

Alderman Wilson made a motion to approve the Contract with the FOP, Ordinance 21-7. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, Wilson, and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

At 8:33 p.m. Alderman Wilson made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the limited purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey, Satterlee, Wilson, and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 8:51 p.m.

At 8:51 p.m. Alderman Withers made a motion to adjourn tonight's regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council. Alderman Cox seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gwen Smith
City Clerk