

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 8, 2022
7:00 P.M.

The monthly meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022, at 7:00p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall.

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

Roll call showed the following Aldermen in attendance: Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. Absent were Aldermen Cox and Wilson. Also, in attendance were Mayor Bill Ingold, Treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen, Police Chief Coy Cornett, Water/Sewer Supervisor Bob Carleton, Street/Alley Supervisor Jesse Houtzel, Attorney Marc Miller, Mike Friend, Ron Lenington and members of the audience and press.

Mayor Ingold stated that Mike Wilson was absent due to the loss of his Mother and extended his condolences.

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 October Council meeting. Alderman Hoedebecke made a motion to approve the minutes. Aldermen Pacey 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 claim for EIEC. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. Six ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Hoedebecke made a motion to approve the EIEC bill. Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Alderman Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. Abstain – Crutcher. Five ayes, one abstains, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVESTMENT REGISTER

Mayor Ingold asked if any members of the Council had any questions for the Treasurer's Report and Investment Register. There were no questions, 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 if anyone had any Public Comments before the Council continued on with the remainder of the agenda. No one stood to speak.

FINANCE/BUDGET – ALDERMAN WILSON

Comptroller/Treasurer Jensen said that the monthly pay request from Iroquois Paving, is \$139,103.93. She stated that there may be 1 or 2 more pay requests. Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve the pay request from Iroquois Paving. Alderman Hoedebecke seconded the motion. Roll call – ayes, Aldermen Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers.

All ayes, motion carried.

Jensen stated that every year there are a few items that need to be updated and the Library Maintenance Tax Resolution is one of them. She asked if anyone had any questions regarding this, no one spoke up. Alderman Withers made a motion to Approve **RESOLUTION 22-22 RE LIBRARY MAINTENANCE TAX**. Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Aldermen Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Jensen said **ORDINANCE 22-23 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**, is regarding the annual insurance and is in the City's best interest to adopt this Ordinance. Alderman Hoedebecke made a motion to adopt **ORD 22-23**. Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll call – ayes: Aldermen Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Jensen stated **ORDINANCE 22-24 AN ORDINANCE ABATING LEVY FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2011**, allows the City to not have to levy for the Bonds because they are taken care of by the Debt Service on the Water bills. Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve **ORD 22-24**. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll call – ayes: Aldermen Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Jensen said, in regards to the audit, we were very hopeful to have the audit done. However, our auditors have been very overwhelmed with work and would be back November 29th to finish. They are hopeful to be done by the December Council meeting, but possibly the January meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS – ALDERMAN WITHERS

Alderman Withers stated the committee has had no meetings, but have a few things on the agenda. He said the first item is to discuss and approve the purchase of a 2012 2-ton Falcon RME Hotbox. Street/Alley Supervisor Houtzel said that cold mix is basically just a filler and doesn't stay in the pot holes for very long. He said that if the mix is heated up, it will last longer. He added the Hotbox can use millings and other materials for repairing holes.

Withers stated the 2012 2-Ton Falcon RME Hotbox costs \$15,075.00 delivered out of Albany New York. He said that if the Council approves the sale of some of the items currently in possession of the City that are no longer needed/used, that it could offset the cost of the Hotbox.

Alderman Pacey made a motion to purchase the 2012 2-Ton Falcon RME Hotbox at a cost, not to exceed \$16,000.00. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll call – ayes: Aldermen Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Withers said that the only other thing on the agenda for Public Works is to discuss and approve the sale of Surplus Equipment. Mayor Ingold stated items that can be put up for sale would be a 2004 BatWing Mower, an almost new snowblade for a skidster, a yellow O'Brien

trailer water jet washer that isn't needed anymore due to the new attachment on the vac truck and the 1970 Allis Chalmers M65 Road Grader.

Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve the sale of the following Surplus equipment; a 2004 BatWing Mower, Snowblade for a skidster, O'Brien Trailer Water Jet Washer and a 1970 Allis Chalmers M65 Road Grader. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call – ayes: Aldermen Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Streets/Alleys Supervisor Houtzel stated the MFT streets should be done this week.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Carleton said the water leak that was next to 119 W. Pells St. has been fixed. It was an unused service line that was leaking. He added that this past Thursday, He, Mayor Ingold, Mike Lutz, Mike Friend, a couple gentlemen from GA Rich, Brian from Gasvoda and Kevin Mitchell from Glesco discussed blower replacements for the sewer plant. They told Carleton that some of the components are 250 working days out. So, things are kind of up in the air as to the time frame of repair.

Carleton stated that the second estimate for brick work at the filter building is below \$10,000.00. He stated they can see daylight through the bricks. He has also received one estimate for removing the brick and putting up aluminum siding for \$28,800.00. He said that he spoke with the Mayor and thought maybe the City employees could remove the brick and have the company install the aluminum siding. He isn't sure if it will help bring the price down, but he will speak with the company to see.

PUBLIC SAFETY – ALDERMAN PACEY

Alderman Pacey stated there was a committee meeting last week regarding the License plate readers. He said they have received feedback from some in the community. He is looking forward to more feedback and having a policy written for the License plate readers soon.

Chief Cornett said that on Halloween, there were approximately 300 children in the Paxton Park District's parade and the children received gift bags at the firehouse. He added that in regards to the property at 325 E. Chestnut St., He recently spoke with Triple A Asbestos and the company should be here later in the week to finish the inspection and hopefully in the next couple weeks the house will be gone.

Cornetts stated the Christmas Tree Lighting will be Friday, November 25th and the Christmas Parade will be Saturday, November 26th.

CITY PROPERTY – ALDERMAN EVANS

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LICENSE, PERMIT, ZONING & INSURANCE – ALDERMAN GEIKEN;

Alderman Geiken stated there had been no committee meetings and no items to discuss.

COMMUNITY – ALDERMAN HOEDBECKE

Alderman Hoedebecke stated there was a committee meeting prior to the City Council meeting

to discuss the MAPPING program with Western University to put a program in place for community development. He asked for it to be added to the Agenda for the December 13th City Council Meeting.

Mayor Ingold stated he has a couple items to he wants to discuss. He stated the City has been trying to join the Central Illinois Landbank. He stated there are 33 members and it can be hard to get all of them together at the same time, but they will be on a zoom meeting November 10th @ 5:30 p.m. and 2/3rds vote will get the City into the Landbank.

Ingold also wants to schedule a meeting for phase 2 of the Street Scape in the near future.

Alderman Pacey asked if any of the Chamber of Commerce members present, wanted to mention any events they may be having. Dawn Stack, member of the Chamber, stated the Bag Sale is December 2nd – December 5th for participating downtown businesses. There will also be an evening shopping event on December 2nd from 5-8 pm. There will be 4 food trucks as well.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ALDERMAN COX

Mayor Ingold stated there were only a couple items on the agenda for Economic Development. The first is a Redevelopment Agreement for 135 North Market Street.

Ron Lenington and Lenington Realty owns the building at 135 N. Market St. Lenington has put together a packet for a new awning, new carpet and paint in entry way, the window showcases would get new wood and efficient lighting. The amount is for \$10,000.00. The Awning will be a dark/winter green with white lettering.

Pacey asked if this agreement also has a facade agreement. Ingold said yes it does.

Alderman Evans made a motion to approve **ORDINANCE 22-25 “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT THAT PERTAINS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 135 NORTH MARKET STREET, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION THEREOF, AND OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.”** Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll call: ayes – Aldermen Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Ingold stated the second item on the agenda is a Redevelopment agreement for 125 West Center Street. It is with Edwin Larson and would be a one-time payment of \$10,000.00.

Alderman Evans made a motion to approve **ORDINANCE 22-26 “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT THAT PERTAINS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 125 WEST CENTER STREET, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION THEREOF, AND OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.”** Alderman Hoedebecke seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Aldermen Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Ingold stated there should be 2 to 3 more Redevelopment agreements next month. He said that Jeremiah Delaney, owner of Countryside Closeout, has plans for his building at 230 South

Market St. in the near future.

LONG TERM PLANNING – ALDERMAN CRUTCHER

Alderman Crutcher said there were no committee meetings and there is nothing on the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Ingold stated there is nothing for other business so he wanted to adjourn into Executive session.

Deputy City Clerk Heather Haile, stated that at the Adjourned City Council meeting on October 26th there was a mix up with the Ordinance numbers. The Ordinance for Designer Dog Salon, at 110 South Market St. should have been numbered 22-21. So, tonight's Ordinances began at 22-22.

Alderman Withers made a motion to enter into Executive session for the limited purpose of discussing the sale of real property and setting a price for it all pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 © (6). Before this motion could be seconded, Alderman Crutcher said he believes there may be someone who wishes to speak for the public comment portion of the meeting, not realizing it was supposed to have taken place prior to discussing Agenda items.

Rachel Crutcher, Paxton resident, stated she is once again here to discuss the chicken ordinance.

Alderman Withers made a motion to enter into Executive session for the limited purpose of discussing the sale of real property and setting a price for it all pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 © (6). Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll call: ayes – Aldermen Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

The Regular City Council meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m. after the Executive Session meeting.

Alderman Pacey made a motion to **Direct and Authorize the Mayor to assemble a request for proposal for the sale and development of property located at 137 West Oak Street and 234 West State Street and publish the request asking for proposals by the first meeting in January 2023.** Alderman Hoedebecke seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Aldermen Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Hoedebecke, Pacey and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Withers made a motion to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried on a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Haile
Deputy City Clerk