

CITY COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, February 14, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023, at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

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

Roll call showed the following aldermen in attendance: Cox, Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Pacey, Wilson and Withers. Also in attendance were Mayor Bill Ingold, treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen, Police Chief Cornett, Attorney Marc Miller, Water/sewer Supervisor Bob Carleton, Street/Alley Supervisor Jesse Houtzel, and members of the audience.

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 January Council meeting. Alderman Wilson motioned to accept the minutes. Alderman Cox seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

LIST OF CLAIMS

Alderman Wilson made a motion to approve the list of claims, except for the claim for EIEC. Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Alderman Cox, Crutcher, Evans Geiken Pacey Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT REGISTER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tiger McClure shared that the Pride parade will be held on June 11, 2023 at 2pm. He was also seeking advice on the best route to take for the parade and for police assistance in blocking the necessary roadways. Chief Cornett agreed to help Mr. McClure find the best route and have police assistance the day of the parade.

FINANCE/BUDGET – ALDERMAN WILSON

Neil Kuster from Feller & Kuster CPA presented the FY2022 audit findings.

Alderman Wilson motioned to approve **RESOLUTION 23.02 EARLY BOND REDEMPTION**. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Cox, Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Pacey, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – ALDERMAN WITHERS

Water/Sewer Supervisor Bob Carleton stated that the damaged fence at the sewer plant is getting fixed. He also shared that they had a meeting with Liz Johnson from 120 Water. 120 Water is an advisor for water programs. They would help the City with lead pipes and water. Bob shared that they are going to look into other businesses before moving forward with 120 Water.

Street/Alley Supervisor Jesse Houtzel stated that they are working to patch roads and handling the sinkhole that recently came up. Mayor Ingold shared that they have received calls about patching the alleys, but that project will have to wait until springtime due to the winter weather. They also have the MFT streets marked.

Mike Friend from Farnsworth Group shared that they have applied for multiple grant through Ameren that total around \$46,000 of incentives that the City will receive.

PUBLIC SAFETY – ALDERMAN PACEY

Chief Cornett shared that Investigator Norris turned in his letter of resignation. The police department will share a posting for the position. Mayor Ingold shared that Officer Norris, although only with the Paxton Police Department for 3 years, had a big impact on the community, as he was instrumental in starting the Cyber Crime program.

CITY PROPERTY – ALDERMAN EVANS

Alderman Evans stated that he would like to have a meeting in the next few months to discuss painting some City buildings and fixing up a few things.

LICENSE, PERMIT, ZONING & INSURANCE – ALDERMAN GEIKEN

Alderman Geiken motioned to approve **ORDINANCE 23.03 NUMBER OF TOTAL LIQUOR LICENSE**. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Cox, Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Pacey, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Geiken motioned to approve **ORDINANCE 23.04 ANNEXATION OF 1155 ROSELAWN**. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Cox, Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Pacey, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Pacey motioned to approve **ORIDANCE 23.05 SALE OF 234 W STATE ST**. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Cox, Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Pacey, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Geiken shared that there will be a Zoning Board Committee meeting on Thursday February 16th, 2023

COMMUNITY – ALDERMAN HOEDECKE

Mayor Ingold stated that there were no meetings and nothing on the agenda for Community. He and Alderman Pacey had a zoom meeting with the Central Illinois Land Bank. Alderman Pacey shared that the Central Illinois Land Bank will be sharing a press release about Paxton and some other central Illinois communities were awarded a grant by the state for roof replacements.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ALDERMAN COX

Alderman Cox motioned to approve the Regional Marketing Partnership with Visiting Champaign County from the Hotel/Motel Tax for \$5000. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: Ayes – Cox, Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Pacey, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

LONG TERM PLANNING – ALDERMAN CRUTCHER

Alderman Crutcher stated that they did not have a meeting and nothing on the agenda.

OTHER

Alderman Withers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Geiken seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Murray - City Clerk