

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 11, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Tuesday, April 11, 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 Pacey 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 Evans 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 Treasurer’s Report and Investment Register. Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendy Graham was present in the audience; she shared her appreciation for all of the Aldermen, with a special thanks to Alderman Crutcher and Hoedebecke. Mayor Ingold shared his appreciation for Hoedebecke and Crutcher as well.

Chief Cornett introduced new hire, Officer Brandon Fayne. Brandon was in the army for three years, and deployed to Iraq.

FINANCE/BUDGET – ALDERMAN WILSON

Alderman Wilson motioned to accept the Auditor Engagement Letter and authorize Mayor Ingold to sign it. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Alderman Cox, Crutcher, Evans Geiken, Pacey, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen shared that they have successfully paid off the bond.

PUBLIC WORKS – ALDERMAN WITHERS

After some discussion, it was decided to table the approval of the MFT Projects FY24 and the Drainage Plan Project. The adjourned meeting was set for April 25th, 2023 at 7pm.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Bob Carleton shared that the under ground piping at the sewer plant is mostly finished. Bob shared that he received an email update on the blowers; they will ship in September.

Street/Alley Supervisor Jesse Houtzel shared that he has gravel ordered to spread in the alleys

PUBLIC SAFETY – ALDERMAN PACEY

Alderman Pacey updated the Council on the Fast-Track demolitions for the 3 properties in town.

Chief Cornett shared that they have started installing the flock cameras in town. He hopes we have everything up and running by the end of May.

CITY PROPERTY – ALDERMAN EVANS

Treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen shared that they received a letter of approval for the \$250,000 grant for the playground equipment at Pells Park. The previously ordered playground equipment will moved to Bixby Park.

Tammy stated that the sale of 137 W Oak ad will be posted in the paper.

LICENSE, PERMIT, ZONING & INSURANCE – ALDERMAN GEIKEN

Alderman Geiken motioned to Approve **ORDINANCE 23.12 Rezoning of 230 E Holmes, 247 E Holmes, 247 E Holmes, 355 E Holmes, 203 N Vermillion, 234 N Vermillion, 200 N Union, 201 N Union, 304 N Union & 306 N Union, 252 W Ottawa, and 108 State.** Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Alderman Cox, Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Pacey, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNITY – ALDERMAN HOEDECKE

Allen Meyer from the Chamber of Commerce shared that the Swine ‘n Dine for this year will be Saturday, September 16th and Parmalee and a few other bands will be there.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ALDERMAN COX

Alderman Withers motioned to approve **ORDINANCE 23.13 Approving a Redevelopment Agreement Pertaining to Certain real Property Located at 108 West State Street, Authorizing Execution Thereof, and Other Actions in Connection**

Therewith. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Alderman Cox, Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Pacey, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

LONG TERM PLANNING – ALDERMAN CRUTCHER

Alderman Crutcher shared that it has been an honor to serve the City of Paxton.

OTHER

Alderman Wilson motioned to Enter Into Executive Session For The Limited Purpose Of Discussing The Employment, Performance, And Compensation Of One Or More City Employees Pursuant To 5 ILCS 120 (2CC) (1). Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Alderman Cox, Crutcher, Evans, Geiken, Pacey, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Cox motioned to adjourn the meeting until April 25th, 2023 at 7pm. Alderman Geiken seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Murray
City Clerk