

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 9, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Tuesday, May 9, 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, 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.

Newly elected Aldermen Larson and Reinhart were sworn into office by Attorney Marc Miller.

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 Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, 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 – Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart and Withers. Abstain – Wilson. Seven ayes, one abstain, 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 Pacey seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

FINANCE/BUDGET – ALDERMAN WILSON

Non-Union Employee salaries

Alderman Wilson motioned to approve **ORDINANCE 23.15 AMENDED APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**. Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call:

ayes- Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Pacey, Wilson, and Withers. Six ayes, two abstains, motion carried.

Alderman Wilson shared that they are starting the budgeting process for the year. He will be working with on the budget with Treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen.

PUBLIC WORKS – ALDERMAN WITHERS

Alderman Pacey motioned to approve Oil and Chip for certain roads. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Withers motioned to approve **ORDINANCE 23.14 AUTHORIZED THE SIGNING AND EXECUTION OF MFT PROGRAM**. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Withers motioned to approve the proposal for Drainage Monitors for I & I Project. Alderman Cox seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Pacey motioned to approve Purchasing of Testing Equipment for Water and Sewer Plant. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Bob Carleton shared that he did not receive information to present to the council on the Well testing, therefore the council decided to table discussion on the Findings from Well Testing and Proposal for Maintenance until the June meeting.

Street/Alley Supervisor Jesse Houtzel shared that they are 75% done with placing rock in the alleyways.

PUBLIC SAFETY – ALDERMAN PACEY

Chief Cornett shared that the paperwork for the property at 325 E Chestnut will be filed for foreclosure in the next few days.

CITY PROPERTY – ALDERMAN EVANS

City local Joe Pollard spoke about the need for a sidewalk on south Cherry St. Specifically between Patton and Franklin Street where the PBL students always walk to school. Jesse shared his concern with the storm sewers that are in that area. After some discussion, it was decided upon to table this topic until June's meeting.

Mayor Ingold stated that they have two bids for the Bid Proposals for Property located at 137 W. Oak St. The bids were unsealed and read aloud to the council. Austin Hazelwood of 139 W Oak St submitted a bid with intent to build a garage on, of \$1,500.00.

An anonymous bid was submitted in the amount of \$1000.00 with the intent to build a single-family home in a year or two.

Alderman Evans stated that he would like to move this discussion to Executive Session.

Mayor Ingold shared that the park equipment will be in in a few weeks. The plan is to set up the playground equipment at Bixby Park since we received a grant for playground equipment at Pells Park. Mayor Ingold shared that for two weeks in a row now the Pells Park restrooms have been vandalized along with other equipment at the park.

LICENSE, PERMIT, ZONING & INSURANCE – ALDERMAN GEIKEN

The council members decided to table the approval of a 7th Class B Liquor License until the June meeting

COMMUNITY – ALDERMAN LARSON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ALDERMAN COX

Alderman Pacey motioned to approve **ORDINANCE 23.16 “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAXTON, ILLINOIS AND ATLANTIC AG AVIATION, INC., AUTHORIZING EXECUTION THEREOF, AND OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.”** Alderman Cox seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, and Withers. No – Wilson. Seven ayes, one no, motion carried.

Alderman Cox motioned to approve **ORDINANCE 23.17 “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REDEVELOPING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PAXTON, ILLINOIS AND JON AND CATHY WHITCOMB, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION THEREOF, AND OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.”** Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

LONG TERM PLANNING – ALDERMAN REINHART

OTHER

Mayor Ingold shared that Amy Swan resigned from her position on the Zoning/Planning Commission. The Mayor asked for the council to concur with his appointment of Susan Satterlee. Alderman Withers motioned to approve the Mayor’s appointee. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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 and to discuss offers to sell real estate owned by the City respectively make Pursuant To 5 ILCS 120 12(C) (1) and 5 ILCS 120 12 (c) (6). Alderman Pacey seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Alderman Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Wilson motioned to adjourn. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Murray
City Clerk