

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

The monthly meeting of the Paxton City Council was held on Tuesday, July 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, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, 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, 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 Geiken 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 Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes- Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson, and Withers. All ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Pacey made a motion to approve the EIEC bill. Alderman Cox 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 Reinhart seconded the motion. All approved on a voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Ingold shared that City Employee; Rick Malavick will be retiring from the City after 33 years of work. He started with the City as a Police Officer and then moved to the City Street Department.

**FINANCE/BUDGET – ALDERMAN WILSON**

Alderman Wilson called for a special meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss Finance and Budget

Treasurer/Comptroller Tammy Jensen shared that the audit is almost finished and will be presented at the September City Council meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS – ALDERMAN WITHERS**

Alderman Withers motioned to approve Authorizing Mayor To Sign MFT Paperwork. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

Water/Sewer Supervisor Bob Carleton shared that the blowers are suppose to be delivered in September. If they decided to do well maintenance, it may have to wait until spring.

Carleton shared that the Street Department has received calls on brush pick up and are working diligently on that.

Alderman Larson asked for an update on the 3-way valve. Carleton commented that he is wondering if it can just be repaired rather than replaced. Mike Friend said that they could find a contractor and talk to Carleton more about that.

Carleton also shared that they are waiting on the report back about the cameras in the storm water. Mike Friend commented that Emily and Grace are working hard on the report.

Mayor Ingold shared that the City will be placing an ad to hire another Street employee.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – ALDERMAN PACEY**

Alderman Pacey shared that the Central Illinois Land Bank has an agreement in place with the Hoopston landfill and cost is \$58 per ton.

Alderman Pacey motioned to approve Authorizing The Mayor To Sign Documents Regarding CILB Landfill Agreement. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Pacey shared that Lee Farms had the lowest bid for the demolition of 404 S. Market St. at \$16, 340.00

Alderman Pacey motioned to approve Bid For Demolition Project At 404 S. Market St. Alderman Evans seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Pacey shared that they still have two more houses that are also on the fast track demolition. The request for bids will open tomorrow.

Chief Cornett commented that during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities at Pells Park the Police Department handed out coloring books to children and they talked with parents on the future playground equipment coming to the park.

**CITY PROPERTY – ALDERMAN EVANS**

Mayor Ingold shared that the possible buyer of the 137 W Oak St property would want to keep his property and the 137 W Oak St property as one and wants to put up a garage.

Council tabled the Bid Proposal For Property Located At 137 W Oak St. until Augusts City Council meeting.

Alderman Evans motioned to approve ORDINANCE 23.19 AMENDING THE CITY OF PAXTON'S CODE OF ORDIANANCES TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF DIRECTIONAL BORING WITHIN THE CITY'S CORPORATE BOUNDARIES AND OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Alderman Larson seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

Alderman Evans motioned to approve the Proposal For Purchase Of Playground Equipment At Pells Park. Alderman Geiken seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

The minors that were caught at vandalizing Pells Park are given 20 hours each of community service.

**LICENSE, PERMIT, ZONING & INSURANCE – ALDERMAN GEIKEN**

Alderman Cox motioned to approve Sidewalk Café Permit For Prairie City Wine Bar. Alderman Withers seconded the motion. Roll Call: ayes – Aldermen Cox, Evans, Geiken, Larson, Pacey, Reinhart, Wilson and Withers. Eight ayes, motion carried.

City Council tabled the discussion of Adding An Additional Class C Liquor License until the August City Council meeting with the suggestion that the business owner inquiring about the license submit an application to City Hall.

Alderman Geiken asked the Mayor for an updated on hiring a code enforcement officer. Mayor Ingold shared that they have talked with Mike Davis, as well as talked Attorney Tony about using a hearing officer from his firm. The City has ordered two TV's to use via Zoom Call for the hearings.

Alderman Geiken stated that they would like to have a Zoning meeting in August.

**COMMUNITY – ALDERMAN LARSON**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ALDERMAN COX**

Attorney Tony shared an Update On Airport Sale Status. The agreement has been signed between buyer and seller. The new owners are keeping everything as is.

Date For TIF Joint Review Board Meeting will be August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm.

**LONG TERM PLANNING – ALDERMAN REINHART**

**OTHER**

Alderman Withers motioned to adjourn. Alderman cox seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Murray  
City Clerk