

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on Monday, March 16, 2020 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Mayor Alvey called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 P.M.

City Clerk, Sharon Dunham, was directed to call roll, and the following members of the Council were present: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille. Absent: Hicks

PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET 2020-2021

Mayor Alvey opened the public hearing on the City's 2020-2021 budget at 7:03 P.M.

City Administrator told Council that the presented draft budget includes income, capitol improvement, pensions, public safety, infrastructure, the TIF program and upcoming projects, but may need to be amended because of the COVID-19 virus.

Mayor Alvey closed the public hearing at 7:08 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alvey stated that there were five items on the consent agenda. He asked if there was a need to have any item removed for later discussion. Hearing none, motion made by Myers, second by Eckhoff, that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Myers, second by Eckhoff to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 City Council Meeting. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

B. Motion by Myers, second by Eckhoff to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

C. Motion by Myers, second by Eckhoff, to approve payment of bills totaling \$9,106.29 from the TIF I Fund. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

D. Motion by Myers, second by Eckhoff to approve payment of bills totaling \$23,862.00 from the TIF II Fund. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

E. Motion by Myers, second by Eckhoff, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$269,187.48 from all other funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance 2020-O-004 - Sullivan Variance

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Kallas to approve Ordinance 2020-O-004, combining Lots, 3 and 4 and Lots 5 and 6 of Buck's Second Addition to the City and approving a variance of a rear yard setback, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 6-3. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, and Bradshaw. Nay votes recorded: Myers, Gabor and Wille.

B. Presentation 2020-2021 Library Board Budget

Kristin Holzhauer, Library Director gave a presentation to the Council including income, expenses, planned programs, which had an increase in attendance this past year and noted that the library is now closed due to the COVID-19 virus.

C. Additional Curb-Cut 102 S. Allen St.

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Bradshaw to approve the addition of a curb cut at 102 S. Allen St. as presented. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

D. Coronavirus Update

Discussion between Council and public attending regarding the Executive Order from Illinois Governor Pritzker, closing business in Illinois as in restaurants, bars, etc. Owners from P.J. Pub, wanted to know what the City could do about the Executive order. Mayor Alvey and City Attorney Alan Schrock explained to those attending that the order was from the governor and the City was required to follow that Executive Order. Restaurants and bars could still sell food orders for pick up and delivery. There were other representatives of restaurants and bars at meeting seeking information.

Jim Woolford, Police Chief explained that the police staff would no longer be responding to medical calls in the City. Fire Chief Jacob Campbell noted that they are requiring extra protection for the fireman when responding. Taylor Baxter, Parks & Rec, said that the Rec Center would be closed. Parks are open, but playground equipment is not to be used. The train depot is being cleaned every 2-3 hours.

E. Vermillion Valley Regional Communication Board Appointment

Motion by Gabor, second by Causer to approve the appointment of Jim Woolford to the Vermillion Valley Regional Communications Joint Authority Board. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

Mayor Comments

Wanted to thank staff and City employees for the tremendous job they are doing with regards to the COVID-19 virus.

Administrator Comments

This meeting will continue to Monday, March 25, 2020.

Council Comments

Reminder to vote

Public

None

Executive Session

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Kallas to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing and considering collective negotiation matters as authorized under Section 2(c)2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

Return from Executive Session

Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting of the City Council was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk