

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on April 19, 2021. Mayor Alvey called to order the meeting of the City Council at 7:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Alvey called to order the Public Hearing at 7:05 P.M. to offer an opportunity for public comment on the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant. City Administrator, Robert Karls, reminded Council of the program and its requirements.

Jimm and Becky Edinger, owners of Edinger's Filling Station, received one of the grants and spoke to the Council. They thanked Bob Karls, Stephanie Kennedy, other City staff and City Council for their roles that helped them secure the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant. Due to the pandemic, the stay at home order and safety of their employees and customers, they decided to temporarily close. Closing does not help pay the bills and they ended up having to borrow to pay for those continued expenses. When they were allowed to reopen, they followed all the mandates set forth and have continued to do so. But following the mandates, business suffered. The grant helped to fill in the gaps of decreased business, increase some of the employees wages to make up for the lost tips and covered monthly expenses. They also stated that they were very grateful to their loyal customers and to the City.

Mayor Alvey then closed the Public Hearing.

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 Eckhoff, second by Wille that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion Eckhoff second by Wille to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 City Council meeting. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

B. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Wille to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021, Community Service Committee meeting. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

C. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Wille to approve the payment of bills totaling \$256,827.18 from all funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

D. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Wille to approve an application for a raffle license for the PTHS Baseball. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

E. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Wille to approve the referral of a variance for 416 W. Humiston St. To the Pontiac Planning Commission. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Bid Award - Elliott/Heisner Sewer Line

Motion by Myers, second by Kallas to award the bid of \$108,736.81 to Opperman Construction for the Elliott/Heisner Sewer Line Project. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, and Wille. Abstain vote recorded: Gabor

B. Resolution 2021-R-002

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Causer to approve Resolution 2021-R-002, use of Rebuild Illinois Funds for the Indiana Avenue Rebuild as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

C. Contractor License Fees

Motion by Gabor, second by Bradshaw to approve the annual fee of \$50.00 for Contractor Fee Registration. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

D. Street Department Purchase

Motion by Kallas, second by Gabor to approve the purchase of a semi tractor/trailer from Newark Truck of Morris at a cost of \$24,031.00 and LAC Welding of Streator for \$39,350.00 for a total of \$63,363.00. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

E. Central Business District Roofs - Bid Award

Motion by Bradshaw, second by Barr to approve the bids of \$15,900.00 to River City Roofing for the POAM building and the bid of \$25,200.00 to Union Roofing Co. for the Route 66 Building. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

F. Report from the Community Development Committee

Discussion of the Community Development Committee meeting included food truck interest and developing an ordinance to cover all elements needed for food trucks and also discussed was the restructuring of the rent subsidy program.

G. Contract renewal - IDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance

Motion by Gabor, second by Causer to approve the renewal of a 5-year contract between Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Pontiac for shared upkeep of the traffic

signals, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

H. Golf Cart - Assignment of Lease

Motion by Kallas, second by Myers to approve the assignment of the Lease for the golf carts at the City Golf Course. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey thanked Alderman Jerry Causer for his work on the Council and introduced Jason Lee and the new Ward Alderman.

Alderman Causer noted that he has enjoyed his time on the Council and remarked how hard the Council and City staff works to keep the City a good place to live.

Administrator Comments

None

Council Comments

Alderwomen Eckhoff announced that the Elk's Club will be serving meals on Wednesday nights, indoor and drive pick up and the funds will go towards the City and Elks Club fireworks on July 5th.

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

Motion by Gabor, second by Wille to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing and considering Collective Negotiating 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, Giovanini, 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