

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on June 15, 2020 via phone conference as allowed under the Open Meetings Act, because of Illinois Governor Pritzker's Executive Order.

Mayor Alvey called to order the meeting of the City Council at 5:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Hicks and Bradshaw

Also Attending were: Mayor Alvey, City Administrator, Bob Karls, Chief Woolford, Chief Campbell, Chris Brock, Taylor Baxter, Jake Kinkade, Brian Verdun, Erich Murphy and Tom Sullivan.

Others attending see attached Exhibit .

Mayor Alvey noted that Frank Panno had died recently. Besides the many things he accomplished in his lifetime, he was a City Alderman for over 50 years. Mayor Alvey asked for a moment of silence to remember Frank.

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 Kallas, that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Kallas to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 City Council Meeting. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

B. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Kallas, to approve payment of bills totaling \$6,090.39 from the TIF I Fund. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

C Motion by Eckhoff second by Kallas, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$281,679.53 from all other funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Gabor to add to consent agenda the items listed under Public Hearing on the City Council Meeting Agenda On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Myers, Gabor and Wille

D. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Kallas to approve a parade permit for Accodale Health Care on July 3, 2020. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

E. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Kallas to approve the Transient Merchant license to Tree-Ripe Co. as applied. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Myers, Gabor and Wille

PUBLIC HEARING - Rebuild Illinois Grant

Mayor Alvey opened the public hearing on the Rebuild Illinois Grant at 5:35 P.M.

City Administrator explained the Rebuild Illinois Grant requirements and that the City is choosing to use the grant funds on the storm water/sewer separation project.

Mayor Alvey asked for any public comments. Hearing none he closed the public hearing at 5:40 P.M.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolution 2020-R-006 - Commitment of Funds

Motion by Causer, second by Swanson to approve Resolution 2020-R-006, resolution to submit a Rebuild Illinois Grant for storm water/sewer separation project. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Myers, Gabor and Wille

B. Tree Removal in Right of Way 618 E. Water St.

Tom Sullivan petitioned the City, asking to remove a tree at 618 E. Water St. to develop a driveway in a building project. Mr. Sullivan, as per ordinance, is responsible for the cost of removing the tree and the cost of (2) trees to be replanted in the City.

Motion by Kallas, second by Barr to approve the removal of the tree in the City right of way at 618 E. Water St. On a roll call vote, motion carried 6-2. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, and Gabor. Nay votes recorded: Myers and Wille

C. Combination of Lot Agreement - 728 & 722 W. Henry St.

Motion by Causer, second by Kallas to approve the combination of lot agreement, to treat as a single lot, the addresses of 728 and 722 W. Henry St. as written.

On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Myers, Gabor and Wille

D. Waste Water Treatment Project - Change Order #2

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Wille to approve the second change order request on the Waste Water Treatment project including soil change under storage building, float and control panel revisions and pump station reducers, in the amount of \$36,543.00. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer, Myers, Gabor and Wille

E. COVID-19 Update/Phase 4

Taylor Baxter explained the openings in Parks and Recreation for Phase III. All are listed on the City's website or social networking sites. Phase IV should be happening June 26th and the City is waiting for guidance on Phase IV. More openings of the City hopefully will happen in Phase IV.

F. Emergency Declaration Continuance

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Wille to extend the city's Emergency Declaration Executive Order until the next Council meeting which is on July 6, 2020.

On a roll call vote, motion carried 6-2. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Swanson, Eckhoff, Kallas, Causer and Wille. Nay votes recorded: Myers and Gabor.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey remarked that the July 6, 2020 City Council meeting hopefully will be in person instead of via phone conference. Where it will take place will be announced later.

The restaurants and bars that were able to open in Phase III for outside dining seems to be working well.

There will be no fireworks for the July 4th in the City. Hopefully other activities approved will take place.

Administrator Comments

Bob Karls noted that the Planning Commission will begin meeting again in July. There will be an asbestos inspection at 821 N. Oak Street and the Precision Planning will begin tours again in Phase IV.

Council Comments

Alderman Causer stated that in the coming weeks the temperature is supposed to be in the 90's and hopes there will still be support for outdoor dining.

Alderman Kallas asked about the disturbance in the downtown area in the first weekend of June. Chief Woolford stated that were notified that a large group of people were coming to town and were known to rent Air B & B's and throw a large party. The Air B & B involved said they had rented to only two persons and did not know about the large group planning to party. The owners told the group they had to leave premises and City officers did break up the group & told them to leave Pontiac, which they did, with minor damages and clean up that had to be done.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk