

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on July 6, 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, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor and Wille.

Absent: Myers

MEETING OF THE PONTIAC CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY

Mayor Alvey asked that the record show the same Aldermen present for this meeting as are present for the regular Council meeting: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille

Mayor Alvey asked if there was any business to come before the Civic Center Board this evening. Hearing none, he declared the meeting closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alvey stated that there was three items on the consent agenda. He asked if there were any items that needed to be removed for later discussion. Hearing none, motion made by Eckhoff, second by Barr that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Barr, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

B. Motion Eckhoff, second by Barr to approve the payment of bills totaling \$307,862.62 from all funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

C. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Barr to approve a parade permit submitted by the Livingston County Boys and Girls Club. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

Mayor Alvey noted that Council was going to discuss item "F" from the Regular Agenda, first.

F. Thresherman's Parade

Representative from the Pontiac Chamber announced that there will be a Thresherman's Parade this year. Theme will be "We're Back" The City has offered to help with planning and any other volunteers can contact the Chamber for what help is needed.

Motion by Gabor, second by Kallas to approve the amount of \$10,000.00 to give to the Chamber for expenses of the Thresherman's parade using the electric aggregation funds.

On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff,

Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

A. Report from Planning Commission

(1) Ordinance 2021-O-015

Motion by Kallas, second by Eckhoff to approve Ordinance 2021-O-015, changing the zoning classification of 202 E. Howard Street from B-2 to R-4 as requested by Duffy-Baier-Snedecor Funeral Home. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

(2) Sign Permit - Bob & Ringo's Smokehouse

Motion by Hicks, second by Eckhoff to approve the sign permit requested by Bob & Ringo's Smokehouse at 223 W. Madison St. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille. Abstain vote recorded: Giovanini

B. Sewer Department Purchase

Motion by Gabor, second by Hicks to approve the Wastewater Treatment Department purchase of a Modec Portable Valve Actuator at a cost of \$8,668.00 from Dorner Co. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

C. Ordinance 2021-O-016 - Labor Contract with Police Department

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Wille to approve Ordinance 2021-O-016, Labor Contract with the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

D. Approval of Alcohol Service Contract at the Eagle Theater

Motion by Bradshaw, second by Barr to approve the contract with Acres Inn for sales/service of alcohol at the Eagle Performing Arts and Conference Center. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

E. Report from the Finance Committee.

Items discussed were the first quarter financials, showing an increase in revenues and that expenses have been kept to projection; updates on the potential extension of the City's TIF Funds; COVID State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and personnel changes.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey noted that the City's July 5th party at the golf course and the City's and the Elk's Club Fireworks were well attended and has received good responses. He also said there were many complaints of "personal" fireworks that went on for quite a few days throughout the City.

Administrator Comments

The Public Property Committee will meet on August 9, 2021 at City Hall at 5:30 P.M.

Council Comments

Alderwomen Eckhoff said she had been asked on why the City/Elks Club did the fireworks display on July 5th and not July 4th. The cost to do a firework show on July 4th is a minimum of \$50,000.00.

Alderman Kallas asked about the recent dog biting at the Rec Plex. Discussion on dogs at the Rec-Plex will be discussed further at the Public Property Committee.

Public Comments

Mary Pfister asked if there was anything that can be done to prevent the “personal fireworks” throughout the City. Chief Woolford said they had received many calls during the week of the holiday. They are illegal in the State, but it is hard to actually catch the person setting off the fireworks.

Executive Session

Motion by Wille second by Giovanini to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition and Personnel 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, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk