

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 19, 2021

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

Absent: Bradshaw

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Alvey stated that there four 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 Kallas that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion Myers, second by Kallas to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 City Council meeting. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

B. Motion by Myers, second by Kallas to approve the payment of bills totaling \$562,327.63 from all funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

C. Motion by Myers, second by Kallas to approve a the use of the Chautauqua Park for the Route 66 Rottweiler Club's dog show on October, 1, 2, and 3, as applied. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

D. Motion by Myers, second by Kallas to approve the use of the Lions Park for Kidsnic Kickball Tournament and School Supply Give-Away on Sunday August 22, 2021. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance 2021-O-019 - Flanagan State Bank Sign Variance

Discussion on the sign request by the Flanagan State Bank at the location 423B W. Madison Street. The Bank is requesting a variance to install a window sign that will cover 100% of the window. You will not be able to see in, but will be able to see out.

Motion by Gabor, second by Wile to deny the request. (Ordinance 2021-O-019)

Continued discussion.

Motion by Kallas, second by Hicks to table request (Ordinance 2021-O-019) for either a change in the sign request and a committee meeting on original ordinance defining signs and other window coverings in town that have complete window coverage. On a roll call vote to table request, motion carried. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, and Hicks. Nay votes recorded: Myers, Gabor and Wille.

Wrights Furniture Central Business District Sign

Motion by Kallas, Second by Eckhoff to approve the sign at Wrights Furniture building facing Howard Street as applied. All requirements have been met.

On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Gabor, and Wille. Abstain vote recorded: Myers

B. Ordinance 2021-O-017 Purchase of 213 Payson St.

Motion by Kallas, second by Eckhoff to approve the City's purchase of 213 Payson Street at a cost of \$813.00 and title expense to abate a nuisance property. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

C. Ordinance 2021-O-018 Purchase of 302 Polk Street

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Myers to approve the purchase of 302 Polk Street at a cost of \$813.00 and title expense to abate a nuisance property. On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Hicks, Bradshaw, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey noted that the municipal Band concert was well attended at PTHS. He also said Council will need to revisit raffle permits and educate groups etc on the permit requirements which are actually ruled by the State.

Administrator Comments

Council will continue to meet at the Eagle Theater until a decision is made about "hard wiring" needed to be done in the long run.

Chief Campbell explained to the Council just what he and his department did with regards to inspecting the companies that were selling fireworks were within the law. He assured that his department enforced what was required by State law.

Council Comments

Alderman Barr asked about the work that was being done at the corner of Elm St. And McKinley Street. The owner is adding fill.

Alderman Giovanini asked about the status of the Fire Department ladder truck and ambulance. Chief Campbell stated that the ladder truck was being worked on to benefit the City's needs and there are fireman still going through paramedic training and should complete in September.

Alderwoman Eckhoff asked about the downtown review on the sidewalks and flow through the downtown area. Also noted the color scheme of the pop up huts in Block 59 did not really go with the rest of the downtown area.

Public Comments

Bruce Baker asked about repairing roads on the South side of town. Mr. Baker was informed that the City tries to prioritize what streets need work with the amount of funds that are available.

Executive Session

Motion by Gabor second by Wille to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters Land Aquisition 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, Myers, 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