

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 7, 2023

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on August 7, 2023. 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, Causer, Bradshaw, Wille, Cranford and Howard.

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, Causer, Bradshaw, Wille, Cranford and Howard.

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 five items on the consent agenda. He asked if it needed to be removed for later discussion. Hearing none, motion made by Kallas, second by Causer that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Kallas, second by Causer to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 City Council meeting. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Wille, Cranford and Howard.

B. Motion by Kallas, second by Causer to approve payment of bills totaling \$ 617,581.27 from all funds. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Wille, Cranford and Howard.

C. Motion by Kallas, second by Causer to approve a Transient Merchant Application for Country Fresh Farms. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Wille, Cranford and Howard.

D. Motion by Kallas, second by Causer to approve a Raffle Application for St. Mary's School TPO. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Wille, Cranford and Howard.

E. Motion by Kallas, second by Causer to approve a referral of a application for a Zoning Amendment to the Planning & Zoning Board for Tom Lind. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Wille, Cranford and Howard.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Approval - Fire Department SAFER Grant Application

Motion by Giovanini, second by Wille to approve applying for the SAFER Grant to be used to hire a firefighter and also hire Vicker's Consultation Services, Inc. to help with the grant application at a cost of \$1,200.00. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Wille, Cranford and Howard.

B. Bid Award: 2023 HMA Maintenance

Motion by Bradshaw, second by Lee to approve the bid award of \$141,634.46 to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc for 2023 HMA maintenance. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0.

Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Wille, Cranford and Howard.

C. Streets/Transportation Update

City Engineer, Brian Verdun gave the Council an update on various projects such as sidewalks on Reynolds St are almost complete and planned alley maintenance will start soon. Work continues on south side sewer separation.

D. Approval - Rec Center Fitness Equipment

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Howard to approve the purchase of (3) NuStep Cross Trainer machines at a total cost of \$19,921.00 from NuStep, LLC. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Wille, Cranford and Howard.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey commented on the fireworks and celebration that was held on August 5th despite the rain. Festivities were held indoors at the Oaks. He also mention the 2nd anniversary of the City ambulance service and thanked Chief Campbell and crew for all their work.. The mayor announced that Taylor Baxter will be leaving his position as Parks & Recreation Director.

Administrator Comments

Jim Woolford thanked all staff and the Elk's Club for their help at the August 5th , July 4th celebration.
He also set a Community Services Committee meeting for Monday August 14th at 5:00 P.M.

Council Comments

Alderman Giovanini wanted to thank and recognize the Pontiac Fire Department and EMT's. On Saturday, at St. Mary's Church, a parishioner needed help and he saw first hand the professionalism of the crew.

Alderwomen Eckhoff commented that she and Alderwomen Howard and Bradshaw attended a informative meeting put on by Tom Bennett regarding updating the City's Comprehensive Plan and the help that the City can receive at the State and Federal level.

She also noted that she feels that a planned quarterly meeting for standing committees should be set.

Alderman Barr wanted to address the letter from Ed and Joan Lipinski regarding the Council's recent vote to remove the sycamore trees on Moulton Street because of the turkey vultures and the Lipinkis' disagreement with the Council's vote. Alderman Barr felt the Council voted to remove the trees was in the best interest of health and safety of the community and not costs.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

On motion duly made and seconded, the regular meeting of the City Council is adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk