

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on October 16, 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, Cranford, Howard and Wille.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Bradshaw to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023 City Council meeting. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Cranford, Howard and Wille.

B. Motion by Eckhoff, second by Bradshaw to approve payment of bills totaling \$534,282.89 from all funds. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Cranford, Howard and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Approval - Block 59 Incubator Plan

Misty Bell explained to Council the plans for the "Incubator Businesses" in Block 59. A lease was explained to Council and also she asked that the Council approve the joining the Starved Rock Country Alliance (SBDC) which will help the small businesses in Pontiac at a cost of \$3,000.00 per year. TIF Funds will be used.

Motion by Barr, second by Cranford to approve the good faith participation lease for Block 59 and to joining the SBDC at a cost of \$3,000,00. On a roll call vote motion carried 9-1. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Cranford, Howard and Wille. Nay vote recorded: Bradshaw.

B. Approval - Independence Day Date

Motion by Howard, second by Eckhoff to approve the date of July 6, 2024 as the City's Independence Day celebration. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Cranford, Howard and Wille.

C. Approval - Fire Department AFG Grant Application

Motion by Causer, second by Lee to approve the application process for the AFG Grant for the Fire Department to purchase radios. Grant is in the amount of \$350,140.00, City's share would be if received would be \$18,1428.42. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Cranford, Howard and Wille.

D. Approval - Taxi Subsidy Increase

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Cranford to increase the Taxi Subsidy from \$2.50 per ride to \$3.00 per ride. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Cranford, Howard and Wille.

E. Approval - Surplus Property E-Recycle

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Causer to authorize staff to E-Recycle, donate and or dispose of surplus electronic property of the City. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Cranford, Howard and Wille.

F. Approval - Asbestos Inspection

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Bradshaw to approve the asbestos inspections by the Deigan Group of the City owned properties at 222 E. Timber St. and 201 S. Main St. at a cost of \$2,200.00. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Cranford, Howard and Wille.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey noted that the 10th Anniversary of Casey Kohlmeier's death will have a tree planting at the Dog Park on October 30th.

Administrator Comments

A Committee of the Whole will be held on October 25th at 6:00 P.M. Greg Knowles will be starting at the Planning & Zoning Department and Dave Lopeman will also come back part time to help in the transition.

Council Comments

Alderman Giovaninini asked about the ice rink and wondered about using artificial ice.

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

Motion by Giovanini, second by Causer to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Property Acquisition and Personnel matters as authorized under Section 2(c)2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On a roll call vote motion carried 10-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Kallas, Lee, Causer, Bradshaw, Cranford, Howard and Wille.

Return from Executive Session

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk