

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Pontiac City Council was held on November 1, 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, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor and Wille.

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, Lee, Hicks, Myers, 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 were four 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 Myers, second by Hicks that the items on the consent agenda be approved as presented.

A. Motion by Myers, second by Hicks to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021 as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

B. Motion Myers, second by Hicks to approve the payment of bills totaling \$1,335,018.87 from all funds. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

C. Motion by Myers, second by Hicks to approve the referral of a petition filed by Daniel Kennedy and Thomas D. Roe, Jr. to the Pontiac Planning Commission. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

D. Motion by Myers, second by Hicks to approve the use of Chautauqua Park by Kelly Viller for a Birthday Party, including Axe throwing by Axetreme Throwing. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance 2021-O-025 - Tomasello Fence Height Variance

Motion by Giovanini, second by Lee to approve Ordinance 2021-O-025, a variance granting a fence height in the front yard of (6) ft., at 603 E. Timber Street. On a roll call vote, motion carried 6-2. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, and Wille. Nay votes recorded: Myers and Gabor

B. Farnsworth Group Contract

Presentation given by the Farnsworth Group on preparing a Master Streetscape Plan for the Downtown area. Pictures and plans were shown of towns they have worked with and discussion on the grant that will be available in January 2022.

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Gabor to approve the contract with the Farnsworth Group for a study, a vision book, for the downtown area. TIF Funds will be used. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

C. Fertilizer Contract - Golf Course

Motion by Gabor, second by Hicks to approve the fertilizer contract with Winfield United at a cost of \$51,247.40. Payment is made as the chemicals are used. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

Also Shannon Campbell and Taylor Baxter gave a presentation of this past years usage, programs, memberships, volunteers and outings for the golf course.

D. Asbestos Abatement Bid/Inspection

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Barr to approve the contract with The Deigan Group for asbestos abatement at (6) city properties. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

E. Ordinance 2021-O-026

Motion by Eckhoff, second by Gabor to approve Ordinance 2021-O-026, an ordinance amending renewal contractor license fees to \$50.00, as written. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

F. Report on Police & Fire Pension Annual Report

City Administrator gave a synopsis of the annual Police & Fire Pension reports included active members, retirees, liabilities and amount funded.

G. Renewal Airport Liability Insurance

Motion by Myers, second by Wille to approve the renewal of City's Airport Liability Insurance with Old Republic Insurance Co. at a annual premium of \$6,360.00. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Alvey noted the ground breaking of Evenglow at the Indiana Ave. location and thanked all those that were involved with the river clean up.

Bob Karls announced that according to the recent census, we have \$11,150 residents and there will be a Finance Committee meeting on November 8th at 4:00 P.M.

Council Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

Motion by Gabor second by Wille to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing and considering land acquisitions and land disposition matters as authorized under Section 2(c)2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On a roll call vote, motion carried 8-0. Aye votes recorded: Barr, Giovanini, Eckhoff, Hicks, Lee, Myers, Gabor, and Wille.

Return from Executive Session

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon L. Dunham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the beginning of the name.

Sharon L Dunham
City Clerk