

**MEETING OF DECEMBER 20th, 2016
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 6th, 2016**

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The City Council met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers; Mayor Brenda Stadsholt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; City Clerk Martha Balbinot called the roll and the following Alderpersons answered to their names: Portia Brown, Randy Bell, Andy French, Charlie Campbell, Jim Stroh, Becky Chaney, Bob Cooper and Ross McDowell. A quorum was present. Meeting was taped. City Attorney Blake Lindner was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was repeated by City Officials and Guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT # 1

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 15TH, 2016

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 15th, 2016. There being none, the minutes were approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 21ST, 2016

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held November 21st, 2016. There being none, the minutes were approved as written.

FINANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked for any questions on the Finance Report.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion made by Bell, seconded by Brown, to approve the Finance Report.

Voting Yes: Brown, Cooper, Bell, French, Campbell, Stroh, Chaney and McDowell

Voting-No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked for any questions on the Consent Agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion made by Chaney, seconded by Cooper, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voting Yes: Cooper, Bell, French, Campbell, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell and Brown

Voting-No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported the following:

1. A letter was received from a group that has been formed in Canton, Il asking if the City would like to donate funds to those impacted by the gas explosion.
2. Mayor Stadsholt, EDC Ron Hills and Gary Davis from Farnsworth attended a meeting in Chicago outlining the requirements of the EDA Grant received by the City of Havana.
3. There is good reason to believe that we have gotten final approval for our second CDAP Grant.

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Mayor's Report (cont.)

4. Reminder that the Public Works Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 13th, 2016 at Twelve Noon at the City Center Building.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION: None

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

DISCUSSION: Public Works Director Jewel Bucy reported the following:

1. Remind everyone to sign up for what they were bringing to the Annual Christmas Luncheon.
2. Thanks to Alderman McDowell for asking for bids on backhoe, resulted in savings of \$5,000.
3. First snow has arrived and everything went well in cleaning of the streets.

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

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COMMITTEES

FINANCE & PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderman Bell made a motion, seconded by Chaney , to approve the Annual Holiday Bonus of \$100 for each City Employee.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or discussion needed. There being none the motion passed by the following vote:

VOTING YES: Bell, French, Campbell, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Brown and Cooper,

VOTING NO: None

LICENSES, ORD. & LEGAL

DISCUSSION: **FIRST READING** of Ordinance # 1399, an Ordinance levying taxes for all corporate purposes for the City of Havana, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year commencing on the 1st day of May, A.D., 2017 and ending on the 30th day of April, A.D., 2018., or vote to waive the **FIRST READING** and consider final action on such Ordinance pursuant to Havana City Code Section 2.08.115.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: **FIRST READING** of Ordinance # 1400, an Ordinance establishing the reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses of Officers and Employees in the City of Havana, Mason County, Illinois, or vote to waive the **FIRST READING** and consider final action on such Ordinance pursuant to Havana City Code Section 2.08.115.

ACTION TAKEN: None

HEALTH & SANITATION

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderwoman Portia Brown made a motion, seconded by Stroh, to approve with regret, the resignation of Sam Kachanuk from the Havana Volunteer Fire Department effective October 10, 2016.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or discussion needed. There being none the motion passed by the following vote:

VOTING YES: French, Campbell, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Brown, Cooper and Bell

VOTING NO: None

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Personnel (cont.)

DISCUSSION: Alderwoman Portia Brown made a motion, seconded by Stroh, to approve with regret, the resignation of Joel Poorbaugh from the Havana Volunteer Fire Department effective August 8th, 2016.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or discussion needed. There being none the motion passed by the following vote:

VOTING YES: Campbell, Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Brown, Cooper, Bell and French

VOTING NO: None

DISCUSSION: Alderwoman Portia Brown made a motion, seconded by Cooper, to approve the addition of Chris Miller to the Havana Volunteer Fire Department.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or discussion needed. There being none the motion passed by the following vote:

VOTING YES: Stroh, Chaney, McDowell, Brown, Cooper, Bell, French and Campbell

VOTING NO: None

DISCUSSION: Alderwoman Portia Brown made a motion, seconded by Cooper, to approve the addition of Jeremy Schaad to the Havana Volunteer Fire Department.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or discussion needed. There being none the motion passed by the following vote:

VOTING YES: Chaney, McDowell, Brown, Cooper, Bell, French, Campbell and Stroh

VOTING NO: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Alderman Randall Bell made a motion, seconded by Brown, to approve obtaining a finalized plan for the revitalization of downtown Havana from 353 Court, LLC. After discussion about the proper way to obtain the financing for this plan, a motion was made by McDowell, seconded by Cooper, to refer this matter to Committee and to visit this after a recommendation by the Planning Committee.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY & ZONING

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

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PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: Alderman Campbell made a motion, seconded by Chaney, to approve the purchase of a New Holland tractor/backhoe/loader, Model B95C, from Stelter-Hofreiter in the amount of \$89,997.50.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or discussion needed. There being none the motion passed by the following vote:

VOTING YES: Brown, Cooper, Bell, French, Campbell, Stroh, Chaney and McDowell

VOTING NO: None

PUBLIC COMMENT # 2

Discussion: None

Action Taken: None

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion made by Chaney and seconded by McDowell to adjourn.

Voting Yes: Campbell, Stroh, Chaney, Bell, McDowell, Brown, Cooper and French

Voting No: None

Brenda Stadsholt
Mayor

Martha J. Balbinot
City Clerk

GUESTS:

Wendy Martin – Mason County Democrat

Kevin Noble

Steve Blessman

Ron Hills

John Kachanuk