

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF VIENNA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VIENNA CITY HALL
205 North 4th Street
January 5, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at Vienna City Hall with the following members and guest:

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Steve Penrod, Mayor
Melissa Hill, Alderman
Angela Moore, Alderman
Richard Owen, Alderman
Austin Tuey, Alderman
Alan Racey, Alderman
Ron Pitts, Alderman
Brent Williams, Fire Chief
Shane Racey, Superintendent
Aleatha Wright, City Clerk

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Jim Miller, Police Chief
Michelle Meyers, Treasurer

GUESTS

Phil Morris
Kam Harmon
Robert Smith
Tyler Inman
Addam Holder
Rick Abell
Brent Lorenz

There being a quorum, Mayor Penrod called the meeting of the Vienna City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Moore made a motion to Authorize and Approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda consisting of the December 15, 2021 council meeting minutes and the warrant (\$23,837.32). Alderman Hill seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Mayor Penrod opted to move the employment of Kruger Law Firm up on the agenda as council agreed a closed session would not be necessary. Rick Abell and Addam Holder with Kruger Law Firm were both present to introduce themselves and discuss their background with city law and services they would provide for the city. Rate of pay discussed would be \$175.00 per hour. Continued discussion was had.

Alderman Pitts made a motion to Authorize and Approve the City of Vienna to employ Kruger Law Firm as legal counsel for the city. Alderman Tuey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Brent Lorenz was present to inform the city he would be seeking a Class A liquor license to re-open a bar establishment at 102 North 1st Street, formally Stacy's 45. Lorenz was made aware that there were no Class A licenses available prior to the meeting as all four were currently taken per city ordinance. Lorenz requested the council increase the number of Class A licenses. Lorenz said he planned to obtain a gaming license from the state as well serve food/sandwiches contingent on the license.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Smith, Southern Laundromat owner, was present to comment as he would also be requesting a Class A license for video gaming inside his laundromat located at 405 Poplar Street. Smith was made aware prior to the meeting that there was an ordinance in place prohibiting liquor possession and consumption on the city square. Mayor Penrod said as liquor commissioner, he had mixed emotions of allowing liquor/gaming establishments on the square. Smith also said he was potentially interested in purchasing Family Pizza and would like to offer draft beer on the menu, which the ordinance would also prohibit. Smith requested the city to change the current ordinance. Kam Harmon, gaming parlor owner accompanying Smith, was present to comment on her gaming establishments. Harmon said signage and lighting would be limited as well as beverages limited to customers by state laws. Harmon said the parlor could possibly employ two full time and two part time employees. Continued discussion was had.

Council discussed amending the current liquor ordinance to increase the number of Class A licenses as video gaming has increased. Alderman Hill suggested the number be increased from four to ten. Council was in consent to have the current liquor ordinance amended and placed on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Phil Morris presented a donation from Steve Durbin, 50/100 mile run director to the City of Vienna for the Police Department in the amount of \$500.00 and Fire Department in the amount of \$500.00.

Alderman Racey made a motion to Authorize and Approve to amend the amount to purchase garage doors from SI Overhead Door, LLC for the old city hall building. Original motion from 10/6/21 for \$1,998.00 increased (\$241.24) to \$2,239.34 -TIF Funds. Alderman Pitts seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Pitts made a motion to Authorize and Approve Ordinance 22-01, An Ordinance Regulating City Trash Receptacles. Alderman Hill seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Hill-yes, Moore-yes, Owen-yes, Pitts-yes, Racey-yes, Tuey-no. Motion carried.

Alderman Moore made a motion to Authorize and Approve to increase volunteer Fire Department call/meeting rate from \$20.00 to \$25.00. Alderman Owen seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Hill-yes, Moore-yes, Owen-yes, Pitts-yes, Racey-yes, Tuey-abstain as member of the fire department. Motion carried.

Alderman Racey made a motion to Authorize and Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Vienna and Johnson County for Depot Coordinator position (Feb 21, 2022 to December 17, 2022). Alderman Owen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Wright informed council that the city was still awaiting the audit report.

Alderman Pitts and Moore informed council they had met to review two versions of nuisance ordinances provided by attorney Presser per the last council meeting. After review they both agreed the City of Metropolis ordinance would be a good fit for the changes the city wanted to make. Council was also in consent.

Alderman Tuey updated council on fireworks as pricing would be released sometime in January and was looking to increase. Moore also commented on waiting to request business donations when final prices are known. Tuey also mentioned obtaining his lead shooter license.

Brent Williams thanked the city for continued support of the fire department. Penrod commented that he, Williams, and city administrative assistant, Harris had met to review past due fire calls for legal action. Penrod asked Kruger Law Firm to review.

Mayor Penrod made the following Zoning Board re-appointments with the consent of council:

Rosemary Hook, term ending March 2024
Xavier Hannan, term ending June 2024
Brian Bailey, term ending April 2026
Penrod noted there was one vacancy to fill.

Penrod reviewed final draft of the New Home Development Program with council stating changes that would be made before approval. The resolution and program would be placed on the next meeting agenda. Penrod also contacted Moran Economic Development as C&K Equipment would be requesting an extension on their TIF agreement. Council could extend the contract by a motion.


Penrod said Southern Seven Health Department would be hosting a zoom emergency management table top exercise February 17th, asking Alderman Owen and Tuey to participate.

Penrod said Clarida & Ziegler would attend the next scheduled meeting for an update on a rural development grant.

Penrod said he was contacted by Goreville for the Vienna city council to participate in a fundraiser to take place April 2nd.

Mayor Penrod declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

For APPROVAL: January 19, 2022



Steve Penrod, Mayor



Aleatha Wright, City Clerk

APPROVED