

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF VIENNA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
VIENNA CITY LIBRARY  
401 Poplar Street  
June 17, 2020  
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at Vienna City Library with the following members and guest:

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Jon Simmons, Mayor  
Melissa Hill, Alderman  
Alan Racey, Alderman  
Richard Owen, Alderman  
Steve Penrod, Alderman  
Melissa Presser, City Attorney  
Aleatha Wright, City Clerk  
Shane Racey, Supt.  
Brent Williams, Fire Chief  
Phil Morris, Depot

**ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

Austin Tuey, Alderman  
Jim Miller, Police Chief  
Michelle Meyers, Treasurer

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

**GUESTS**

Jordan McBride, Vienna Times

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Racey made a motion to Approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda consisting of the June 3, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes and the Warrant (\$50,262.35). Alderman Owen seconded the motion. All in favor, Motion carried.

Wright said Clarida & Ziegler was still working with bidder on the amphitheater/restroom facility grant project to reduce costs before the city accepts the bid.

Alderman Hill made a motion to Authorize and Approve \$3,000.00 (TIF Funds) to Wheatley Construction for the demolition of a residential barn structure. The motion was seconded by

Alderman Penrod. All in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Penrod made a motion to Authorize and Approve Resolution 20-05, A Resolution of Support for a Community Block Program Grant. Alderman Racey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Chief Williams said he had received the contract from StarFire Corp for the Fourth of July fireworks the prior week which the city made partial payment for to secure the show. Williams said per the contract, if the city cancelled the payment would go towards a future show. Discussion continued among council members and mayor on whether to have the display due to the governor's covid19 restrictions.

Alderman Hill made a motion to Authorize and Approve fireworks proposal between Star Fire Corp and the City of Vienna. The motion was seconded by Alderman Penrod. The vote was as follows: Hill-yes, Penrod-yes, Owen-no, Racey-no, Tuey-absent. Mayor Simmons broke the tie with a vote of no. Simmons said due to the loss of revenue from covid19 and the restrictions of social distancing, he felt it was best to hold off until the following year.

Alderman Racey made a motion to Authorize and Approve engagement letter between Beussink, Hickamm & Kochel, P.C. and the City of Vienna to conduct the 202 FY Audit. The motion was seconded by Alderman Owen. All in favor, Motion carried.

Wright reviewed a letter and diagram of sign placement received from Jo. Co. 2000. Wright said additional consent was being requested from the city for modification of an existing sign in the Industrial Park. Wright said the city already had given permission but since the sign would sit partially on the right of way it was being requested if the city would allow/support the location as well as give Jo. Co. 2000 a 60 day notice if in the future the city needed the sign moved for any reason. Alderman Hill made a motion approving the requests. Alderman Racey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Simmons thanked Alderman Racey for his efforts cleaning the awning at the city library. Mayor Simmons said the parking lot was oil/chipped at the city park the prior week by Illini Asphalt.

City Attorney Presser reviewed a draft ordinance she prepared with council and Chief Williams amending Chapter 35.15 of the current fire ordinance. The ordinance would be placed on the next agenda for passage.

Presser also informed council she was continuing to look into information on the city imposing a camping tax for Shawnee Forest Campground. Presser briefly mentioned a debt recovery program through the state comptroller the city could inquire about for any outstanding bills owed to the city.

Wright questioned if the city would be interested in taking quotes on the city's general insurance

for the 20-21 year. Council was in consent that they were satisfied with the city's current provider.

Supt Racey expressed appreciation for his public works crew. Racey also mentioned that the city would be receiving Motor Fuel Tax funds through Rebuilt Illinois twice per year. Brief discussion was had on ways to use the funds.

Phil Morris, Depot said the Tunnel Hill State Trail restrooms were now open 7 days a week.

Alderman Penrod questioned who the owner of the parking lot beside Acee's was, referring to parking charges. Penrod also commented that work had stopped on bridge located on Rt 45 South. Penrod said he would make contact to get information when work would resume.

Alderman Owen asked council if they wanted to postpone going into closed session as Alderman Tuey was not present. Council agreed to go ahead with closed session to discuss union negotiations.

At 7:41 p.m. Alderman Owen made a motion to go out of Regular Session into Executive Session as per 5 ILCS 120/0(c)(2), Negotiations with Local Union 50. Alderman Penrod seconded the motion. Motion carried.


At 8:22 p.m. Alderman Owen made a motion to resume the Regular Session meeting. Motion was seconded by Alderman Racey. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss Alderman Owen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Racey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Simmons declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

**For APPROVAL:** July 1, 2020

  
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Jon A. Simmons, Mayor

  
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Aleatha Wright, City Clerk