

MEETING JANUARY 19TH, 2016
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 5TH, 2016

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 Alder people answered to their names: Portia Brown, Bob Cooper, Randy Bell, James Stroh, Ross McDowell, Andy French, Charles Campbell and Becky Chaney. A quorum was present. Meeting was taped. Attorney Zach Bryant was present representing City Attorney Blake Lindner.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION: 1. Sue Sutherland, Linda Daniels, Eileen Donaho and City Clerk Martha Balbinot all addressed the City Council in support of keeping Coco, the cat that had been residing at City Hall for three years, at City Hall.

2. Beau Elgin addressed the Council asking if there could be “No Parking Signs” put in front of his business as people living in the houses across from the front of his business made it impossible for him to leave his property in his truck which is a semi.

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DISCUSSION: Mayor Brenda Stadsholt asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 5th, 2016.

ACTION TAKEN: There being none, the minutes will stand as written.

FINANCE REPORT

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

ACTION TAKEN: There being none, a motion was made by Bell, seconded by Chaney, to approve the Finance Report.

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

Voting-No: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

ACTION TAKEN: There being none, a motion was made by McDowell, seconded by Stroh, 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. Mayor Stadsholt had been contacted by a representative from Niemann Foods to discuss numerous complaints that had been posted about the store on social media.
2. HHS Band will be turning in a request to use the City streets for the 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.
3. Mayor Stadsholt contacted Jeff Cozad about any updates on the approval of the 2nd CDAP Grant for the City of Havana and he replied that all CDAP applications were held up due to the lack of a budget in Springfield for the State of Illinois.
4. Mayor Stadsholt had been informed that former Mayor Pro Tem, Gary Woodard had passed away.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: City Treasurer Steve Blessman reported the following:

1. A one million dollar CD that been purchased from Petefish & Skiles bank and was held for only 45 days had earned the City \$5,700 in interest. Five hundred thousand dollars was then reinvested at Petefish & Skiles.
2. The Annual TIF audit is completed and has been sent to TIF Attorney Kathy Orr to be reviewed.

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Attorney Zack Bryant reported that the Summons and Notice had been filed on the house on East Market. This form must be filed before the house could be demolished.

ACTION TAKEN: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

DISCUSSION: EDC Ron Hills reported that Don Onken had sold only the business not the property that he had purchased from the City of Havana and things should go forward as they have been regarding his loan.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: Public Works Director Jewel Bucy reported that he was happy that there had been no large snow storms thus far.

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL / ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: Fire Marshal/Zoning Officer John Kachanuk reported the following:

1. More holes have been discovered in the roof of the Fire/Police station due to the hard rains we have been having.

2. One of the bay doors had malfunctioned and he was able to get it working.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

DISCUSSION: A rough draft of the new Comprehensive Plan would possibly be available at the 3rd Annual Standing Committee Luncheon which will be held at the Fire and Police Station Meeting Room on January 18th, 2016 at 12:00 noon.

ACTION TAKEN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: A motion was made by Bell, seconded by Chaney, to approve the Predevelopment Agreement with IBC.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there was a need for discussion or if there were any questions. There was some discussion in that EDC Ron Hills wanted to make it clear that this was just a Predevelopment Agreement and that when the people requesting this agreement had all their financing in place that work on the Development Agreement would begin under the guidance of TIF Attorney Kathy Orr. After this discussion the motion was passed by the following vote tally:

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

Voting-No: None

DISCUSSION: A motion was made by Bell, seconded by McDowell, to approve payment to Dr. Aaron Blakely, DDS, in the amount of \$1,472.50 per his TIF Real Estate Agreement for 2014 Real Estate taxes paid in 2015.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there was a need for discussion or if there were any questions. There being none the motion was approved by the following vote tally.

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

Voting-No: None

HEALTH & SANITATION

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORD. & LEGAL

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderwoman Brown reported that Police Chief Kevin Noble would be giving his quarterly report at a Personnel Committee Meeting prior to the Council meeting on January 19th, 2016.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PROPERTY & ZONING

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: Alderman Charlie Campbell announced that he had not forgotten about the tree problem along Main street and the damage the roots were doing to the concrete sidewalk, but that it would probably be March before anything would get started.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION: Melanie Bleem asked if someone could explain to her the program in which private businesses could be reimbursed a portion of their Real Estate taxes.

ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brenda Stadsholt requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Stroh, seconded by Chaney and unanimously approved at 7:35 p.m.

Brenda Stadsholt
Mayor

Martha J. Balbinot
City Clerk

GUESTS:

Kevin Noble

John Kachanuk

Jewel Bucy

Sue Sutherland

Wendy Martin – Mason County Democrat

Linda Daniels

Melanie Bleem

Jane Frazier

Nancy Glick – Havana Public Library

Beau Elgin

Eileen Donaho

Ellen Mibbs – Havana Public Library