

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF VIENNA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VIENNA CITY LIBRARY
401 POPLAR ST
January 20, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Vienna City Library with the following members and guest:

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Richard Owen, Mayor Pro-tem
Steve Penrod, Alderman
Alan Racey, Alderman
Jim Evans, Alderman
Melissa Hill, Alderman
Aleatha Wright, City Clerk
Michelle Meyers, Treasurer

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Jon Simmons, Mayor
Austin Tuey, Alderman
Jim Miller, Police Chief
Brent Williams, Fire Chief

GUESTS

Jordan McBride, Vienna Times
Scott Hickam, Beussink & Hickam, LLC
Alisa Sowers

There being a quorum, Mayor Pro-tem, Richard Owen called the meeting of the Vienna City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eileen Rochford, VHS Resource officer, was present to speak with the council of high school students assisting with trash pickup in the city park. Rochford said VHS had four classes and would arrange small groups of students that would clean up the park a few times per week. Rochford said they wanted to help with the issue of overflowing trash cans and trash littered around the park. Rochford said the school has purchased ice cream for the students that were involved with cleanup asking if the city would help with a donation and/or payment for that to continue. The council was in consent to allow VHS to assist until family counseling could resume services for the city. Wright said she would place it on the next scheduled agenda to take action on payment.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Evans made a motion to Approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda consisting of the January 6, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, the Treasurer's Report (Dec), and the Warrant (\$20,880.15). Alderman Racey seconded the motion. All in favor, Motion carried.

Scott Hickam, Beussink & Hickam, LLC was present to review the FY20 audit with city officials. Alderman Racey made a motion to Approve the 2020 fiscal year annual financial report and Acceptance of the audit report. Seconded by Alderman Penrod. All in favor, Motion carried.

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Pro-tem, Owen, commented on the amphitheater project adding that there was a recent donation of sound equipment. Owen also said the city received notice from IDOT that when repairs for bridge work start on 146 East, the road through Harper Ford would be closed.

Clerk Wright said all elected officials economic interest lists needed to be filed at the county clerk's office. Wright said that she was contacted by Little Egypt Shows to schedule the Spring Fling although it was unknown if the state would permit the event at this time. Council agreed to have the event on the next agenda. Wright said the Brian Zeigler would be attending an upcoming meeting to update the council on the amphitheater project.

Supt Racey, commended all first responders in their efforts in the recent fire and loss of Harper Ford. Racey added that utilities were disconnected and the gas meter removed. Racey commented on the solar lights missing from the Vienna welcome signs. Racey mentioned hiring for part time spring/summer help with mowing at the city park.

Alderman Hill mentioned that if the city were to ever repaint the water tower she was given a suggestion by a resident to use VHS colors.

Alderman Penrod briefly mentioned the possibility of IDOT using the city park as a staging area concerning the upcoming Rt 146 East project.

Alderman Racey asked if the council wanted to resume back at city hall for regular meetings. Owen said it could be decided closer to time of the next meeting.

At 7:35 p.m. Alderman Evans made a motion to go out of Regular Session into Executive Session to discuss Employment /Compensation as per 5ILCS 120/0(C)(1). Alderman Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

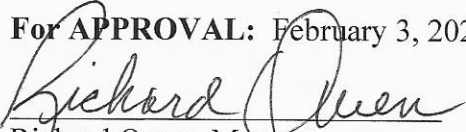
At 7:40 p.m. Alderman Penrod made a motion to resume the Regular Meeting seconded by Alderman Hill. Motion carried.

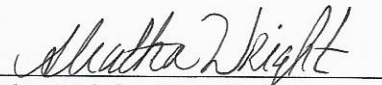
Alderman Evans made a motion for the City of Vienna to employ Alisa Sowers as Depot Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hill. All in favor, Motion carried.

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

Mayor Pro-tem, Owen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

For APPROVAL: February 3, 2021


Richard Owen, Mayor


Aleatha Wright, City Clerk

APPROVED