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**REGULAR MEETING
VIENNA CITY HALL
205 NORTH FOURTH STREET
VIENNA, IL 62995
January 2, 2019
6:30 P.M. VIENNA CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at Vienna City Hall with the following members and guest:

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Jon Simmons, Mayor
Alan Racey, Alderman
Austin Tuey, Alderman
Melissa Hill, Alderman
Debbie Riddle, Alderman
Cheryl Myrick, Alderman
Richard Owen, Alderman
Josh Stratemeyer, City Attorney
Aleatha Wright, City Clerk
Shane Racey, City Supt
Jim Miller, Police Chief
Brent Williams, Fire Chief
Phil Morris, Depot
Margaret Mathis, Librarian

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Michelle Meyers, Treasurer

GUESTS:

Mike Muhler
Richard Corse

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

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Tuey made a motion to Approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda consisting of the December 19, 2018 Council Meeting and the Warrant (\$15,767.46). Alderman Myrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Owen made a motion to Authorize and Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Vienna and Johnson County for the Depot Coordinator position. The motion was seconded by Alderman Racey. Motion carried all in favor.

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Alderman Myrick made a motion to Authorize and Approve funds for Winter Fire School Training at U of I. Estimated cost not including meals \$2,080.00 (General Fund) Fire Chief Williams said 6 were registered to attend. Alderman Racey seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-yes, Tuey- Abstained as a member of the fire dept.

Alderman Hill made a motion to Authorize and Approve the agreement between Little Egypt Shows and the City of Vienna for the Annual Spring Fling to be held at the city park May 2-4, 2019. Alderman Owen seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Simmons welcomed the new reporter for the Vienna Times, Mike Muhler.

Simmons announced that the city would be seeking a replacement as current City Attorney, Josh Stratemeyer was appointed Massac County State's attorney. City officials congratulated Stratemeyer. Stratemeyer presented mayor and city officials with a letter of resignation and informed them that he would be sworn in on January 4th unable to serve at that point as the city's attorney. Stratemeyer thanked the city and expressed his appreciation for employment of 9 plus years of working with the mayor and many different council members along the way. Simmons said he was given a few recommendations to look into for a replacement.

Simmons revisited the topic of the city needing new Christmas lights. Simmons said he would like to see lights placed along on Hwy 146 (Vine St). Alderman Owen questioned if any of the old lights could be salvaged. Supt Racey said many are very old and missing bulbs and replacement bulbs are not available anymore to purchase. Continued discussion was had on electrical work that would have to be performed on existing poles per Ameren as well as seeking a permit for poles on Hwy 146. The item would be placed on the next agenda for action.

Police Chief Miller announced a "Stop the Bleed" course that would take place at VHS Monday January 7th from 9-11 a.m.

Alderman Hill discussed with council of the city hiring an additional police officer. The council discussed getting information from city treasurer to make sure the city was financially able to hire for a full time position. Academy costs were discussed with Chief Miller if by chance the city hired an individual that was not yet certified. No action taken at this time. Miller was asked to look into resumes on file.

Alderman Tuey briefly requested information from Fire Chief Williams on a billing company invoicing on the city's behalf for fire calls. Williams said he would be attending a meeting soon for more information.

Alderman Racey discussed with council of the city amending the current water/sewer ordinance

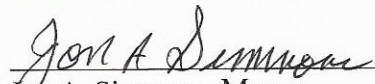
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to lower costs for (home owners only) for unoccupied homes that are up for sale. Racey said he had met with city treasurer and clerk to go over costs of utility billing. Racey said it was discussed to exempt the homeowner from the minimum sewer charge of \$19 as well as possibly lower the minimum water fee. No final decision was made at this time.

As there was no further business to discuss Alderman Owen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Myrick. Motion carried.

Mayor Simmons declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVED: January 16, 2019


Jon A. Simmons, Mayor


Aleatha Wright, City Clerk

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