

**REGULAR MEETING
VIENNA CITY HALL
205 NORTH FOURTH STREET
VIENNA, IL 62995
December 6, 2017
6:30 P.M. VIENNA CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at Vienna City Hall with the following members and guest:

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Jon Simmons, Mayor
Alan Racey, Alderman
Debbie Riddle, Alderman
Melissa Hill, Alderman
Richard Owen, Alderman
Austin Tuey, Alderman
Josh Stratemeyer, City Attorney
Michelle Meyer, City Treasurer
Shane Racey, City Supt.
Diana Steele, Admin Asst
Margaret Mathis, City Librarian
Phil Morris, Depot

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Cheryl Myrick, Alderman

GUESTS:

Scott Wright
Edwin & Ethel Bates

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

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Owen made a motion to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda consisting of the November 15, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Report and the Warrant (\$28,827.12). Alderman Racey seconded the motion. Roll call: **Hill-yes, Riddle-yes, Myrick-absent, Owen-yes, Racey-yes, and Tuey- yes. Motion carried.**

Alderman Owen made a motion to Authorize and Approve to amend an original amount approved to purchase fruit for the 50/100 mile run from \$800.00 to \$889.41(Tourism Fund). Alderman Racey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Edwin Bates was present to address the council of sewer line work performed by the city in October of 2015. Bates said it was recently discovered after having plumbing work done that the

sewer had been feeding into a dead line resulting in damage underneath his home. Bates presented a plumbing bill, city sewer charges from October of 2015 until present and an estimate from a contractor on repairs. Supt. Racey and council members commented. Clerk said she had turned in a claim and Bates would be contacted by an adjuster with the city's insurance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Simmons commented on a waterline break on South 1st Street thanking public works dept for quick repair work. Simmons also made mention of a restaurant moving into the old jumbo building on Redbud Rd. sometime in December.

Simmons reappointed Brian Bailey and Jeannie Housewright to the city's zoning board. Simmons said there was a vacancy to fill as well.

City Attorney, Stratemeyer briefly discussed with council a release of liability form and memorandum for employee file concerning a police dept employee. Council was satisfied with both documents.

City Clerk said she had recently worked with Southern Five Planning District applying for residential demolition grant monies. Wright said the city should get response in the first quarter of 2018. Wright also mentioned a committee meeting for union negotiations January 4th that Alderman Racey and Owen would attend. Wright mentioned the current city hall housekeeper would be leaving at the end of December.

City Supt. Racey requested consent for funds to repair the transmission of a 2006 Ford 4WD (\$2,821.00-General Fund). Council gave consent. Racey said the permit to hang holiday lights/flags was received by Ameren on December 4th which did not give enough time to install needed electrical boxes on poles around the city square to display Christmas lights. Racey said lights would still be displayed around the city park. Racey discussed multiple meter shutoffs for nonpayment with city attorney. Racey also mentioned concern of a resident's dog tied to a gas meter making it difficult to get monthly meter read.

Brief discussion was also had on the no burn ordinance currently in place. Racey questioned if the city would consider lifting the ban. No action taken.

As requested by council from the November 15th meeting to discuss Gas rates, City Treasurer, Meyers reviewed the past six months of Gas Fund expenses and revenues with council as public works/gas department continued to have a higher percentage of unaccounted for natural gas. Lengthy discussion took place as to what could be causing the loss. Council discussed cost of residential and commercial rates and with all council in consent, clerk was directed by Alderman Owen to contact USDI to increase the current rate of \$3.60 over the cost of gas to \$4.00 starting January 1, 2018. Clerk said this would raise the amount per therm an additional \$.04. This would not affect the flat gas rate in place at this time.

Brent Williams discussed changes that needed to be made to the city's fire billing ordinance but suggested it be tabled as more information needed to be gathered and discussed. Williams also requested consent for funds to attend winter fire training school at the University of IL. Williams said the cost would be \$300.00 per person. Council gave consent for six members of the fire dept to attend (General Fund). Williams also mentioned the need to replace SCBA tanks. Williams announced the Fire Dept Christmas potluck to take place Saturday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Williams informed council that the Gambit burn would take place over the weekend and requested city hall put out an all call to residents.

Williams also discussed the Fourth of July event with council as a day had not been set for the fireworks display. Williams said the city's lead shooter Jason Grant would be assisting Goreville on Wednesday night (July 4th). Council agreed to have the display for Vienna on Tuesday evening, July 3rd. Williams said he would contact Jason Grant to see if he was available for the date.

Phil Morris, Depot said the depot would be closed until spring. Morris briefly mentioned Johnson County Revitalization partnering with the city for a grant.


Alderman Hill mentioned the city's food vendor ordinance with other city officials discussing concerns of local business owners.

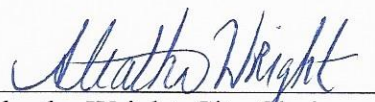
Alderman Riddle made mention of a few residential properties that she had received complaints on. Miller said he checked on said properties.

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

Mayor Simmons declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

APPROVED: December 20, 2017


Jon A. Simmons


Aleatha Wright, City Clerk