

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 Kathy Vaughn called the roll and the following Alderpersons answered to their names: Bob Cooper, Becky Chaney, Randy Bell, Andrew French, James Stroh, Ross McDowell, Charles Campbell, and Portia Brown.

A quorum was present. The meeting was taped. Attorney Zach Bryant was present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes of November 20, 2018.

ACTION TAKEN: There being none, the minutes will stand as approved and submitted.

FINANCE REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to approve the Finance Report as submitted. Alderperson Chaney made the motion, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions or corrections to the Finance Report.

There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

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

Voting No: None

CONSENT AGENDA

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Alderperson Cooper made the motion, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

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

Voting No: None

MAYOR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Blake Lindner, the City Attorney. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. Alderperson McDowell thanked Mr. Lindner for his 20 years of services for the City. There being no questions, the motion passed with the following vote:

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

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to appoint Zachary Bryant as the City Attorney. Alderperson Chaney made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Brown.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

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

Voting No: None

Zach Bryant was then sworn in and took the Oath of Office as delivered by Mayor Stadsholt, as the new City Attorney.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt reported the following:

- In a joint effort with the Chamber of Commerce the Courtyard of lights is beautiful and the lighting and parade were well attended. Thank you to all involved and especially to the Public Works department for decorating the streets every year.
- Mary Ann Beams was nominated and awarded the Volunteer of the Year last Thursday, November 29th, at the Riverside Club.
- The next Chamber of Commerce event is the St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl.
- The Public Works luncheon is Friday, December 14th at noon. There is a sign-up sheet in City Hall. It is a great time to say Thank You to all our Public Works employees for all their efforts year round.

- A Development Committee for Revitalization was formed to work on procedures and processes, as well as on-going and potential new projects. The members are staff at City Hall, along with John Kachanuk, Eric Reader and Todd Thompson from 353. The committee meets weekly and so far, has been very productive.
- City Center will soon be receiving a Big Screen TV with sound bar. Once installed, the system will be a great addition for presentations and meetings held there.
- We would like to recognize Sergeant First Class James Stark. He is retiring from the Army National Guard after 22 years of service. Thank you for your service, Deputy Chief Shark. He was not in attendance this evening, as he is away at training.
- Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade Girls Basketball team on another winning season.
- Thank you to Troop 6804 for the nice delivery today of a Thank You note. The city donated rocks to the troop to paint and they were able to earn badges for this activity.
- Thank you to Alderperson French and Jake Green, Wellness Coordinator at Graham, for the Wellness Program presentation at the Committee meeting held earlier this evening.
- The Memorial Tree for Ron Hills has been moved to the front of the Riverside Club.
- **ACTION TAKEN:** None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: No report. Zach thanked the City Council and Mayor Stadsholt for the opportunity to be the City Attorney.

ACTION TAKEN: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

FIRE MARSHAL/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

DISCUSSION: Fire Marshall Kachanuk reported the following:

- The new boat is on way and should arrive early next week.
- The house on Orange Street has been demolished and City Works is cleaning up the property.
- Everyone knows we had a close call with tornados last Saturday. The Police Department and Fire Department become inundated with phone calls when the sirens go off. Please when you hear the sirens go off, TAKE COVER! They are there for a purpose and need to be taken seriously. Please do not drive around or go outside to take pictures, TAKE COVER. There are emergency vehicles that need to be able to get around and must account for everyone should there be an emergency. Take cover in a basement or Safe Place (Fire Station, School or Church) when the tornado siren goes off.

ACTION TAKEN: None

FARNSWORTH ENGINEERING GROUP REPORT

DISCUSSION: Gary Davis reported on the following:

- Congratulations to Zach Bryant on his new appointment as City Attorney.
- A call was received from Keystone power Holdings regarding Solar Panels. After more research, the company did not span out too well, but the idea is one that might be considered. There are good incentives and savings with solar. It is something that the city may want to look into further.
- The IDOT grant has been delayed yet again. They are requesting an intersection design study be completed. This is in the process of being set up and will count the traffic in/out of the Business Park prior to the holidays.
- The EDA grant has been finalized and is awaiting approval.

ACTION TAKEN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE AND PURCHASING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Bell asked to table the discussion regarding the Official Peoria Experience Guide Advertising options. Democrat reporter Wendy Martin, volunteered to design the ad for the guide should the city move forward with the advertising.

ACTION TAKEN: None

HEALTH AND SANITATION

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

LICENSES, ORDINANCES AND LEGAL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell did ask City Attorney, Zach Bryant to look for a Solar Ordinance that may have been started in his office earlier in the year. Zach was also asked to look for a Sign Ordinance that did not pass earlier in the year, as the council would like to review this again.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND ZONING

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Chaney would like more education on the TIF regulations, boundaries and options for merchants outside the TIF district.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC SAFETY

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh entertained a motion to approve the request by the Havana Rotary Club to use Main Street on December 8, 2018, for their Annual Bell Ringing Event from 8 am to 12 pm. Alderperson Chaney made the motion, seconded by Alderperson McDowell.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

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

Voting No: None

PUBLIC WORKS

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Stroh reported there are discussions regarding the concrete streets that are in poor shape. All options are being considered.

ACTION TAKEN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2


DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Cooper.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.


Brenda Stadsholt / Mayor


Kathy Vaughn / City Clerk

GUESTS:

Jeremiah Hindahl

John Kachanuk

Gary Davis

Zach Bryant

Wendy Martin