

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF VIENNA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
VIENNA CITY LIBRARY
401 Poplar Street
September 15, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at the Vienna City Library with the following members and guest:

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Steve Penrod, Mayor
Melissa Hill, Alderman
Angela Moore, Alderman
Richard Owen, Alderman
Austin Tuey, Alderman
Alan Racey, Alderman
Ron Pitts, Alderman
Shane Racey, Superintendent
Melissa Presser, City Attorney
Aleatha Wright, City Clerk
Alisa Sowers, Depot

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Michelle Meyers, Treasurer
Brent Williams, Fire Chief
Jim Miller, Police Chief

GUESTS

Joseph Emery
Jennifer Jacobsen
Stephen Baker

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

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Tuey made a motion to Authorize and Approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda consisting of the September 1, 2021 council meeting minutes, the Warrant (\$10,841.48), and the August Treasurer's Report. Alderman Hill seconded the motion. All in favor motion carried.

Alderman Owen said he had met with Alderman Racey and Supt Racey to review skid steer bids. Bids were narrowed down to S&N/John Deere-\$72,300.00 and McKeel Equipment/Case-\$73,900.00. Supt Racey said he preferred the case skid steer as the public works department was

familiar with operating a case. Alderman Pitts made a motion to Authorize and Approve for the City to select a bid from McKeel Equipment for \$73,900.00 (General Funds). Alderman Hill seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Owen made a motion to Authorize and Approve Southern Five Planning to administer reporting requirements per the American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the City of Vienna for a fee of \$2,000.00 (General Funds). Alderman Racey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Alderman Hill made a motion to Authorize and Approve Resolution 21-09, A Resolution of Support/Commitment for the City of Vienna, IL to apply for a Safe Route to School grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation. Alderman Tuey seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Stephen Baker, certified professional inspector with ABH building inspections, was present to introduce a building inspection program to council. The program would include certified code inspectors, rental licensing fees, and occupancy permit fees. Baker said from a past experience as a renter, this was a needed program to address landlords and would also would benefit fire and police departments. Discussion was had. No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Jacobsen thanked the city for assisting with the upcoming Junque Jamboree event. Jacobsen also announced the Christmas on the Square event, scheduled for Sunday, December 5th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Joseph Emery, Art Gallery Off the Square owner, said he was selling t-shirts at his shop promoting Vienna and the Tunnel Hill Trail. Emery said he would give several to be sold at the city depot for \$21.50, donating \$3.00 per each sale to the depot.

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Attorney Presser discussed the current nuisance ordinance with council as the city was looking to make changes to lessen the number of days given to abate nuisance violations, making the ordinance more consistent and effective. Presser and council reviewed a copy of an ordinance violation form the City of Anna was currently using. Council discussed using a similar form opposed to the current letter issued by the city.

Wright questioned council of Trick or Treating date/time. Council agreed on Halloween from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Alderman Tuey added that 10th Street would be closed that evening for safety precautions. Wright also said the parade permit was received from the Illinois Department of Transportation for Saturday, October 2, 2021.

Alisa Sowers, Depot, said she was working on putting together one hundred tourists guides for an upcoming local convention as well as stocking brochures at surrounding towns. Sowers also mentioned working with the city, county, and Goreville on collaborating a brochure for the following year that would focus more on local events.

Supt Racey said a fire hydrant was replaced on Fairview Drive.

Alderman Hill mentioned the Heritage Festival to take place Friday and Saturday, October 1-2nd at the city park. Hill said Robin Harper Whitehead was selected for the Grand Marshall of Saturday's parade, noting her longtime service to the county and community. Hill also announced The Lane Davis band would be performing Friday night at the park as well as the Eagle House Ministry's annual 5/10k Run for Hope.

Alderman Tuey and Moore discussed their project of raising funds to assist the city with fireworks for the 2022 display, as costs were looking to greatly increase. Tuey said he had researched coin collectors for donations as an option but said they were costly to purchase or rent. Tuey and Moore also discussed requesting sponsorships from businesses, which council was agreeable with. Moore and Tuey said they contact local businesses about sponsorships.

Mayor Penrod said he spoke with Kathy Poole concerning the playground equipment at the city ballpark. Due to the initial choice being specs for residential use, Poole had selected a different commercial grade set to be installed. Penrod said he contacted Matt Endrizzi concerning the playground surface and Endrizzi had volunteered to donate pour and play border and would also install edging at no cost. Council expressed their appreciation.

Penrod said more vandalism had occurred at the new restroom facility at the city park in the women's restroom. Brief discussion was had on placing additional surveillance cameras in the park. Penrod said he was contacted by a contractor concerning 146 East bridge work. Permission was requested to place concrete beams in the park grass area near construction area. Penrod gave authorization for three days.

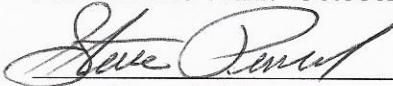
Penrod said he had obtained more information on an electric vehicle charging station program with Cape Electric Supply as individual businesses could have them installed for a tax exemption. Penrod said he discussed with county officials to possibly incorporate stations with the new county building. Alderman Hill suggested a location closer to the interstate.

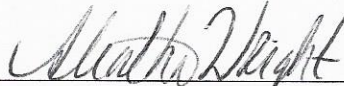
Penrod announced the Jon A. Simmons memorial bench dedication scheduled for Saturday, September, 18th at noon. The VFW American Legion would have a wreath laying presentation.

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

Mayor Penrod declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

For APPROVAL: October 6, 2021


Steve Penrod, Mayor


Aleatha Wright, City Clerk