

**REGULAR MEETING
VIENNA CITY HALL
205 NORTH FOURTH STREET
VIENNA, IL 62995
February 1, 2017
6:30 P.M. VIENNA CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of the City of Vienna met in regular session, Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at Vienna City Hall with the following members and guest:

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Jon Simmons, Mayor
Alan Racey, Alderman
Cheryl Myrick, Alderwoman
Melissa Hill, Alderwoman
Chesley Williams, Alderman
Richard Owen, Alderman
Aleatha Wright, City Clerk
Shane Racey, City Superintendent
Jim Miller, Police Chief
Brent Williams, Fire Chief
Margaret Mathis, City Librarian
Phil Morris, Depot

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS ABSENT:

Josh Stratemeyer, City Attorney
Jim Evans, Alderman

GUESTS:

Austin Tuey

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

Alderman Myrick made a motion to approve the Omnibus Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the January 18, 2017 City Council Meeting Minutes and the Warrant (\$26,325.30). Alderman Hill seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: **Hill-aye, Evans- absent, Myrick-aye, Owen- aye, Racey-aye, and Williams- aye. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Racey made a motion to Authorize and Approve Gas Funds to purchase a Gas Scrubber to reduce the natural gas odor in the city. Utility Sales and Service, \$1,050.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hill. The vote was as follows: **Hill-aye, Evans- absent, Myrick- aye, Owen- aye, Racey-aye, and Williams- aye. Motion carried.**

Alderman Owen made a motion to Authorize and Approve Ordinance 17-01, an Ordinance

Establishing a Travel Reimbursement Policy for the City of Vienna in accordance with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. The motion was seconded by Alderman Myrick. The vote was as follows: **Hill-aye, Evans- absent, Myrick- aye, Owen- aye, Racey-aye, and Williams- aye. Motion carried.**

City Elected and Appointed Officials

Mayor Simmons announced an upcoming meeting at the Vienna Diner Thursday, February 9 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the Eclipse event in August, 2017. Simmons also mentioned public works painting 10 bicycles and donating them to local businesses to decorate to promote the bike trail.

Clerk, Wright announced a meeting with Southern Five Planning District Friday, February 3rd requesting two council members to be present to discuss grant opportunities.

Wright reviewed an email the city received from Select Energy stating that municipal electricity aggregation rates for June 2017-2019 were locked in at \$.06193/kWh through Homefield Energy.

Wright requested authorization and approval from council for the city to rent bounce houses for the evening on Saturday, July 1 for the city's fireworks event to take place at the ballpark. Wright also questioned if council would allow an ice cream/shaved ice vendor to set up that evening. Council gave consent for vendor. Alderman Williams added to seek a DJ for the event as well.

Alderman Myrick made a motion for funds up to \$1,000.00 (Community Fund) to rent bounce houses for July 1st event. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hill. . The vote was as follows: **Hill-aye, Evans- absent, Myrick- aye, Owen- aye, Racey-aye, and Williams- aye. Motion carried.**

City Supt., Racey informed council of an emergency purchase of a handheld gas leak "sniffer" from Utility Sales and Service, \$1,525.00. Council gave consent on purchase.

Racey also mentioned a major purchase the city would have to eventually make of a gas odorizer that needs replaced located near Acee's. Racey said the cost is estimated around \$30,000.00.

Racey also said he met with Gary Dahmer, recent purchaser of the Gambit to discuss his needs concerning water/sewer lines for prospected plans. Council said to contact Clarida & Ziegler.

Fire Chief, Williams briefly updated council on the status of burning the old Gambit Inn. Williams informed council that emergency repairs were made to truck #7 in the amount of \$1,930.19.

Police Chief, Miller, said he made a new work schedule for the police dept. employees per the letter he received from the Local Union 50 representative.

Phil Morris, Depot, was present to discuss the Eclipse Event and other annual events held at the city park. Morris questioned the city's intentions of renting out spaces at the park for viewing of

the eclipse as many are expected to be in the area. Council had discussion, no action taken.

Alderman Williams mentioned the renewal of the intergovernmental agreement between the city and county for Depot employee Morris. Wright said it would be placed on the next agenda.

Alderman Williams also discussed the county complex location saying that if the complex is kept on the city square and funds were available; the city should consider offering the county \$50,000.00 to assist with costs. No action taken.

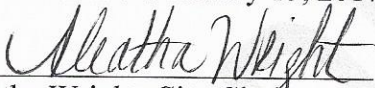
At 7:35 p.m. Alderman Owen made a motion to go out of Regular Session into **Executive Session**: Employment as per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and Pending or threatened litigation as per 5ILCS 120/0(c)(11). Alderman Myrick seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: **Hill-aye, Evans- absent, Myrick- aye, Owen- aye, Racey-aye, and Williams- aye. Motion carried.**

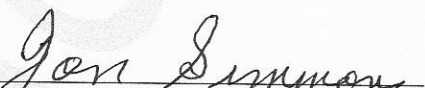
At 8:37 p.m. Alderman Owen made a motion to resume the regular council meeting. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Myrick. The vote was as follows: **Hill-aye, Evans- absent, Myrick-aye, Owen- aye, Racey-aye, and Williams- aye. Motion carried.**

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

Mayor Simmons declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.

APPROVED: February 15, 2017


Aleatha Wright, City Clerk


Jon Simmons, Mayor