

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, December 11, 2023
CITY HALL
100 E 9th Ave

Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call: Mayor Ropp, Attorney Wright, Alderman Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl were present. Staff present: Mike Swemline (Police Chief) and Jen Legare (Finance Director).

The Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Comments:

1. Jennifer Hillman-(3 Maple Ct.) Stated she has no plans to sue The City of Colona. Asked for The City to plow/pave Maple Ct. Would like a reason why Maple Court is not considered a City Road. Stated she would like this issue to be put on Agenda to be discussed further by The Council.

Mayor's Report:

1. There was a property transfer in Stonebridge. Ed Shamblin purchased property from The City of Colona in 2016.
2. Chlorine safety equipment has been delivered. Four units delivered costing \$19,000.00.
3. Mayor and Jen Legare working on budget.
4. TIF application from Kevin Welch. Mayor going to deny application due to him being in violation of several Ordinances.
5. Raney Tree Care removed a tree on Greenway Ave. that was a safety issue.
6. Mike Stephens retirement. He is on vacation, but his last working day will be 12/25/2023.
7. Mayor spoke with contractor on Wellness Center going into Stonebridge. Things are going well going to be starting the parking lot.
8. TJMJ-Church demo is going well.
9. Economic Development Projects going well. Mayor has several meetings this week with land owners about potential development.
10. Waterline leak on Clover Dr. has tested positive for chlorine. Public Works will be working on fixing it this week.

Committee:

1. Public Safety - Met on December 7, 2023 at 4:00pm. November minutes were approved. Discussed November stats-384 calls of service. Discussed the necessity of Flock safety cameras. Discussed the issue of ATV/UTV's for snow removal. Committee overall not in favor. Next meeting set for January 5 at 9:30am.
2. Public Works- Met on December 4, 2023 at 5:00pm. Discussion on drying beds looking clean the approach to drying beds being complete. Everything has been winterized. Committee researching pickleball courts. An aerator system being put in the pond to keep it from freezing in the winter. Next meeting TBD.

Alderman Stablein moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-11 Alderman Dooley seconded. Discussion offered, hearing none. Roll Call: Alderman Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl. Motion Passed with 8 yes.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

1. Discussed Mayor appointing Ryan Erichsen as Public Works Director. Start date of January 1, 2024. He comes highly recommended by two former Public Works Directors, and has worked for the City of Moline. Motion made by Alderman Swemline to approve Mayoral appointment of Ryan Erichsen as Public Works Director seconded by Alderman Stablein. Motion passed.
2. Alderman Goodrum made a motion to approve IMEG as a Short Form Service Agreement (third party) for completion of Lead Service Line Survey Grant and authorize Mayor to execute any documents required. Alderman painter seconded. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Alderman Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, and Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8 yes.
3. Alderman Painter made a motion to Approve the use of CSFP and pavilion for vendors on August 10, 2024 and to waive the vendor fee. Alderman Swemline seconded. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Alderman Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, and Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8 yes.
4. Alderman Lack made a motion to approve the changing of business, liquor, and gaming license for Swannys due to one owner buying out the other. Alderman Stablein seconded. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Alderman Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, and Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8 yes.
5. Alderman Shady-Dahl made a motion to approve The Mayor to issue a letter consenting to the majority of the owners of the lots in the Stonebridge Crossing subdivision, HOH members, to revoke and dissolve the declaration of restrictive Covenants for the Stonebridge Crossing Subdivision. Per article VII para. (2) Alderman Goodrum seconded. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Alderman Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, and Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8 yes.
6. Alderman Goodrum made a motion to approve renewal of salting agreement with Colona Grade School and to authorize Mayor to execute agreement. Alderman Jones seconded. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Alderman Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, and Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8 yes.
7. Alderman Lack made a motion to approve addendum to agreement for operation, maintenance and management services for the Colona Wastewater Treatment Plant by and between The City of Moline and The City of Colona. Alderman Shady-Dahl seconded. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Alderman Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, and Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8 yes.