

CITY OF COLONA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, December 12, 2022  
CITY HALL  
100 E. 9TH AVE

## MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL: Acting Mayor Painter, Attorney Wright, City Clerk Hergert, Aldermen Feliksiak, Swemline, Shady-Dahl, Barrett, Lack, and Stablein were present. Alderman Cole was absent.

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Mike Swemline (Police Chief); Jen Legare (Finance Director); Mike Stephens (Public Works Director) were also present. Rich Holman (Economic Development Administrator) was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Tom Jones- Asked for an update on the mold issue in City Hall's basement. Acting Mayor Painter said they are waiting for information needed to move forward.

2. Tina Woodbury- Campers are concerned with the price increase at CSFP. They were looking for a 2.5% increase or \$50 as in the years past. The price increase is currently \$200. She is suggesting that existing seasonal campers that pay in full early, would receive a 7.5% discount (equaling to the \$50 increase). Only charging those that don't pay in full early, or new seasonals the full 10% increase.

3. Tom Peck- (720 Chestnut Dr.) Completion of Chestnut Dr. - Mike Shamsey, the developer, built the house, the road still isn't completed 18 years later. He doesn't see the possibility that Shamsey will ever finish the road. He also stated that hopefully the new contractor/developer knows the possibility of liens on the properties. He wants to make sure the city knows he is in favor of using the money that is allotted for a street development, on Chestnut Dr.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Two officers turned in their resignations. Officer Lafriniere- Effective Tuesday, December 6, 2022 requesting to go from full time to part time status. Officer Frenell- Effective November 22, 2022 resigning from his current position as a part time officer. Alderman Feliksiak made a motion to accept Officer Frenell's resignation and accept Officer Lafriniere's change of full time to part time status. Alderman Shady-Dahl seconded the motion. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Aldermen Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Feliksiak, Painter, Shady-Dahl, and Barrett voted yes. Alderman Cole was absent. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 absent.

2. Cancellation of the City Christmas party- due to poor timing so late, it has been canceled.
3. Reminder that the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 26, 2022 is canceled for the Christmas Holiday. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00pm.
4. Jen Legare wanted to share that she appreciates the help from the Works Department for all the extra work they have put in like decorating for Christmas around town, cleaning the venues, etc.
5. Esis Crew is resigning from the CSFP Manager position, effective immediately.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alderman Barrett moved to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2022 City Council Meeting. Alderman Shady-Dahl seconded. Discussion offered. Hearing none. Roll Call: Aldermen Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Feliksiak, Painter, Shady-Dahl, and Barrett voted yes. Alderman Cole was absent. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 absent.

CONSENT AGENDA: Alderman Lack moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1- 3 as follows: (1) Approve payment of bills for the period of November 29- December 12, 2022; (2) Approve payroll for the period of November 26- December 10, 2022; (3) Approve Treasurer's report for November 2022. Alderman Stablein seconded. Discussion offered, hearing none. Roll Call: Aldermen Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Feliksiak, Painter, Shady-Dahl, and Barrett voted yes. Alderman Cole was absent. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 absent.

CLERK'S REPORT: We have had some petition packets handed in, packets are due by 5:00pm Monday, December 19, 2022. Also, IML grants that are available online can be accessed from the information in the IML magazine.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Alderman Swemline made a motion to approve the Business License for Glazed Doughnuts. Alderman Lack seconded. Discussion offered, hearing none. Roll call: Aldermen Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Feliksiak, Painter, Shady-Dahl, and Barrett voted yes. Alderman Cole was absent. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 absent.
2. Alderman Swemline made a motion to approve the \$200 increase to CSFP lot rent. Alderman Barrett seconded. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Aldermen Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Feliksiak, Painter, Shady-Dahl, and Barrett voted yes. Alderman Cole was absent. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 absent.
3. Alderman Swemline made a motion to approve the hiring of a new full time Public Works, Class 1 Laborer. Alderman Lack seconded the motion. Discussion offered- this is the same position that is budgeted for next fiscal year, just hiring early because we have the funds available by not filling all of the seasonal positions. Roll Call: Aldermen Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Feliksiak, Painter, Shady-Dahl, and Barrett voted yes. Alderman Cole was absent. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 absent.

4. Alderman Swemline made a motion to approve cashing in the 24 month CD held at Black Hawk Bank, 13 months before the maturity date, with an early withdrawal penalty. Alderman Shady-Dahl seconded the motion. Discussion offered, hearing done. Roll Call: Alderman Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Feliksiak, Painter, Shady-Dahl, and Barrett voted yes. Alderman Cole was absent. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 absent.
5. Alderman Shady-Dahl made a motion to approve the purchase of a new CD. 18 month APY 3.79% from Bank Orion in the amount of \$750,000.00. Alderman Swemline seconded. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Alderman Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Feliksiak, Painter, Shady-Dahl, and Barrett voted yes. Alderman Cole was absent. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 absent.
6. Alderman Lack made a motion to approve authorizing Finance Director, Jen Legare, to purchase approved CD with authorized signers: Acting Mayor Mick Painter, Aldermen Swemline, Stablein, and Shady-Dahl. Alderman Barrett seconded. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Aldermen Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Feliksiak, Painter, Shady-Dahl, and Barrett voted yes. Alderman Cole was absent. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 absent.
7. Alderman Swemline made a motion to accept the Police Commission's hiring of Joshua McKay to the Police Department to replace Officer Lafriniere. Alderman Shady-Dahl seconded. Discussion offered. Roll Call: Aldermen Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Feliksiak, Painter, Shady-Dahl, and Barrett voted yes. Alderman Cole was absent. Motion passed with 7 yes, 1 absent.

CLOSED SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Alderman Swemline made a motion to adjourn the City Council meeting; Alderman Stablein seconded. All aldermen present voted in favor of adjourning. Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

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Melanie J Hergert, City Clerk

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Date Approved