

**CITY OF COLONA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023
COLONA SCOTT FAMILY PARK LOGE
5775 POPPY GARDEN ROAD**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ropp, Attorney Wright, Aldermen Swemline, Painter, Shady-Dahl, Stablein, Lack, Jones, Goodrum, Dooley, and Clerk Jones answered present.

STAFF PRESENT:

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| Mike Swemline | Police Chief |
| Jen Legare | Finance Director |
| Rich Holman | Economic Development |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Ropp swore-in incoming aldermen before the actual start of the meeting. He first swore-in re-elected 2nd Ward Alderman Larry Swemline followed by newly elected 1st Ward Alderman Jim Dooley, 3rd Ward Alderman Tom Jones, and 4th Ward Alderman Rich Goodrum

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Ky Wirth inquired why an item had been removed from the agenda as this was a great disappointment to him. Mayor Ropp replied he had some questions on the resolution and wanted to consult with the City's TIF Attorney who was on vacation.
2. Todd Forbes asked the council to re-visit the ordinance on hens and bees being allowed within City limits.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. The Mayor appointed Jeannie Jones as City Clerk and stated that he would entertain a motion for approval of his appointment. Alderman Swemline made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jeannie Jones as City Clerk. Alderman Painter seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8

affirmative votes. Discussion: Alderman Lack wanted the council to approve who Clerk Jones appointed as Deputy Clerk. Attorney Wright informed her that by statute it is Clerk Jones' choice not the council. The Mayor swore Jeannie Jones in as City Clerk.

2. Chief Swemline recognized the two new police officers, Josh McCoy and Sam Little who have completed their training and are now training in the field for Colona. The Mayor congratulated the officers and welcomed them.
3. The Mayor read resignation letters from Tony LaMantia as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Melanie Hergert as City Clerk. The Mayor thanked them for their service and wished them well in their future endeavors.
4. The Mayor read a letter from Mike Stephens informing the council that he plans to retire at the end of September. Mike wanted to give the council ample time to get and train a replacement.
5. The Mayor shared his Mayoral appointments which are attached to these minutes. Alderman Swemline made a motion to approve all Mayoral appointments. Alderman Jones seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Jones, Painter, Lack Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes.
6. Mayor Ropp attended the National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2023 at the Memorial Park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Alderman Painter made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 24, 2023 council meeting. Alderman Stablein seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8 affirmative votes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the following with a caveat of NTE \$55k removed from item 2:

1. Payment of bills for the period April 25 – May 8, 2023
2. Payroll for the period April 26 - May 10, 2023
3. Treasurer's report for April 2023

Alderman Shady-Dahl seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8 affirmative votes.

CLERKS REPORT:

- Clerk Jones stated that she hoped she could be half as good as Melanie Hergert and Barb Winegar

OLD BUSINESS:

- Alderman Stablein made a motion to bring forth from the table approving a food delivery license for Yelloh (Schwan's) which was tabled at the April 24, 2023 council meeting because the business name Yelloh was unfamiliar to the council. Alderman Shady-Dahl seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein,

Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8 affirmative votes.

- Alderman Stablein made a motion to approve a food delivery license for Yelloh. Alderman Shady-Dahl seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes. Motion passed with 8 affirmative votes.

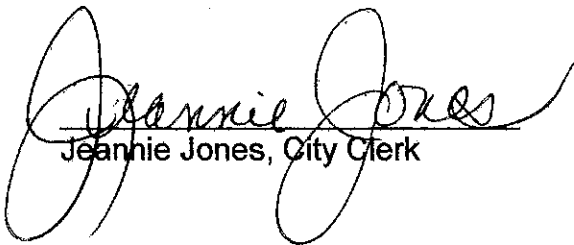
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Alderman Painter made a motion to approve Mayor Ropp having a City credit card with a limit of \$5K. Alderman Goodrum seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Painter, Jones, Shady-Dahl, Goodrum voted yes. Motion passed with 8 affirmative votes.
2. Alderman Stablein made a motion to approving signature authority for Mayor Ropp for all City bank accounts. Alderman Goodrum seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes.
3. Alderman Stablein made a motion to approve the liquor license for 7-Eleven, 412 1st St and double check on the gaming license. Alderman Goodrum seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes. Discussion: Alderman Stablein questioned why their gaming license was attached. Alderman Painter stated he thought the gaming license had been signed a month ago. It was decided that further checking was needed on the status of their gaming license. If the gaming license was not approved, it will be on the agenda for the next council meeting, May, 22, 2023.
4. Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the renewal of a dealership license for T&G Refurbishing, 21619 Briar Bluff Rd. Alderman Stablein seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes.
5. Alderman Painter made the motion to approve Strand for engineering services for the phosphorus project at the SWTP. Alderman Shady-Dahl seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes. Discussion: The City has used Donohue in the past for work at the plant and their bid is lower than Strand; however, Strand seems to be the better choice. In discussion with Moline who is handling the plant currently for the City, their recommendation is Strand.
6. Alderman Stablein brought up for discussion self-evaluation services offered by IML. For \$500 a facilitator would come to the council and mediate differences and provide suggestions on how to form a more cohesive group. Agreement and attendance of all City officials would be essential to this initiative. The council agreed to participate in this exercise. A motion was made by Alderman Swemline to add this to the May 22, 2023 council for approval. Alderman Shady-Dahl seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes.
7. Alderman Stablein made a motion to approve resolution R-23-09, A Resolution to Adopt a Civility Pledge to Foster Respect. Alderman Painter seconded: Roll call:

Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes.

8. Approval of an ordinance establishing responsible bidder requirements for public works projects was on the agenda; however, due to the length of the ordinance, Alderman Lack requested more time to thoroughly review it. Alderman Lack made a motion to table this approval until the next council meeting, May 22, 2023. Alderman Stablein seconded. Roll call: Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Swemline, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl voted yes.
9. Before action was taken on approval of Ordinance O-23-07, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance O-22-09, Creating the Position of Economic Development Administrator, Title 1-Administration, Chapter 7, City Officers and Employees, Article J, Economic Development Administrator, Paragraphs 1-7-J-1 through 1-7-J-8 Richard Holman was given an opportunity to defend the position at his request. He read a statement he had prepared. Following his defense of the position, Aldermen Painter, Stablein, Lack and Shady-Dahl read prepared statements defending this position. Alderman Goodrum made the motion to approve Ordinance O-23-07. Alderman Dooley seconded. Roll call Aldermen Swemline, Jones, Goodrum, Dooley voted yes. Aldermen Stablein, Painter, Lack, Shady-Dahl voted no. This resulted in a tie vote of the council so the Mayor was asked to cast the tie-breaking vote. Mayor Ropp voted yes. The motion passed with 5 affirmative votes and 4 nays.

ADJOURN:


Jeannie Jones, City Clerk

6/12/2023
Approved

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

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| City Clerk | Jeannie Jones | Date 5/3/2023 |
| Mayor Pro Tem | Larry Swemline | Reaffirmed 5/2023 |
| Zoning Officer | Mike Stephens | |
| Budget Director | Jennifer Legare | No term |
| Attorney | Jeff Wright | Pappas, Wright PC |
| FOIA/OMA Officers | | |
| Admin | Jeanie Jones | No term |
| Police | Laura LaMantia | No term |

Standing Committees – City of Colona (May 1, 2023)

Finance/Admin Committee:
Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm
Colona City Hall
100 E 9th Ave
Amanda Stablein, Chair
Debra Shady-Dahl, Member
Tom Jones, Member
City Clerk, Treasurer, Staff

Economic Development Committee
Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm
Colona City Hall
100 E 9th Ave
Sarah Lack, Chair
Jim Dooley, Member
Amanda Stablein, Member

Public Safety Committee
Meets
Colona City Hall
100 E 9th Ave
Mick Painter, Chair
Jim Dooley, Member
Rich Goodrum, Member

Public Works Committee
Meets the third Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm
Colona City Hall
100 E 9th Ave
Larry Swemline, Chair
Tom Jones, Member
Rich Goodrum, Member
Public Works Director, Staff
CSFP Manager, Staff

SPECIAL/AD HOC ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, PARKS

7 Members reporting to Mayor; Mayor – Ex-officio

- 1) Rich Goodrum, Chair
- 2) Tina Woodbury
- 3) Pam Friend
- 4) Darlene Strobe
- 5) Anna Sherman
- 6) TBD
- 7) TBD

POLICE COMMISSION (3 YR TERM)

Meets first Friday of the month

Colona City Hall, 100 E 9th Ave

Must have one member of opposition party

- 1) Danny McDaniel (2024)
- 2) Gene Leibovitz (2023)
- 3) Melinda Urban (2025)
- 4) Chief Swemline Staff

POLICE PENSION BOARD (2 YR TERM)

2 Active Duty Members; 1 Retired Member; 2 Public Members

- 1) Clinton Powless Active Duty
- 2) Mike Swemline Active Duty
- 3) TBD Retired
- 4) Joe Swan Public
- 5) TBD Public

PLANNING COMMISSION (3 YR TERM)

6 Members; 7 with Mayor

Meets as required or at order of Mayor

Mayor is ex-officio

- 1) Jim Legare, Chair (A 2023-E 2026)
- 2) Ben McCoy (A 2021-E 2024)
- 3) Cheryl Powell (A 2021-E 2024)
- 4) Mary Carlson (A 2023-E 2026)
- 5) Chad Johnson (A 2021-E 2024)
- 6) Dave Karr (A 2023-E 2026)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (4 YR TERM)

7 Members; 2 members from Planning Commission

Meets on request only basis

- 1) Jim Legare (A 2023-E 2027)
- 2) Ben McCoy (A 2021-E 2025)
- 3) Cheryl Powell (A 2021-E 2025)
- 4) Ashley Erichson (A 2021-E 2025)
- 5) Stuart Parker (A 2023-E 2027)
- 6) Terry VanKlavern (A 2023-E 2027)