

**CITY OF COLONA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, November 27th, 2023
Colona City Hall
100 East 9th Ave.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Ropp, Atty, Wright, Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, Shady-Dahl (on telephone attendance), Swemline absent, Clerk Jones, Chief Swemline, Treasurer Legare/Staff - PWD Stephens on vac.

PLEDGE:

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Doug DeMont - Car Show - Wants to reserve the date Aug. 10th for Car Show and the pavilion for cooking the food. Had over 300 cars last year, very pleased with the help he received from the City so Thank you. Mayor asked the Council if we had to put on the next or give permission now. Hearing no objections Mayor will move forward with it. IBEW is same week-end.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

City Hall will be closed Dec. 25th, 26th and Jan. 1st, 2nd for Holiday's/
Jeannie Jones resignation letter./ Alderman Shady-Dahl on phone attendance./ Mike Stephens retirement last day 12/8/ Had a EPA Complaint - Mold and asbestos in basement. Mayor called and talked to them about it, said they would help with testing the air quality./ BJ's Wine and Spirit's had a soft opening/. Colona School salting contract - good with present amount \$300.00./ WWTP wet well delayed until Dec w/wet wells clean out lifts on Tues./ Drying beds refurbishment complete./ Meeting Wed. With E.M. school Dist./ Mayor and Jennifer Legare working on budget, tax levy, TIF and surplus O&M, etc./ First Snowfall of the year Sunday./ Winterizing facilities and Equipment. / Salt has been delivered. Larry Swemline is absent sick./ Someone is interested in the Café, looking to clean up and do some repairs for some credit on rent. CDL training for employees/. New Admin, Clerk Kristina Medrano please welcome her.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve payment of bills/vender report for the period of Nov. 14 - 27, 2023
2. Approve payroll for the period of Nov. 11-25, 2023
3. Approve the minutes from the Nov. 13th, 2023 Council meeting.

Motion made by Alderman Shady-Dahl to approve items 1, 2, 3 of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Alderman Lack. ROLL CALL: Aldermen Shady-Dahl, Goodrum, Painter, Jones, Lack, Stablein, and Dooley voted yes. Alderman Swemline was absent. 7 yes 1 absent Motion Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Alderman Lack Chair, Members Alderman Stablein and Alderman Dooley (Absent) Alderman Lack reported on the meeting, and the Mayor attended and gave his report. Minutes attached

CLERK'S REPORT: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approve Ordinance 0-23-12 An Ordinance of the City of Colona, Henry County, Illinois vacating a portion of a street located within the City Limits. Must have a 3/4 vote of the Council

Motion made by Alderman Lack to approve Ordinance 0-23-12, seconded by Alderman Dooley. ROLL CALL: Aldermen Goodrum, Painter, Jones, Lack Stablein, Dooley and Shady-Dahl voted yes Alderman Swemline was absent sick. 7 yes 1 absent. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discuss, approve, and authorize the Mayor to execute the letter of understanding from IDOT concerning the construction of new multi-use path. IDOT requires that the city accept responsibility for all future maintenance of the multi-use path within the City's jurisdictional limits once the project is completed by IDOT. Discussion: Tom Jones asked if the multi-use path will take parking away from the businesses along Hwy #84, Mayor explained it would not interfere with parking.

Motion made by Alderman Shady-Dahl to approve Mayor to move forward with the letter, seconded by Alderman Lack. ROLL CALL: Aldermen Painter, Jones, Lack, Stablein, Dooley, Shady-Dahl, and Goodrum voted yes. Alderman Swemline was absent. 7 yes 1 absent Motion Passed.

2. Approve Dec. City Council meeting dates due to Holidays. Council meeting De. 11th, 2023 at 6 pm., Council meeting De. 18th, 2023 at 6 p.m. Changed from Dec. 25th date.

Motion made by Alderman Stablein to approve the Holiday Council Dates, seconded by Alderman Goodrum. ROLL CALL: Aldermen Jones, Lack, Stablein, Dooley, Shady-Dahl, Goodrum, and Painter voted yes. Alderman Swemline was absent. 7 yes 1 absent Motion passed.

3. Approve resolution R-23-14 announcing tax levy of 4.85% for the fiscal year Commencing May 1, 2024.

Motion made by Alderman Stablein to approve R-23-14, seconded by Aldermen Goodrum. ROLL CALL: Aldermen Lack, Stablein, Dooley, Shady-Dahl, Goodrum, Painter, and Jones voted yes. Alderman Swemline was absent. 7 yes 1 absent Motion Passed

4. Waive bidding requirement for tree removal, 737 Greenway Ave. - dead tree safety hazard.

Motion made by Alderman Painter to remove tree. Seconded by Alderman Jones. ROLL CALL: Aldermen Stablein, Dooley, Shady-Dahl, Goodrum, Painter, Jones and Lack voted yes, Alderman Stablein was absent. 7 yes 1 absent Motion Passed.

5. Discuss and possible approval of installation of (3) LPR Cameras at various Undecided locations on Rt. 84 and Cleveland road and (1) camera at horseshoe pit area on canal parkway. Note camera at canal will require power and mounting. Alderman Jones said that it really should go to the Finance to see where money would come from. The money that they want the money from is already put in the WWTP fund that needs lots of repairs. More discussion.

Alderman Jones made motion to send to finance, seconded by Alderman Stablein.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen Stablein, Dooley, Shady-Dahl, Goodrum, Painter, Jones, Lack, voted yes Alderman Swemline was absent. 7 yes 1 absent Motion passed.

6. Approve resolution declaring surplus property R-23-15, 2- 2016 Dodge Chargers police cars. Chief Swemline will put on internet to sale.

Motion made by Alderman Stablein to approve R-23-15, seconded by Alderman Lack

ROLL CALL: Aldermen Dooley, Shady-Dahl, Goodrum, Painter, Jones, Lack, and Stablein voted yes Alderman Swemline was absent. 7 yes 1 absent Motion passed.

7. Discuss amending city code 7-1-11: snow removal: and 7-1-14: off road vehicles: to allow the use of UTV, ATV's and lawn/garden tractors equipped with snow removal attachments (blower/plows) to be used for private snow removal under certain conditions. Alderman Painter said it involves a lot things to allow that on the city road and he thinks it should go to Public Safety to discuss.

Motion made by Alderman Painter to table until next meeting. Seconded by Alderman Stablein. ROLL CALL: Alderman Shady-Dahl, Goodrum, Painter, Jones, Lack, Stablein, and Dooley. Voted yes. Alderman Swemline was absent. 7 yes 1 absent Motion Passed.

8. Approve Ordinance # 0-23-15 authorizing distribution of surplus from the special tax allocation fund of development project area TIF# III and budget amendment reflecting approved distribution line item #127-125-4780.

Motion made by Alderman Painter to approve Ordinance # 0-23-15, seconded by Alderman Goodrum. ROLL CALL: Aldermen Goodrum, Painter, Jones, Lack, Stablein, Dooley and Shady- Dahl voted yes Alderman Swemline was absent. 7 yes 1 absent Motion Passed

9. Approve Ordinance # 0-23-16 authorizing distribution of surplus from the Special tax allocation fund development project area TIF # iv and budget amendment reflecting approved distribution line # 126-125-4780

Motion made by Alderman Stablein to approve Ordinance # 120-125-4780. Seconded By Alderman Painter. ROLL CALL: Aldermen Painter, Jones, Lack, Stablein, Dooley, Shady-Dahl, and Goodrum voted yes. Alderman Swemline was absent. 7 yes, 1 Absent Motion Passed.

CLOSED SESSION:

5ILCS SECTION C. EXCEPTIONS (5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Exceptions (6) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Mayor asked for a Motion to go into closed session.

Motion made by Alderman Stablein seconded by Alderman Lack, ROLL CALL:
Aldermen Dooley, Stablein, Lack, Jones, Painter, Goodrum, and Shady Dahl
Alderman Swemline was absent 7yes 1 absent Motion Passed

Went to Closed Session.

Had discussion, Mayor asked for a motion to go back to open session. Voice vote 7
ayes 1 absent Motion passed.

Nothing more to discuss, Mayor asked for motion to dismiss. Voice vote 7 ayes, 1
absent Motion Passed
Hammer down Dismissed. Around approximately 7.30

ADJOURN:

Jeannie Jones
City Clerk

Approved