

City of Edwardsville

Council Proceedings

January 18, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Edwardsville City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at Edwardsville City Hall, located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville, Illinois, with Mayor Risavy presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant answered present on roll call.

Mayor Risavy welcomed everyone in attendance and those viewing on Cable Channel 993 and Facebook Live to the meeting.

Mayor Risavy opened the public comment portion of the meeting. Two (2) public comments were made. The public comment came from Mr. John Falcone of 425 McCoy Drive in Edwardsville. Mr. Falcone spoke about the land for sale by Madison County. He questioned whether the County had approached the City about buying the land. He felt that the city should consider purchasing the land.

The second public comment was delivered by Rachel Thompkins. Ms. Thompkins spoke on the 15-acre property located at Plum and Governors Parkway. She referenced the Plum Creek Greenspace group on Facebook. There is an on-line petition with over 500 signatures. A demonstration is scheduled for January 29 at the location of the property. She is concerned about how the property will be developed.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Risavy read Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Approval of minutes of Council Meeting on January 04, 2022
- Reports of Elected and Appointed Officials:
 - Finance Director – Monthly Financial Report (to be distributed)
 - Finance Department - Monthly Activity Report
 - Police – Monthly Activity Report
 - Fire Chief – Monthly Activity Report (Fire and EMS Services)
 - Public Works Director – Building, Electrical and Plumbing Permits
- Circuit Clerk's Report
- Group Health Insurance Fund Report - \$186,133.26
- Executive Session item for Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

- Mayor Risavy announced the addition of the presentation of the Green Cities Challenge Award under Legislative and Executive items.

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Burns to allow Alderwoman Stack to participate remotely via Zoom.

Roll call on allowing Alderwoman Stack to participate remotely: Six Ayes with Alderman Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Burns and Grant voting aye. Alderwoman Stack abstained.

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Burns for approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call on Consent Agenda: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Petitions and Communications

None

Legislative & Executive

Recognition of Denise Arendell and Sarah Rankin for the Excellence in Edwardsville Award. James Arnold address the Council regarding the award: The pair of women lead the group 100+ Women Who Care of the 618. This group brings women together to collectively give to local non-profits. To date, the group has donated over \$350,000. Their actions embody the spirit of the Excellence in Edwardsville Award.

Motion by Krause, second by Morrison to approve the appointment of Ivan Saylor to the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately with a term ending April 2024. Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Morrison, second by Burns to approve Aldermanic Committee changes – Janet Stack to Public Services Committee and Elizabeth Grant to the Administrative and Community Services Committee.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krause, second by Burns to accept with regret the resignation of John Hackett from the Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Rachel Thompkins from the Cool Cities Committee presented the Mayor with the Green Cities Challenge Award. She spoke regarding the award. The program honors commitment to sustainability.

Legal & Judicial

None

City Clerk

None

Finance Committee

The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, December 16, were presented for information and file.

Motion by Burns, seconded by Warren, to approve Claims - \$1,748,205.46 and Library is \$18,988.08 for a total of \$1,767,193.54.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns, second by Grant for approval of a Resolution Providing for the Abatement of a Tax Levy Relative to the Payment and Principal of and Interest on the General Obligation Bonds Series 2016 of the City of Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.

Jeanne Wojcieszak provided background information on the resolutions for tax abatement. Explaining the city has alternate sources of funding to pay for the debt. Issued to pay for public safety building and land for Plummer Family Park.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns, second by Warren for approval of a Resolution Providing for the Abatement of a Tax Levy Relative to the Payment and Principal of and Interest on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2019B of the City of Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.

Jeanne Wojcieszak provided background information on the resolutions for tax abatement. Explaining the city has alternate sources of funding to pay for the debt. These paid for improvements on Sand Road, well improvements and street improvements.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns, second by Grant for approval of a Resolution Providing for the Abatement of a Tax Levy Relative to the Payment and Principal of and Interest on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2020A of the City of Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.

Jeanne Wojcieszak provided background information on the resolutions for tax abatement. Explaining the city has alternate sources of funding to pay for the debt. Refinance 2015 general obligation bonds.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns, second by Warren to approve a Resolution Providing for the Abatement of a Tax Levy Relative to the Payment and Principal of and Interest on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2020B of the City of Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.

Jeanne Wojcieszak provided background information on the resolutions for tax abatement. Explaining the city has alternate sources of funding to pay for the debt.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns, second by Grant to approve a Resolution Providing for the Abatement of a Tax Levy Relative to the Payment and Principal of and Interest on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2021A of the City of Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.

Jeanne Wojcieszak provided background information on the resolutions for tax abatement. Explaining the city has alternate sources of funding to pay for the debt.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns second by Warren to approve a Resolution Providing for the Abatement of a Tax Levy Relative to the Payment and Principal of and Interest on the General Obligation Bonds Series 2021B of the City of Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.

Jeanne Wojcieszak provided background information on the resolutions for tax abatement. Explaining the city has alternate sources of funding to pay for the debt.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried

Motion by Burns, second by Warren for approval of a Sole Source Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Vicarious Multimedia for Communications Planning and Policy Development in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.

Jeanne Wojcieszak provided background on the resolution. This is for public relations and communications support for the City of Edwardsville. The proposal in the packet outlined the services to be provided.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried

Motion by Burns, second by Warren for approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Grant Agreement with IEMA/FEMA.

Jeanne Wojcieszak provided information on the grant. This will help cover costs and expenses incurred related to the tornado event on December 10, 2021.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Public Safety Committee

Public Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Public Services Committee

Minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday, December 28, 2022 were received for information and file.

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Farrar for approval of a Resolution Approving a Telecommunication Right of Way Access Agreement between the City and Stratus Networks, Inc.

Alderman Morrison provided some details about the fiber optic cable installation. This does not involve residential areas.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Morrison, second by Grant for approval of a Resolution Vacating an Easement and Dedicating an Easement on Property known as 2399 Troy Road.

Alderman Morrison spoke about the water main on the property where Menard's is being built. The contractor has requested that the main be relocated. The line will be upgraded. The developer is doing this at no cost to the city.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Administrative & Community Services Committee

Minutes of Administrative & Community Services Committee meeting held on December 29, 2021 were received for information and file.

Motion by Krause, second by Burns for approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 462 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Limited or Prohibited Parking Areas – Pine Street).

Alderman Krause spoke about the Ordinance. No one was opposed to this action.

Alderman Morrison spoke about the Ordinance and Pine Street is very narrow. This will present parking on the East side of the street.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krause, second by Morrison to approve a Resolution Authorizing a User Agreement with the Edwardsville Glen Carbon Little League Association.
Alderman Krause spoke about the agreement better defining the role and responsibilities of all involved parties. This is a five-year contract for use of the field.
Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krause, second by Burns to approve a Resolution Authorizing the City of Edwardsville to purchase various Fitness and Strength Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$138,355.00 from Advanced Exercise.
Alderman Krause provided clarification that this is a resolution to purchase the equipment, not lease. It provided a savings of about \$9,000.
Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

Administrative & Community Services Committee will meet on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor Risavy thanked Mt. Joy Baptist Church for the Martin Luther King Celebration.

Motion by Stack, to enter into Closed session at 7:40pm.

Closed Session

Discussion on Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

Action Taken on Executive Session Items

Motion by Krause, second by Farrar for approval for the City of Edwardsville to terminate the lease agreement with Southern Illinois University and no longer operate the SIUE Pool.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack, Burns and Grant voting aye. Motion carried.

There being no further action required, Council adjourned at 7:57 p.m. with a motion by Stack.


Art Risavy, Mayor

Attest:


Michelle A. Boyer, City Clerk