

## **City of Edwardsville**

### **Council Proceedings**

**April 06, 2021**

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 Patton presiding. Aldermen Farrar, Louer, Stack, Burns, Risavy, Morrison and Krause answered present on roll call.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

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

Mayor Patton opened the public comment portion of the meeting. One (1) in-person public comment was provided by Edwardsville resident and part-owner of The Corner Tavern Randy Niebur. Mr. Niebur expressed his disappointment in the wording of the video gambling referendum language on the consolidated election ballot. He stated that he felt that the wording singled out 4-5 bars in town and that he thought it would be broader to include that the annexation of a gas station depends on whether video gambling passes which wasn't mentioned at all, as well as that the City already allows video gambling at fraternal organizations. Mr. Niebur said that he would have preferred that the pros of video gambling been included in the wording, such as its ability to increase revenues for small businesses that participate if passed.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mayor Patton read Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Approval of minutes of Council Meeting on March 16, 2021
- Group Health Insurance Fund Report - \$214,138.52
- Closed Session - Collective Bargaining pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Ald. Louer changed the total of the Claims amount to \$2,104,677.84.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Burns, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

#### **Petitions and Communications**

None

### **Legislative & Executive**

Mayor Patton recognized Toni Corona, Public Health Director of Madison County, for her tremendous efforts, as well as her staff's efforts, during the pandemic with effectively communicating the positivity rates through the County's online portal and for remaining firm and fair with enforcing the guidelines. Mayor Patton praised Ms. Corona and the County's efforts for the excellent set-up and operations of the COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Mayor Patton presented Ms. Corona with a "Knock It Out of the Park" baseball bat award. Ms. Corona introduced members of her staff who have played a critical role in the work of the Madison County Health Department during the past year. Ms. Corona also thanked City Officials and the Police and Fire Departments for their support.

Mayor Patton recognized Jeanne Wojcieszak, Director of Finance for the City of Edwardsville, for her efforts in savings with the City's finances and the protection of future finances with policies and systems that are in place. Mayor Patton referenced her role in the receipt of SIUE Fire Protection payments, the adjustment of the 2020-2021 budget during the pandemic to protect revenues, the management of funding from the CARES and CURE programs, as well as her participation in the success of multiple grants and the money saved in the refinancing of bonds for the City. Mayor Patton presented Ms. Wojcieszak with a "Knock It Out of the Park" baseball bat award.

Sara Berkbigler, Director of the Main Street Community Center in Edwardsville, gave a presentation to the City Council and provided an update as to how the Center has done during the pandemic. There were 130 volunteers that signed up to help at the Center over the last year which was appreciated during such a challenging year. The Meals on Wheels program requests doubled during the pandemic to allow meals to be delivered to some of the community's most vulnerable citizens safely as they sheltered in place. The Center's priority continues to be to provide meals and to provide transportation as needed. Ms. Berkbigler reviewed the 2020 financial picture of the Center. Ms. Berkbigler thanked the City for their ongoing support both financially and for the help from City departments when requested such as personal protective equipment provided by the Fire Department and citizen well checks from the Police Department.

City Clerk Bates read the following Proclamation recognizing April 2021 as "National Fair Housing Month" in the City of Edwardsville:

**"WHEREAS**, the City of Edwardsville finds that safe and affordable housing is part of the American dream and a goal of all Illinois residents; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals in the State of Illinois have the right to choose where to live, purchase or rent property without discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, sex, familial status, marital status, national origin/ancestry, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, unfavorable military discharge, and order of protection status; and

**WHEREAS**, federal and state laws affirm the right of every person to equal housing opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, fair housing is a community attribute that the City of Edwardsville is proud to champion; and

**WHEREAS**, economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities and the State of Illinois are improved by diversity and integration; and

**WHEREAS**, the talents of non-profit organizations, housing service providers, financial institutions, elected officials, state agencies, and others must be combined to promote and preserve integration, fair housing, and equal opportunity.

**WHEREAS**, REALTORS® locally and nationally pledge to provide equal professional service without regard to the race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin of any prospective client, customer, or of the residents of any community.

**WHEREAS**, REALTORS® locally and nationally pledge to affirmatively pursue business practices that will ensure that everyone is welcome and no one is excluded.

**WHEREAS**, REALTORS® locally and nationally have incorporated affirmative fair housing practices into the REALTOR® code of ethics by which all REALTORS® must abide.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of Edwardsville, Illinois does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2021 as “NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH” in the City of Edwardsville to establish our community as an open and inclusive community committed to fair housing and to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for integration and equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of our City. DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.”

Motion by Stack, seconded by Morrison, to accept the Resignation of Charles McDonald from the Mobile Intensive Care System Trust Committee effective May 4, 2021.  
Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Farrar, Louer, Stack, Burns, Risavy, Morrison and Krause voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Stack, to Approve a Resolution to Ratify an Extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Laborer’s Local Union No. 397 (Community Service Officers).  
Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Farrar, Louer, Stack, Burns, Risavy, Morrison and Krause voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Burns, to Approve a Resolution Determining the Intent of the City of Edwardsville, Illinois to Reimburse Itself for Certain Capital Expenditures.  
Roll Call: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Farrar, Louer, Stack, Burns, Risavy, Morrison and Krause voting aye. Motion carried.

**Legal & Judicial**

None

**City Treasurer**

None

**City Clerk**

None

**Finance Committee**

Minutes of Finance Committee meeting on March 09, 2021 were received for information and file.

Motion by Louer, seconded by Stack, to approve Claims - \$2,104,677.84.

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

Motion by Louer, seconded by Stack, to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds to Other Designated Funds of the City of Edwardsville.

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

Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall.

**Public Safety Committee**

Minutes of Public Safety Committee meeting on March 11, 2021 were received for information and file.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Stack, for Approval of an Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Edwardsville and Paul Welch.

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

Motion by Krause, seconded by Farrar, for Approval of Memos of Understanding between the City of Edwardsville and Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7.

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

Public Safety Committee will meet on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall.

**Public Services Committee**

Minutes of Public Services Committee meeting on March 09, 2021 were received for information and file.

Motion by Burns, seconded by Louer, for Approval of a Resolution Approving an Emergency Water Supply Agreement Between the Village of Glen Carbon and the City of Edwardsville.

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

Motion by Burns, seconded by Morrison, for Approval of a Professional Services Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Storage Tank design with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. in the amount of \$118,000.00.

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

Motion by Burns, seconded by Louer, for Approval of a Sole Source Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of One 335 HP Flygt Pump from Vandeventer Engineering in the amount of \$120,500.00.

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

Motion by Burns, seconded by Morrison, for Approval to Award the Edwardsville Water Treatment Plant LED Replacement Contract to J.F. Electric in the amount of \$37,475.99.

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

The following items were received for information and file:

- 1) Change Order #1 to Visu-Sewer of Missouri, LLC for the 2020 Sewer Lining Contract in the increased amount of \$724.60
- 2) Change Order #4 to Keller Construction, Inc. for the Hale Avenue Improvements Contract in the increased amount of \$9,952.87
- 3) Change Order #5 and Final to Keller Construction, Inc. for the Hale Avenue Improvements Contract in the increased amount of \$5,843.23

Public Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall.

#### **Administrative & Community Services Committee**

Minutes of Administrative & Community Services Committee meeting held on March 11, 2021 were received for information and file.

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Morrison, for Approval of a Resolution Approving a Special Use Permit for a Freestanding Solar Energy System at 7191 Marine Road.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Burns, for Approval of a Resolution Approving a Variance for a Freestanding Solar Energy System Height at 7191 Marine Road.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Krause, for Approval of a Resolution Approving a Variance for a Setback at 944 University Drive.

Roll Call: Three Ayes, with Aldermen Stack, Risavy and Krause voting aye. Four Nays, with Aldermen Farrar, Louer, Burns and Morrison voting nay. Motion failed.

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Morrison, for Approval of a Resolution Approving a Special Use Permit for a Car Wash Facility at 1200 S State Route 157.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Morrison, for Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Donation Agreement Between the City of Edwardsville and Richards Brick Company.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Morrison, for Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement with the Edwardsville Children's Museum.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Burns, for Approval of a Resolution Granting Change Order Authority to Director of Public Works and City Engineer for R.P. Lumber Center (Edwardsville Ice Rink).

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Burns, for Approval to Award the M Street Addition Contract.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Louer, for Suspension of Rules and Passage on First Reading.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Louer, for Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A, of the City of Edwardsville, Illinois; Providing for the Levy and Collection of an Annual Tax for the Purpose of Paying the Principal Of and Interest On Said Bonds as They Become Due; and Authorizing Certain Other Documents and Actions in Connection Therewith.

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

The following items were received for information and file:

- 1) Minutes from Plan Commission meeting held on February 17, 2021

- 2) Minutes from Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on February 22, 2021
- 3) Minutes from Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on February 10, 2021
- 4) Minutes from Cool Cities Initiative Advisory Committee meeting held on February 18, 2021

Administrative & Community Services Committee will meet on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Closed Session**


At 8:22 p.m., motion by Stack, seconded by Burns, to enter into Closed Session to discuss one item regarding Collective Bargaining pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

**Action Taken on Executive Session Items**

None

There being no further action required, Council adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with a motion by Stack, seconded by Burns.

  
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Hal Patton, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Emily E. Bates, City Clerk