

City of Edwardsville

Council Proceedings

April 20, 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 Louer, Stack, Burns, Risavy, Morrison and Krause answered present on roll call. Alderman Farrar was excused.

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. No public comments were provided.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Patton read Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Approval of minutes of Council Meeting on April 06, 2021
- Activity and Financial Reports:
 1. Reports of Elected and Appointed Officials received for information and file:
 - a) Finance Director – Monthly Financial Report
 - b) Finance Department – Monthly Activity Report
 - c) City Treasurer – Monthly Financial Report
 - d) Police – Monthly Activity Report
 - e) Fire Chief – Monthly Activity Report (Fire and EMS Services)
 - f) Public Works Director – Building, Electrical and Plumbing Permits
 2. Circuit Clerk’s Report was received for information and file
- Group Health Insurance Fund Report - \$93,146.00

Mayor Patton added two items under Legislative & Executive:

- Announcement of the resignation of Walter (Walt) Williams as the Economic and Community Development Director effective April 28, 2021
- Recommendation of the Appointment of James Arnold to the position of Economic and Community Development Director effective April 30, 2021

Claims amount was changed by Ald. Louer to read \$499,481.89 (Regular) and \$18,242.99 (Library) for a total of \$517,724.88.

Motion by Louer, seconded by Krause, to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Petitions and Communications

City Clerk Bates read the following Proclamation recognizing April 24, 2021 as “Arbor Day” in the City of Edwardsville:

“**WHEREAS**, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and,

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

WHEREAS, the City of Edwardsville has been recognized as a **Tree City USA for the 20th year** for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hal Patton, Mayor of the City of Edwardsville, do hereby proclaim **April 24, 2021**, as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of Edwardsville, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.”

Sarah Cundiff of the Edwardsville Beautification and Tree Commission presented the City of Edwardsville with its recognition as a 2020 Tree City USA for the 20th year and recipient of a Growth Award for the 13th year. Ms. Cundiff announced the City’s celebration of Arbor Day will occur on April 24, 2021 with the EBTC and local Boy Scouts planting five trees at Hoppe Park. Ald. Risavy will be in attendance to read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Legislative & Executive

Mayor Patton recognized Rich Hampton, City Treasurer, for the last 20 years (5 terms) of dedicated service to the City. Mayor Patton stated that it is beyond words to explain how

fluidly the City has been able to deal with finances because of Treasurer Hampton and the investment policies that he has put in place as well as the return on the investments that have benefited employees and tax payers. Mayor Patton presented Treasurer Hampton with the Outstanding Service Award in sincere appreciation for his commendable dedication, unwavering commitment and knowledgeable service to the City of Edwardsville as the City Treasurer from 2001-2021. Treasurer Hampton thanked his family, his employer / SIUE Administration for their support, and the many City team members and elected officials that he has worked with over the years.

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Louer, to approve the Resignation of Greg Coffey from the Plan Commission effective immediately.

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

Motion by Krause, seconded by Risavy, to approve the Resignation and Recognition of Cheryl Watson from the Edwardsville-SIUE Community Destination Group effective May 04, 2021.

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

Mayor Patton announced the resignation of Walter (Walt) Williams as the Economic and Community Development Director effective April 28, 2021.

Motion by Louer, seconded by Krause, to approve the Appointment of James Arnold to the position of Economic and Community Development Director effective April 30, 2021.

Roll Call: Six Ayes, with Aldermen 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 held on March 30, 2021 were received for information and file.

Motion by Louer, seconded by Stack, to Approve Claims - \$499,481.89 (Regular) and \$18,242.99 (Library) for a total of \$517,724.88.

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

Motion by Louer, seconded by Burns, to Approve a Resolution Establishing a Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning the First Tuesday in May, A.D., 2021 and Ending the Monday Preceding the First Tuesday in May A.D., 2022.

Roll Call: Five Ayes, with Aldermen Louer, Burns, Risavy, Morrison and Krause voting aye. Ald. Stack was present but did not vote due to Zoom technical difficulties. Motion carried.

Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Public Safety Committee

Public Safety Committee will meet on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Public Services Committee

Minutes of Public Services Committee meeting held on March 30, 2021 were received for information and file.

Motion by Burns, seconded by Louer, for Approval of a Resolution Granting Change Order Authority to Director of Public Works and City Engineer (Projects Under \$1,500,000.00).

Roll Call: Five Ayes, with Aldermen Louer, Burns, Risavy, Morrison and Krause voting aye. Ald. Stack was present but did not vote due to Zoom technical difficulties. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns, seconded by Louer, for Approval of a Resolution Granting Signature Authority to Director of Public Works and City Engineer for Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Permit Applications.

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

Public Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Administrative & Community Services Committee

Minutes of Administrative & Community Services Committee meeting held on April 01, 2021 were received for information and file.

An Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Beginning the First Tuesday, in May, A.D., 2021 and Ending the Monday Preceding the First Tuesday in May, A.D., 2022 was filed for first reading.

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Krause, for Suspension of Rules and Passage on First Reading.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Krause, for Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter Two, Article V of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville, Illinois Discontinuing the Office of City Treasurer.

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 114 Article II, Division 34 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Designation of Yield Intersection) was filed for first reading.

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Morrison, for Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Field Use Agreement with Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Little League Association.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Krause, for Approval of Items from the Recreation, Arts & Special Events (RASE) Board Meeting held April 06, 2021:

- 1) The Land of Goshen Community Market: Farmers Market – May 08, 2021 – October 16, 2021
- 2) Metro Milers Running and Walking Club: Route 66 10K – June 12, 2021
- 3) Final Lap Race Management: Running Event at Watershed – August 07, 2021
- 4) Madison County Historical Society: Living History Days: A Chautauqua with Teddy Roosevelt and Friends – September 11, 2021

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

The following items from the April 06, 2021 RASE Board Meeting were received for information and file:

- 1) Sports & Recreation Report – April 2021
- 2) Special Events & Activities Report – April 2021

Administrative & Community Services Committee will meet on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Old Business

None

New Business

Ald. Morrison announced that on Friday, April 30, 2021, the Nickel Plate Station will be dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony and event. Ald. Morrison thanked the Council, City staff and contributors for helping to make this day happen.

Closed Session

None

Action Taken on Executive Session Items

None

There being no further action required, Council adjourned at 7:52 p.m. with a motion by Stack, seconded by Burns.



Hal Patton, Mayor

Attest:



Emily E. Bates, City Clerk