

City of Edwardsville

Council Proceedings

August 18, 2020

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Edwardsville City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville, Illinois, with Mayor Patton presiding. Aldermen Krause, Farrar, Louer, Stack, Burns, Risavy and Morrison 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 and Facebook Live to the meeting.

Mayor Patton opened the public comment portion of the meeting. City Clerk Bates read one email that was received for public comment. The email was from citizen Asher Denkyirah, and it was in support of relocating the Ninian Edwards statue to a place of full historical context and renaming the Ninian Edwards Plaza. The public comment was received into the record and is attached herewith.

Consent Agenda

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

Claims amount was changed by Ald. Louer to read \$684,939.33 (Regular) and \$60,331.09 (Library) for a total of \$745,270.42.

Mayor Patton read Consent Agenda items as follows:

Approval of minutes of Council Meeting on July 21, 2020

Activity and Financial Reports:

1. Reports of Elected and Appointed Officials received for information and file:
 - a) Finance Director – Monthly Financial Report (electronic distribution)
 - b) Finance Department – Monthly Activity Report (electronic distribution)
 - c) City Treasurer – Monthly Financial Report (included) and Quarterly Report (electronic distribution)
 - 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 - \$236,274.96

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

Petitions and Communications

None

Legislative & Executive

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Stack, to approve a License to Conduct a Raffle for the Edwardsville Orchestra Boosters with proceeds going towards the Edwardsville Orchestra Boosters. Chances will be sold from August 24, 2020 – September 10, 2020; prizes include gift cards, lottery tickets and music lessons.

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

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Stack, to approve a License to Conduct a Raffle for the Friends of the 1820 Colonel Benjamin Stephenson House with proceeds going towards the support of the Stephenson House crisis relief. Chances will be sold from September 01, 2020 – December 01, 2020; prize includes a 5 cu. ft. freezer.

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

Legal & Judicial

None

City Treasurer

None

City Clerk

None

Finance Committee

Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on July 28, 2020 were received for information and file.

Motion by Louer, seconded by Stack, to approve Claims - \$684,939.33 (Regular) and \$60,331.09 (Library) for a total of \$745,270.42.

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

Motion by Louer, seconded by Burns, to approve a Sole Source Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Collins & Herman Infrastructure Solutions for Perimeter Fencing at Plummer Family Park.

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

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

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

Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall and via virtual Zoom meeting.

Public Safety Committee

Minutes of Public Safety Committee meeting held on July 30, 2020 were received for information and file.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Stack, to approve a Sole Source Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Ten (10) Motorola APX Model 4000, 800 MHz Portable Radios in a Total Amount of \$29,747.40.

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

Motion by Krause, seconded by Stack, to approve the purchase of two (2) Police Patrol vehicles and associated items in an amount not to exceed \$92,374.00.

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

Public Safety Committee will meet on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall and via virtual Zoom meeting.

Public Services Committee

Minutes of Public Services Committee meeting held on July 28, 2020 were received for information and file.

Motion by Burns, seconded by Louer, to approve a Resolution Approving the Preliminary Plat of Governors' Parkway / Troy Road Subdivision.

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

Motion by Burns, seconded by Morrison, to approve Change Order #1 to The Kilian Corporation for the 2020 Resurfacing Contract.

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

Change Order #1 and Final to Wissehr Electrical Contractors for the Solar Powered Rapid Flashing Beacon Contract was received for information and file.

Public Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall and via virtual Zoom meeting.

Administrative & Community Services Committee

Minutes of Administrative & Community Services Committee meeting held on July 29, 2020 were received for information and file.

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Krause, to approve a Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement and Ordinance accepting Goshen Road from Pin Oak Township.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Morrison, to approve an Ordinance Partially Vacating a Cross Access Easement – 6185 & 6189 Bennett Drive.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Morrison, to Award the Nickel Plate Depot Renovation to Millennium Construction in the total amount of \$230,800.00 for:

- 1) Base Bid in the amount of \$172,500;
- 2) Alternate 1 in the amount of \$36,500 for addition of deck along Troy Road;
- 3) Alternate 3 in the amount of \$4,000 for addition of beadboard in interpretive room; and
- 4) Alternate 4 in the amount of \$17,800 for restoration of existing wood windows.

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Risavy, to table the item to allow for funds to be transferred from the Finance Committee prior to approving the award of contract.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Krause, to approve a Resolution Approving a Transitional Buffer Yard Variance for 2122 Troy Road.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Morrison, to approve a Resolution Approving a Setback Variance for 2122 Troy Road.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Krause, to approve a Resolution Approving a Parking Variance for 2122 Troy Road.

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

Motion by Risavy, seconded by Krause, to approve items forwarded from the Recreation, Arts & Special Events (RASE) Board meeting held August 04, 2020:

- 1) Eden Church Outdoor Concert – September 12, 2020

2) Global Brew Oktoberfest – September 19, 2020

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

Two items from the August 04, 2020 RASE Board meeting were received for information and file:

- 1) Parks & Recreation Department - Sports & Recreation Report
- 2) Parks & Recreation Department - Special Events & Activities Report

Administrative & Community Services Committee will meet on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall and via virtual Zoom meeting.

Old Business

None


New Business

None

Closed Session

None

There being no further action required, Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Hal Patton, Mayor

Attest:



Emily E. Bates, City Clerk

Bates, Emily

From: asher D [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:55 PM
To: publiccomment

Dear City Council,

I'm writing to you today about an issue I believe is essential to the Edwardsville community: the Ninian Edwards statue in Ninian Edwards Plaza. This statue and plaza honor a racist slave owner and are unfit for Edwardsville, using a historical lens and a modern lens. I believe Edwardsville is taken strides in addressing racial inequality in the city, which can often times be challenging, it is strange to me that something as simple as relocating a statue would become a debate. When we learn more, when we take that honest look at our past as a nation, communities must do more than just talk about the future, there must be action. As a council, I ask that you look at this from a different perspective. Imagine that you are a minority in this community, specifically African American and Native American, and you see that your community leaders are having disagreements on whether or not a man who owned slaves and actively participated in the continuation of slavery, in addition to murder of Native Americans, should remain a figure of honor in the city. What exactly does that say about Edwardsville? Does it show that maybe we need to start looking inward and seeing why the drive to relocate the statue causes such a stir of dissonance within some community members? I called in to one of the city council meetings in July and made a 3-minute comment, which is what we were limited to. However, the council also allowed a public comment to run for more than 10 minutes. Listening to someone talk so freely in such a way made me very uneasy and frankly, their comments were filled white nationalist and racist rhetoric. So again, I ask that the city council and government take action. We are still going to continue this conversation. We must. Removing a statue — or putting one up in the first place — signals which values our culture does and does not celebrate. No matter if the statue was put up the namesake of the city, intent doesn't justify actions. Edwards' legacy is one of causing misery and pain. Publicly honoring Edwards, as the city currently does, honors his harmful, racist beliefs and actions. I hope that the city government of Edwardsville take action to rename the Ninian Edwards Plaza, and relocate the Ninian Edwards statue to a place of full historical context.

Sincerely,

Asher Denkyirah

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