

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
JANUARY 4, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Via Phone Conference**

Mayor Eckert called this meeting to order.

City Clerk Meyer called roll. Members present on roll call: Alderman Kinsella, Alderman Hazel, Alderwoman Duco, Alderman Pusa, Alderman Randle, Alderman Ferguson, Alderman Anthony, Alderman Ovian, Alderman Dintelman, Alderwoman Schaefer, Alderman Rothweiler, Alderwoman Stiehl, Alderman Elmore, Alderman Weygandt, Alderman Barfield.

Alderman Wigginton excused.

ROLL CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS

Roll Call Department Heads: Mayor Eckert; City Clerk, Jennifer Gain Meyer; City Treasurer, Dean Hardt; City Attorney Hoerner; Lt. Col. Eiskant; Assistant Fire Chief, Zahn; Director of Finance, Jamie Maitret; Director of Maintenance, Ken Vaughn; Director of Public Works, Jason Poole; Director of Wastewater, Randy Smith; Director of Residential and Commercial Development Services, Annissa McCaskill; Director of Library, Leander Spearman; Director of IT, Scott Markovich; City Engineer, Michael Velloff; Human Resource Manager, Emma Qualls.

Police Chief, Bill Clay and Fire Chief, Tom Pour excused.

PLEDGE

Mayor Eckert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stewart Lannert

On November 7, 2020 on East Washington and South High Street he saw a solid line of people blocking both lanes of East Washington and as he got closer, he noticed they were 7-8 years of age. No one had on masks. He slowed down and the children scattered, he stopped at the red light and after not proceeding after stopping he was verbally assaulted by several adults. He called the police to report the problems, he waited ten minutes and no police. He went home and found out seven weeks later he is charged with assault.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Eckert recognized the character word of the month “INTEGRITY”; doing what is right even if it’s difficult.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderwoman Stiehl made a motion seconded by Alderman Ferguson to approve City Council Meeting Minutes December 21, 2020.

Members voting aye on roll call: Kinsella, Hazel, Duco, Pusa, Randle, Ferguson, Anthony, Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Barfield. (15)

CLAIMS, PAYROLL AND DISBURSEMENTS

Alderman Anthony made a motion seconded by Alderman Dintelman to approve claims and disbursements in the amount of **\$1,374,737.38** payroll in the amount of **\$837,931.07**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Hazel, Duco, Pusa, Randle, Ferguson, Anthony, Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Barfield, Kinsella. (15)

REPORTS

None.

ORAL REPORTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Ovian asked if the City can petition Governor Pritzker to open restaurants. Alderman Ovian referenced that St. Louis County is allowing their restaurants and bars to open at 25% capacity on January 4, 2021; Mayor Eckert advised he spoke with the St. Clair County Health Department and the numbers in St. Clair County are rising. They are concerned with the number of deaths, cases, hospital beds. Mayor Eckert stated he does not feel the City is able to petition the Governor with the current numbers.

Alderman Ovian requested the numbers of COVID cases in St. Clair County for the month of December; City Clerk Meyer advised they are posted online daily and she will be happy to provide.

MISCELLANEOUS & NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Rothweiler made a motion seconded by Alderman Ferguson to approve the Motor Fuel Claims in the Amount of **\$39,560.92**.

Members voting aye on roll call: Duco, Pusa, Randle, Ferguson, Anthony, Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Barfield, Kinsella, Hazel. (15)

Alderman Anthony requested to recognize the passing of Walter Hood, Jr. who served on the Crime Free Housing Committee and was also a candidate in Ward 8. Mr. Hood was sometimes controversial; however, he did serve the City for several years.

Mayor Eckert called for a moment of silence in honor of Walter Hood.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rothweiler made a motion seconded by Alderman Pusa to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.

Members voting aye on roll call: Pusa, Randle, Ferguson, Anthony, Ovian, Dintelman, Schaefer, Stiehl, Rothweiler, Elmore, Weygandt, Barfield, Kinsella, Hazel, Duco. (15)



Jennifer Gain Meyer, City Clerk