

**5 December 2017 Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meetings of the Silvis City Council held in Silvis City Hall, Council Chambers, 121 11<sup>th</sup> Street Silvis at 6:30pm.**

**1) Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Matt Carter called the 5 December 2017 Regular meeting of the Silvis City Council to order at 6:30pm and led the Silvis City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2) Roll Call:**

Mayor Matt Carter asked City Clerk Jim Nelson to call the Roll.

Members present: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Todd Malmstrom, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Member absent: Caryn Unsicker

**3) Proclamations: *None***

**4) Guest Speaker: *None***

**5) Public Comment: *None***

**6) Consent Agenda:**

Mayor Matt Carter asked City Clerk Jim Nelson to read the Consent Agenda dated 5 December 2017. Clerk Nelson read the Consent Agenda dated 5 December 2017. Mayor Carter asked if anything needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda dated 5 December 2017. Mayor Carter asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda dated 5 December 2017.

***Motion:***

Alderwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 5 December 2017. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

***Vote:***

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Todd Malmstrom, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

**7) *Items removed from the Consent Agenda: None***

**8) *Special Non-Consent:***

**A) Ordinance**

**Item 1) Ordinance to allow for monthly billing & define Cycles**

**Alderman Ian Pavelonis performed the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-43**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Silvis, Illinois as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 94-128 is hereby amended by adding the following definitions:

Cycle 1) If your property is located in Cycle 1 for billing purposes your meters are read the first full week of January, April, July and October and your billing dates will be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, May, August and November. Your bill will be for the three months prior to your read date.

Cycle 2) If your property is located in Cycle 2 for billing purposes your meters are read the first full week of February, May, August and November and your billing dates will be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, June, September and December. Your bill will be for the three months prior to your read date.

Cycle 3) If your property is located in Cycle 3 for billing purposes your meters are read the first full week of March, June, September and December and your billing dates will be the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, July, October and January. Your bill will be for the three months prior to your read date.

Commercial Billing Cycle 5 & 6) If your property is considered a commercial account then your meters are read the first full week of the month and you will be billed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month. Your bill will be for the month prior to the read date.

## **Regular Meeting**

**5 December 2017**

### **A) Ordinance (*continued*)**

#### **Item 1) Ordinance to allow for monthly billing & define Cycles**

##### **Alderman Ian Pavelonis performed the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-43**

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed insofar as they so conflict.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage and published as provided by law.

#### **Item 2) Ordinance to allow for the transfer of balances between established accounts.**

##### **Alderman Ian Pavelonis performed the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-44**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Silvis, Illinois as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 94-146 is hereby amended by adding the following:

The owner of multiple accounts shall be allowed to transfer positive balances from one account to another.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed insofar as they so conflict.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage and published as provided by law.

### **B) Negotiations, Personnel & Employee Insurance**

#### **Item 1) Change Employee Insurance Carrier**

##### ***Motion:***

Alderman Bob Rockwell made a motion to approve changing Employee Health Insurance carrier on 1 January 2018 from United Health Care to Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

##### ***Vote:***

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Todd Malmstrom, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

#### **Item 2) Authorize Police Department to hire a new Police Officer**

##### ***Motion:***

Alderman Bob Rockwell made a motion to authorize the hiring of Tanner Williams, pending background investigations, in order to send him to PTI on January of 2018.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

##### ***Vote:***

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Todd Malmstrom, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

### **C) Finance**

#### **Item 1) Ordinance 2017-46 the 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance (*see attached*)**

##### ***Motion:***

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2017-46 the 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kathy Hall. Alderwoman Hall asked what the tax rate is. Alderman Lohse answered 1.614% down .003%

##### ***Motion passed via voice vote***

##### ***Motion:***

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-46 the 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kathy Hall.

## **Regular Meeting**

**5 December 2017**

### **C) Finance**

#### **Item 1) Ordinance 2017-46 the 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance (continued)**

##### ***Vote:***

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Todd Malmstrom, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

#### **Item 2) Bowlesburg School adjustment for water bill correction**

##### ***Motion:***

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to issue Bowlesburg School a repayment in the amount of \$18,606.67 for an overpayment of water bills as explained in 11/21/17 Finance meeting.

##### ***Vote:***

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Todd Malmstrom, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

#### **9) Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Matt Carter noted that when we talk about Tax Levies if you look at QC Online today you will see Milan, East Moline, Rock Island and they are all going up. Mayor Carter thanked everyone in the room, the Department Heads, as well as the Chair of Finance and the Finance Committee and our accountant for working so hard on this tax levy to keep it as low as we can. This is a tribute to the hard work that is put in by everyone in the City along with the Council all working for the same goal. Mayor Carter then discussed the Silvis Main Street Christmas in Silvis Event. Mayor Carter thought it was a success. They ran out of food before several of us even got there. I think everyone had a good time and we were blessed with good weather. Also I believe that the Event ended up on the positive side for Silvis Main Street. Mayor Carter reminded everyone that tomorrow night is the Northwest Municipal League Dinner in Milan, social hour at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:30pm. The City of Silvis will take 37 along with us. Mayor Carter informed Council he had invited all the different Boards to attend as a thank you for their volunteer work.

#### **10) Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Gray Lee reported he has been working with the City Clerk and the former Civil Service Chairman with regard to the Shannon Pirmann lawsuit against the City of Silvis Civil Service Commission. The Clerk has provided me with some of the information I need.

Attorney Lee said he wanted to make sure that he had all the information correct with no mistakes. I would like to have it filed for him by the end of next week. Mayor Carter said on another note he wanted to send prayers out to Moline Mayor Stephanie Acri who has been hospitalized after being injured in an automobile accident.

#### **11) City Administrator Report: None**

#### **12) City Engineer Report: None**

#### **13) City Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Diana Armstrong noted that the Treasurer's Report for November 2017 is in the agenda packet and she is available to answer any questions if needed. Treasurer Armstrong did announce that she had balanced the Cash Report to the Treasurer's Report.

## **Regular Meeting**

**5 December 2017**

**14) City Clerk's Report: None**

**15) Call for adjournment from the Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council.**

Mayor Matt Carter said if there was no more business to be brought before the 5 December 2017 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

### **Motion:**

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to adjourn from the 5 December 2017 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Bob Rockwell.

### **Vote:**

Motion carried via voice vote.

The 5 December 2017 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 6:55pm.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**5 December 2017**

**16) Call Committee of the Whole to Order & Roll Call**

Mayor Matt Carter called the 5 December 2017 Silvis City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:55pm and asked City Clerk Jim Nelson to call the Roll.

### **Roll Call**

Members present: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Todd Malmstrom, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Members absent: Caryn Unsicker

**17) Public Comment: None**

**18) Agenda items for discussion:**

**A) Parks Building & Grounds**

Alderman Tony Trulson noted that the date on the COW agenda should be 5 December 2017.

**Item 1) Purchase a portable ice skating rink**

### **Discussion:**

Alderman Tony Trulson discussed the purchase of a portable Mega Ice skating rink at a cost of \$5,643.00. Alderwoman Kathy Hall asked where the ice skating rink was going to be located. Alderman Trulson said at the tennis courts at Schadt Park. Alderman Trulson noted he was a little nervous about the purchase. Alderman Trulson noted that the insurance company had no problem as long as the City has the proper signage. Alderman Trulson let Council know he is nervous and does not want anyone to get hurt. Alderman Rick Lohse did note that Playground and Rec does have the money for that in their budget and if they decide to purchase this they are more than able to. Alderman Lohse asked if there were no lights at the tennis courts at Schadt Park. Alderman Lohse asked if there will be a time limit for skating. Alderman Trulson answered 8:00pm. Mayor Carter said that is part of the signage package that will need to be placed at the skating rink site. Mayor said that Jim Grafton has stated he would have MidAmerican place a security light at the sight to help illuminate the area. Alderman Lohse said that there will be a lot of adults and children go skating after 5:00pm and it will be dark. Alderman Trulson noted that when the rink is up and the weather is not cold enough for a hard freeze the gate will be locked. Alderman Trulson also noted that once this is up and running we move a picnic table into the area. Alderman Lohse asked about the Zamboni. Alderman Trulson noted that the Zambonis is merely a squeegee with a hose attached to smooth out and fill in the grooves in the ice with water to refreeze. Playground and Rec meets this Thursday and Mr Grafton and I will attend to see if the Board will pay for this.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

5 December 2017

**18) Agenda items for discussion:**

**A) Parks Building & Grounds**

**Item 1) Purchase a portable ice skating rink (continued)**

**Motion:**

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to place the purchase of a portable Mega Ice skating rink at a cost of \$5,643.00 on the 19 December 2017 agenda for approval.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

**Vote:**

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Todd Malmstrom, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

**B) Economic Development**

**Item 1) Public Benefit Fund to include approved Economic Development projects**

**Discussion:**

Alderman Kathy Hall discussed allowing for the definition of the Public Benefit Fund to include approved Economic Development projects. There are some projects throughout the City for businesses in the area that are not eligible for the Façade Program along with an annexation request. The Public Benefit Fund has been in existence for 40 years and has never been used. So rather than have it sit around doing nothing my committee felt we could improve the City by using this money to help businesses not eligible for the Façade. Alderman Tony Trulson asked if this would be made available to all businesses in the City. Alderwoman Hall answered yes. Alderwoman Hall noted that businesses in a TIF District would be paid by a TIF and not Public Benefit.

**Motion:**

Alderwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to place defining of the Public Benefit Fund to include approved Economic Development projects on the 19 December 2017 agenda for approval.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Bob Rockwell.

**Vote:**

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Todd Malmstrom, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

**19) City Staff Reports:**

**A) Fire Department: None**

**B) Inspections: None**

**C) Police Department:**

Police Chief Mark VanKlaveren reported that Citizens Police Academy is coming up next month on January 18<sup>th</sup> and we still have a couple of openings. Chief VanKlaveren stated that by ordinance the Parks are closed from 8:00pm until 8:00am (SCO Sec. 62-3) from October 1<sup>st</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Chief VanKlaveren noted that the two Officers that just graduated from PTI are on the Street in training. Chief VanKlaveren announced that Tanner Williams will be offered a position on the SPD and he is expected to accept. Chief VanKlaveren reminded all that on Tuesday 12 December at 9:00 at WalMart will be Shop with a Silvis Police Officer and we would appreciate any help possible. Mayor Carter asked Chief VanKlaveren if we should expect the new Police officer at the next Council meeting. Police Chief VanKlaveren said he will not start PTI until next year so he will be introduced to Council in 2018.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**5 December 2017**

**19) City Staff Reports: (continued)**

**D) Public Works: None**

**20) Comments from the Alderpersons:**

Alderman Larry York called a Public Works committee meeting for Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 5:00pm to discuss the purchase of a used gator and a used service van.

**21) Closed Session-None**

**22) Adjournment**

Mayor Matt Carter asked for a motion to adjourn from the 5 December 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council.

**Motion:**

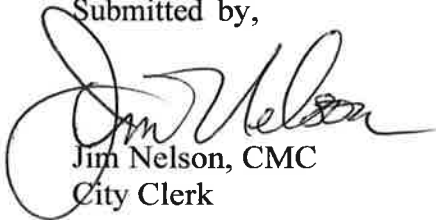
Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to adjourn from the 5 December 2017 Silvis City Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Todd Malmstrom.

**Motion carried via voice vote:**

The 5 December 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:13pm

Submitted by,



Jim Nelson, CMC  
City Clerk