

6 March 2018 Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meetings of the Silvis City Council held in Silvis City Hall, Council Chambers, 121 11th Street Silvis at 6:30pm.

1) Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Matt Carter called the 6 March 2018 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, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Member absent: **None**

3) Proclamations: None

4) Guest Speaker:

Prospective Fire Chief John E. Winters made a presentation to Council about his plans and goals if appointed Silvis Fire Chief.

5) Public Comment: None

6) Consent Agenda:

Mayor Matt Carter asked City Clerk Jim Nelson to read the Consent Agenda dated 6 March 2018. Clerk Nelson read the Consent Agenda dated 6 March 2018. Mayor Carter asked if anything needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda dated 6 March 2018.

Motion:

Alderman Kathy Hall made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 6 March 2018. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

7) Items removed from the Consent Agenda: None

8) Special Non-Consent:

A) Parks, Building & Grounds

Item 1) Hibbs Park Renovations

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve renovations At Hibbs Field.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

B) Ordinance

Item 1) Ordinance 2018-03 an ordinance amending article II section 38 of the SCO

Alderman Ian Pavelonis performed the first Reading of the corrected Ordinance 2018-03 an ordinance amending Article II section 38 of the Silvis Code of Ordinances.

****Clerk Jim Nelson noted a typographical error in section 38-35 para (b) sentence 1) the word change should be charge. Clerk Nelson noted he would correct it. Fire Chief Leibovitz noted that the hours in 38-31 para 3 should be 4:00pm not 4:30pm.**

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8) Special Non-Consent: (continued)

C) Finance

Item 1) Ordinance 2018-11

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to suspend the rules to consider 2018-11 an ordinance rescinding Ordinance 2018-07, 2018-08, 2018-10 and Resolution 2018-09-R due to errors or omissions from the 2/20 agenda. Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

Motion carried via voice vote

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to adopt 2018-11 an ordinance rescinding Ordinance 2018-07, 2018-08, 2018-10 and Resolution 2018-09-R due to errors or omissions from the 2/20 agenda Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

Item 2) Ordinance 2018-12

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2018-12 an ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010C of the City of Silvis, Rock Island County, Illinois. Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

Motion carried via voice vote.

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-12 an ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on taxable General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010C of the City of Silvis, Rock Island County, Illinois. Motion was seconded by Alderman Bob Rockwell.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

Item 3) Ordinance 2018-13

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2018-13 an ordinance abating the taxes hereto levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012 Of the City of Silvis, Rock Island County, Illinois. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker.

Motion carried via voice vote.

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-13 an ordinance abating the taxes hereto levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012 Of the City of Silvis, Rock Island County, Illinois. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker.

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8) Special Non-Consent: (continued)

C) Finance

Item 3) Ordinance 2018-13

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

Item 4) Resolution 2018-14-R

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-14-R a resolution to direct the abatement of taxes for fiscal year 2018-2019 provided for in the General Obligation Alternate Bond issue 2018 in the City of Silvis, Illinois.

Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

Item 5) 2018-15

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2018-15 an ordinance abating of taxes fiscal year 2018-2019 provided for in the General Obligations Alternate Bond issue 2018 in the City of Silvis, Illinois.

Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker.

Motion carried via voice vote

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-15 an ordinance abating of taxes fiscal year 2018-2019 provided for in the General Obligations Alternate Bond issue 2018 in the City of Silvis, Illinois.

Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

D) Public Safety

Item 1) Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an IGA between the City of Silvis and Center Station Moline

Motion:

Alderman Joshua Dyer made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an IGA between the City of Silvis and Center Station Moline.

Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

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9) Attorney's Report:

Attorney Graham Lee reported that he is still looking into the question of the Civil Service and the Fire Department as there are conflicting State Statutes on the subject.

10) City Administrator's Report: None

11) City Engineer's Report: None

12) City Treasurer's Report: None

13) City Clerk's Report:

Clerk Jim Nelson reported to Council that the Silvis City Hall Council Chambers will be used as an Early Voting Center by Rock Island County. The hours for early voting are from 10:00am until 4:00pm. Clerk Nelson then explained that our next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on Wednesday 21 March due to the City Hall being used as a voting center on Tuesday March 20th.

14) Mayor's Report:

Mayor Matt Carter then publicly swore in Joshua M. Dyer to the office of 4th Ward Alderman. (Alderman was sworn in on February 20th in the Clerk's Office). Mayor Carter then announced the change in the committee assignments to accommodate Alderman Dyer (see attached). Mayor Carter then asked for a motion from Council to concur with his appointment of John E. Winters as the next City of Silvis Fire Chief. This appointment will not take effect until 9 April 2018.

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to concur with the appointment of Firefighter John E. Winters as the next Silvis Fire Chief effective 9 April 2018.

Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

Mayor Carter then thanked the committee that came up with the recommendation for the Fire Chief. The committee members were: Chair of Negotiations, Personnel & Employee Insurance-Alderman Bob Rockwell, City Administrator Jim Grafton, Firefighter Steve Bein, Colona Fire Chief John Swan, Moline Firefighter Brian Vynke, Silvis Fire Chief David Leibovitz, Silvis business owner Doug Small and our Consultant Retired Fire Marshal Terry Ford. Mayor Carter thanked the committee for their fairness and transparency. Mayor Carter thanked Alderperson Kathy Hall and citizen Laci Weber for helping with the Silvis Newsletter. This will be delivered in the water bills.

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 6 March 2018 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion:

Alderwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to adjourn from the 6 March 2018 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote.

The 6 March 2018 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:22pm.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6 March 2018

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

Mayor Matt Carter called the 6 March 2018 Silvis City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:18pm and asked City Clerk Jim Nelson to call the Roll.

Roll Call

Members present: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Members absent: *None*

17) Public Comment: None

18) Agenda items for discussion

A) Economic Development

Item 1) Ordinance 2018-16 a Redevelopment Agreement with Strickly Southern, LLC

Discussion:

Alderman Kathy Hall discussed Ordinance 2018-16 a redevelopment agreement by and between the City of Silvis and Strickly Southern, LLC. Alderman Hall explained that this is an agreement with a Mr. William Strickland who has recently purchased the former American Café located on 1st Avenue. His plan is to open up a Bar-B-Que catering business and will have three apartments available on the second and third floors. This redevelopment agreement is similar to all the others that we have passed. It will be a forgivable loan for \$50,000 over a term of 6 years. If the business fails before the term they have to repay the City the balance with interest. This will be a good thing to have another business downtown and they will also be eligible for the commercial Façade Program. Alderman Rick Lohse asked if Mr. Strickland has any experience with any other businesses. Alderman Hall explained that he has been running his catering business from another location and has outgrown where he is operating.

Alderman Hall noted that he has been looking at other locations throughout the area and feels that Silvis is the best location. Alderman Tony Trulson said he has been catering and it has grown too large. Alderman Hall told Council he was going to spend a quarter of a million dollars remodeling the building. Alderman Rick Lohse said he just wanted to know the background. Alderman Lohse asked if this would be a storefront business. Alderman Hall answered that this would be just for catering. Mayor Matt Carter asked if the business that is there now will stay. Alderman Hall answered that as she understood it the plan is for the Tattoo Shop to stay there. Mayor Carter said that Mr. Strickland will be working out of the back end of the business.

Motion:

Alderman Kathy Hall made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-16 a redevelopment agreement by and between the City of Silvis and Strickly Southern, LLC on the 21 March 2018 agenda for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

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18) Agenda items for discussion (continued)

A) Economic Development Item 2) Ordinance 2018-17 the 2018-2019 Homebuyers incentive ordinance

Discussion:

Alderwoman Kathy Hall discussed Ordinance 2018-17 the 2018-2019 Homebuyers incentive ordinances. Alderwoman Hall noted that this will be a continuation of the 2017-18 homebuyers that we have had in place for Deer Meadows. This program allows a \$10,000 incentive to build a home on certain lots in Deer Meadows. Alderwoman Hall noted that there is around \$40,000 left in the budget from this year for that purpose.

Motion:

Alderwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-17 the 2018-19 Homebuyers incentive ordinance on the 21 March 2018 agenda for approval.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

B) Finance

Item 1) EPA Inspection for 1040 1st Avenue

Discussion:

Alderman Rick Lohse discussed funding for an EPA inspection of the City owned property located at 1040 1st Avenue. Alderman Lohse noted that this was the Public Safety Building that we agreed late last year to sell it to a private individual to develop. Part of the agreement was a forgivable loan and another part of the agreement was that we would take care of the EPA inspections as required. The initial inspection is not to exceed \$3,000 any questions or comments.

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to place funding for EPA inspection of 1040 1st Avenue on the 21 March 2018 agenda for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kathy Hall.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

Item 2) Funding for the renovations at Hibbs Field

Discussion:

Alderman Rick Lohse discussed funding for the renovations at Hibbs Park in the amount of \$18,183. This discussion has gone back and forth a few times and it has been decided that we will fund this from three sources. One third from Playground & Recreation fund, one third from the downtown TIF and one third from Parks, Building & Grounds. The Playground and Recreation Committee does not anticipate the cost being as high as the \$18,183 budgeted. Alderman Lohse said this will probably be closer to \$12,000

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18) Agenda items for discussion (continued)

B) Finance

Item 2) Funding for the renovations at Hibbs Field

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to place the funding for the renovations at Hibbs Park in the amount of \$18,183 on the 21 March 2018 agenda for approval.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Ian Pavelonis, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays 0 absent

A) Fire Department:

Fire Chief David Leibovitz told Council that the Fire Department had a very successful Trivia night at our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Center.

B) Inspections: None

C) Police:

Police Officer Troy Meyers final day will be May 2nd on the books but he is actual last active duty day will be Friday March 16th. Sgt. Meyers will be using up his accrued time from the 16th on. From 1:00pm until 3:00pm on March 16th at the community room at the Police Department.

D) Public Works & Parks: None

20) Comments from the Alderpersons:

Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker announced the date for a Citywide E-waste program to be held on Saturday 21 April 2018 at the Public Works yard on 12th Street North of 1st Avenue from 8:00am until 10:00am. Mayor Carter wished Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker a "Happy Birthday" and many more. Alderman Josh Dyer thanked everyone for their kind words of welcome and he looks forward to working with everyone. Alderman Bob Rockwell called a meeting for Monday 12 March 2018 at 3:00pm to discuss vision benefit.

21) Closed Session-None

22) Adjournment

Mayor Matt Carter asked for a motion to adjourn from the 6 March 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council.

Motion:


Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker made a motion to adjourn from the 6 March 2018 Silvis City Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 6 March 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:35pm

Submitted by,


Jim Nelson, CMC
City Clerk

