

**17 April 2018 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 17 April 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:**

Mayor Matt Carter proclaimed Friday 20 April & Saturday 21 April 2018 the Quad Cities Big Table weekend in Silvis.

**4) Guest Speaker:**

Mayor Matt Carter honored Troy Myer for his 24 ½ years of Service to the Citizens of Silvis as a Police Sergeant.

**5) Public Comment: None**

**6) Consent Agenda:**

Mayor Matt Carter asked City Clerk Jim Nelson to read the Consent Agenda dated 17 April 2018. Clerk Nelson read the Consent Agenda dated 17 April 2018. Mayor Carter asked if anything needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda dated 17 April 2018.

***Motion:***

Aldерwoman Caryn Unsicker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 17 April 2018. Motion was seconded by Aldерwoman 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 absent

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

***8) Special Non-Consent: None***

***9) Attorney's Report:***

***10) City Administrator's Report:***

***11) City Engineer's Report:***

***12) City Treasurer Report:***

***13) City Clerk Report:***

Clerk Jim Nelson reported on Bulk Trash pickup being the week of 23 April 2018 due to a mix up with Republic Services

***14) Mayor's Report:***

Mayor Matt Carter asked for anyone interested in helping with an article for the Silvis News to feel free to contact him. There is plenty of room in the May Edition.

**Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council (continued)**

**17 April 2018**

**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 17 April 2018 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 17 April 2018 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York.

**Vote:**

Motion carried via voice vote.

The 17 April 2018 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 6:41pm.

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**17 April 2018**

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

Mayor Matt Carter called the 17 April 2018 Silvis City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:41pm 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) Public Safety**

**Item 1) Discuss QCOMM:**

Alderman Tony Trulson asked Police Chief Mark VanKlaveren to update City Council on the progress of QCOMM. Chief Mark VanKlaveren reminded everybody that per State mandate that we are required to reduce our area call centers from 6 to 3. Rock Island County has one, Rock Island City has one, Moline, East Moline, Silvis and Milan have decided to consolidate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> PSAP. Chief noted that as of right now things are kind of up in the air due to recent elections and we have new legislators in place in the communities, and they have voiced some concern with the progress and what is going to happen. One thing that is for sure we need to watch out for the best concerns of Silvis obviously. Right now we have a proposed IGA that needs to be decided on and I think we can make something happen. Chief continued on that we are still in discussions out there and our share of the cost is still 10%. One of the things we are going to do is to have this new IGA go through our City Attorney. Chief noted also that we have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to consolidate. Alderman Tony Trulson recommended that no action be taken on this matter until more information has been brought to Council.

**B) Public Works**

**Item 1) Discuss relief on a water bill**

**Discussion:**

Alderman Larry York discussed partial relief of a water bill for property located at 1907 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Jim Grafton noted that the amount for relief will be \$399.54 for a landlord with a six plex apartment where the toilets were running and the total bill was about \$1,420. Mr. Grafton noted that the committee agreed to adjust the water portion, but the sewer portion of the bill (over \$900) needed to be paid by the owner along with the normal average monthly cost for water.

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**18) Agenda items for discussion**

**17 April 2018**

**B) Public Works**

**Item 1) Discuss relief on a water bill (continued)**

**Motion:**

Alderman Larry York made a motion to place relief of a water bill in the amount of \$399.54 for the property located at 1907 15<sup>th</sup> Street on the 1 May 2018 agenda for approval

Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

**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 absent

**Item 2) Discuss relief on a water bill (214 Hero Street)**

This item was removed from the Agenda

**Item 3) Discuss the purchase of a new Kubota mower at a cost of \$12,295**

**Discussion:**

Alderman Larry York discussed the purchase of a new Kubota mower at a cost of \$12,295 from Pillar Equipment

**Motion:**

Alderman Larry York made a motion to place purchase of a new Kubota mower at a cost of \$12,295 from Pillar Equipment on the 1 May 2018 agenda for approval.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

**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 absent

**C) Ordinance**

**Item 1) Discuss adopting the 2015 Building Code to the Silvis Code of Ordinances**

**Discussion:**

Alderman Ian Pavelonis discussed adopting the 2015 Building Code to replace the 2009 Building Code codified in the Silvis Code of Ordinances. Alderman Joshua Dyer asked about the requirement of adding sprinklers and smoke detectors. Inspector Tom Lupinski announced that the code requires hard wired detectors with a battery backup and in a common area a CO<sub>2</sub> detector. It was noted that the added cost of the sprinkler system is about 2% of the cost of the building. Alderman Pavelonis said that this is the same code that all the surrounding communities have.

**Motion:**

Alderman Ian Pavelonis made a motion to place the 2015 Building Code to replace the 2009 Building Code codified in the Silvis Code of Ordinances on the 1 May 2018 agenda for approval

Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

**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

**18) Agenda items for discussion (continued)**

**D) Economic Development**

**Item 1) Discuss the renewal or transfer of Maria Rangel 2nd Hand Motor Vehicle license**

***Discussion:***

Alderwoman Kathy Hall discussed the transfer or renewal of the Maria Rangel 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Motor Vehicle License to John DeSilva. Alderwoman Kathy Hall noted that the license that Mr. DeSilva is operating under right now is in the name of Maria Rangel and due to certain circumstances they would like to either transfer the name of the licensee to John DeSilva through transfer or a new license. Alderwoman Hall noted that the ordinance that was adopted a few years ago said that the City of Silvis would get down to 5 - 2<sup>nd</sup> hand car dealerships on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and the license is not to be transferable to another person. This is now codified into our current ordinance. Alderman Tony Trulson asked if the ordinance says we can't transfer and the license will expire at the end of April 2018, would it be easier to allow that license to expire and then have Mr. DeSilva apply for a new license. Attorney Lee noted we have an ordinance that calls for 5 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand motor vehicle dealer's and we have seven now. Attorney Lee stated can you legally issue another license when you have six licenses after his license expires. Alderman Lohse said he thought the intent of the ordinance was if the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Motor Vehicle dealer went out of business we would not issue another. Attorney Lee said exactly, but Maria Rangel will be out of business if she lets it expire. Alderman Lohse said if the license is active and is transferred active you can do that. Alderman York said he felt the intent was that the license holder had to stay in business and if they wanted to transfer from the father to son they could not do that and a new application had to be submitted. Alderman Lohse disagreed and said he felt the license could be transferred even if there is above five. Alderman York and Alderwoman Hall both disagreed. Alderwoman Hall said it is not allowed by ordinance. Alderwoman Unsicker asked why we are allowing this. Alderwoman Hall noted we are not allowing this to happen at this time we are just discussing this. Alderwoman Hall noted that personally she would like to adhere to the Silvis Code of Ordinances not to transfer. Alderwoman Unsicker asked if we would want him to go out of business. Alderwoman Hall explained that the ordinance was the result of a survey done in the City of Silvis noting that there are too many used car dealerships downtown. This survey was done by the University of Illinois extension services and that was one of the major comments from the citizens. Alderwoman Unsicker noted that our ordinance says 5 and was wondering if Mr. DeSilva is aware of this. Alderwoman Hall said now the number is down to 7. Attorney Lee said the problem as he sees it is he owns the lot but he put the license in his girlfriend's name to take advantage for tax purposes; not sure what the problem is. Attorney Lee then read the ordinance for Council. Alderman York interjected that Mr. DeSilva only has one car on his lot along with a note on the door that says "if you want to buy this car call this number", he is not even open for business. Alderman Lohse said he felt that is a separate issue, I think the issue of the license is one thing and the enforcement of the ordinances and statutes that apply to dealerships is another. If he is not complying with the ordinances that is a separate issue from transferring the licensing. Alderwoman Unsicker noted that this is written as a motion to place the approval of the transfer of renewal. Mayor Carter noted that Council has the authority of either up or down the transfer that is the motion. Either you feel it is in the best interest of the

**18) Agenda items for discussion**

**D) Economic Development**

**Item 1) Discuss the renewal or transfer of Maria Rangel 2nd Hand Motor Vehicle license**

***Discussion: (continued)***

citizens of Silvis not to renew the license or to allow transferring. And you have the power to make that decision. Attorney Lee said Mr. DeSilva has the right to try to transfer or sell his business if he wants. Mr. DeSilva was allowed to speak to Council by Mayor Carter. Mr. DeSilva explained that it was his intent to get some more cars available for sale. Mr. DeSilva said he knew he needed to get a new license before he could do that. Mr. DeSilva noted that his State license will be good through December. I have already paid for this year. My girlfriend has been kind of sick, and she will retire early she is worried that will affect her retirement. I am going to get a lot of cars there. But since we don't know what is going to happen.

***Motion:***

Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker made a motion to place the approval of the transfer or renewal of the Maria Rangel 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Motor Vehicle License to John DeSilva on the 1 May 2018 agenda for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

***Vote:***

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

Member voting nay: Larry York

Motion carried 7 ayes 1 nay

**Item 2) Discuss 2018-2019 Commercial Façade program**

***Discussion:***

Alderwoman Kathy Hall discussed Ordinance 2018-22 the 2018-2019 Commercial Façade Program. Alderwoman Hall noted that there is \$50,000 budgeted for this item for the businesses along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. This has been a very popular program.

***Motion:***

Alderwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-22 the 2018-2019 Commercial Façade Program on the 1 May 2018 agenda for approval.

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

**Item 3) Discuss 2018-2019 Residential Redevelopment program**

***Discussion:***

Alderwoman Kathy Hall discussed Ordinance 2018-23 the 2018-2019 Residential Redevelopment Program. This program is for 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue homeowners to be reimbursed 80% of their eligible costs up to \$2,000. Alderwoman Hall noted that \$15,000 has been budgeted for this program. Alderman Larry York raised the same concerns that he has had since he came on Council, why are we spending public funds on private homes; He disagrees with this and feels this is a misuse of money. Alderwoman Hall reminded Alderman York the purpose is to improve the whole look of the downtown. Alderman York said he did understand where the money comes from and it is from the tax money and he lives on top the hill. Alderwoman Hall said this money comes from the TIF fund and not the general fund. Alderman York said he thought we could

**18) Agenda items for discussion (continued)**

**D) Economic Development**

**Item 3) Discuss 2018-2019 Residential Redevelopment program**

***Discussion: (continued)***

only use the TIF funds to help develop the businesses not the residences. Alderwoman Hall noted that the TIF Attorneys have approved this program and have for the last 5 years. Alderman York said he does not think it is right. Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker said she does not want to begrudge anyone but does understand this is for the benefit of the improvement of the Downtown TIF.

***Motion:***

Alderwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-23 the 2018-2019 Residential Redevelopment Program on the 1 May 2018 agenda for approval.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Josh Dyer.

***Vote:***

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

Member voting nay: Larry York

Motion carried 7 ayes 1 nay

**D) Public Service**

**Item 1) New Computer Hardware lease for City Hall at a cost of \$1,042.00 per month**

***Discussion:***

Alderwoman Caryn discussed the 5 year lease of new computer hardware for Silvis City Hall at a cost of \$537.19 per month. (\$1042.00 is an incorrect figure) Alderwoman Unsicker explained that the computers are 6 years old and these were put into service in May of 2012. Clerk Jim Nelson explained that this quote does include a new server. Clerk Nelson explained the security surrounding the server. Alderman Dyer asked if this will do away with the cost of ITS. Clerk Nelson answered no we still will pay for IT support, spam filters, and backup at a cost of \$1,042 per month and that is much cheaper than an IT employee at \$60,000 per year plus benefits.

***Motion:***

Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker made a motion to place the lease of new computer hardware for Silvis City Hall at a cost of \$537.19 plus \$1042.00 monthly support fee on the 1 May 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

**E) Negotiations, Personnel & Employee Insurance**

**Item 1) Discuss summer hires**

***Discussion:***

Alderman Bob Rockwell discussed the hiring of 6 summer hires two in water, two in parks and two in street and bridge.

**18) Agenda items for discussion**

**E) Negotiations, Personnel & Employee Insurance**

**Item 1) Discuss summer hires (continued)**

**Vote:**

**Motion:**

Alderman Bob Rockwell made motion to place hiring of 6 summer hires on the 1 May 2018 agenda for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker.

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

**19) City Staff Reports:**

**A) Fire Department:**

Fire Chief David Leibovitz reported on the Fire at the National Rail location on Monday. The fire was contained to the locker room and roof area of that building. This is an out building pretty much used for storage. The work performed in and around that building are contracted employees that cut up and dismantle locomotives. The room that was involved is used by these workers as a break room. The employees wear old fire turn out gear to avoid burning their clothes with torches and they leave the turn out gear in this room also. These employees left at 4:50pm and then at 5:10pm we had the fire call. There was no huge loss and they will not turn this in to their insurance company. The issue was this was an old building and a metal roof had been put over a wooden roof and the fire got in between the metal and wooden roof. The Fire department fought the fire until 8:30pm.

**B) Inspections: (None)**

**C) Police Department:**

Police Chief Mark VanKlaveren announced the Drug Take Back day on Saturday 28 April 2018 from 10:00am until 2:00pm in the SPD Parking Lot.

**D) Public Works: None**

**20) Comments from the Alderpersons:**

Alderman Tony Trulson told Council about his experiences at Citizen Police Academy along with former Mayor Lyle Lohse, Rita Trulson and Shannon Pirmann. Alderman Trulson encouraged anyone who has not attended these informative classes please consider making the time to attend next year. Alderwoman Kathy Hall announced that the Silvis Greenhouse will open this weekend at 9:00am until 1:00pm on Saturday and there are over 3,500 plants available. Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker reminded everyone of the e-waste event going on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> and next week will be bulk pickup in the whole City. Alderman Joshua Dyer explained that there will be a talk coming up at Augustana College May 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00pm to discuss Rogue One. Alderman Dyer also noted that on May 1<sup>st</sup> he is hoping to have a presentation on Solar Power.

**21) Executive session:**

Alderman Bob Rockwell made a motion to go into closed session to discuss litigation as allowed in Section 2(c) 5 ILCS 120/2(a). Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

**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

**The City Council of the City of Silvis went into closed session at 7:22pm**

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**17 April 2018**

**21) Executive session: (continued)**

**The City Council of the City of Silvis returned from closed session at 7:46pm**

**Roll Call:**

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

Members absent: None

Mayor Matt Carter announced that there was no action taken in Closed Session

**22) Adjournment**

Mayor Matt Carter asked for a motion to adjourn from the 17 April 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council.

**Motion:**

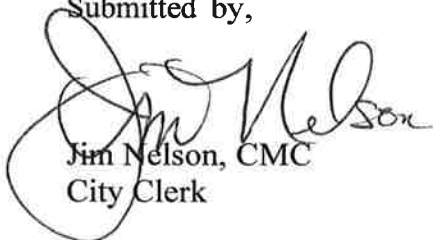
Alderwoman Tony Trulson made a motion to adjourn from the 17 April 2018 Silvis City Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kathy Hall.

**Motion carried via voice vote:**

The 17 April 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:47pm

Submitted by,



Jim Nelson, CMC  
City Clerk