

1 May 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 1 May 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, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell, Rick Lohse.

Member absent: Ian Pavelonis

3) Proclamations:

Mayor Matt Carter proclaimed Friday 18 May & Saturday 19 May 2018 the American Legion Poppy Day in Silvis.

4) Guest Speaker:

Representative of Blue Sky Solar Raki Giannakoutos and Jake Pole had a power point presentation to introduce Blue Sky Solar to the Council. (see attached)

5) Public Comment: None

6) Consent Agenda:

Mayor Matt Carter asked City Clerk Jim Nelson to read the Consent Agenda dated 1 May 2018. Clerk Nelson read the Consent Agenda dated 1 May 2018. Mayor Carter asked if anything needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda dated 1 May 2018.

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 1 May 2018.

Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker.

Vote:

Members voting aye: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Joshua Dyer, 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 2018-24

Motion:

Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2018-24 an ordinance adopting the 2015 Building Code.

Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kathy Hall. Motion carried via voice vote

Motion:

Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-24 an ordinance adopting the 2015 Building Code. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kathy Hall.

Vote:

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

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

B) *Economic Development:*

Item 1) *2nd Hand Motor Vehicle*

******Alderwoman Kathy Hall removed this item from the Agenda******

8) Special Non-Consent:

B) Economic Development:

Item 2) Ordinance 2018-22 the 2018-2019 Commercial Façade

Motion:

Aldерwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2018-22 an ordinance authorizing and executing the 2018-2019 Commercial Façade Program.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Joshua Dyer. Motion carried via voice vote.

Motion:

Aldерwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-22 an ordinance authorizing and executing the 2018-2019 Commercial Façade Program

Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse

Vote:

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

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

Item 3) Adopt Ordinance 2018-23 the 2018-2019 Residential Redevelopment program

Motion:

Aldерwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2018-23 the 2018-2019 Residential Redevelopment Program.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Joshua Dyer Motion carried via voice vote

Motion:

Aldерwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-23 the 2018-2019 Residential Redevelopment Program. Motion was seconded by Alderman Joshua Dyer

Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

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

Member voting nay: Larry York

Motion carried 6 ayes 1 nay 1 absent

C) Negotiations, Personnel & Employee Insurance

Item 1) Approve the FOP Contract

Motion:

Alderman Bob Rockwell made a motion to approve the FOP Contract dated 5-1-2018 through 4-30-2022 between the FOP and the City of Silvis.

Motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Kathy Hall

Vote:

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

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

D) Finance

Item 1) Ordinance 2018-25 the 2018-2019 Wage and Benefit Ordinance

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2018-25 the 2018-2019 Wage and Benefit Ordinance

Motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Kathy Hall

Motion carried via voice vote

8) Special Non-Consent:

D) Finance (continued)

Item 1) Ordinance 2018-25 the 2018-2019 Wage and Benefit Ordinance

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-25 the 2018-2019 Wage and Benefit Ordinance

Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Kathy Hall

Vote:

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

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

9) Attorney's Report:

City Attorney Graham Lee gave City Council an update on the Hearing for summary judgement that he will represent the City on 2 May 2018. Both sides have filed a motion for summary judgement. We are saying that the facts are undisputed. There will be a lot more argument than that given the feel of this case. I want to be honest with you I am pretty comfortable with what we have. I will not guarantee what a judge will do. There are only four ways to conclude; find for them, find for us, send it to a full hearing or dismiss. Attorney Lee explained he thinks there will be a decision tomorrow.

10) City Administrator's Report:

City Administrator Jim Grafton reported that he had met with AFSCME this morning and resolved an IMPACT agreement with the dispatchers when QCOMM opens; we learned today it may be the end of the year before it will be up and running. The second thing we worked out was a labor management agreement to talk about a potential grievance with the current dispatchers and I think we have a solution to that and there were 21 items that we are in current AFSCME contract talks about and we have agreed on 12 of those items as of today. I realize that today is the 1st day of the fiscal year and through no fault of our own it has just been a scheduling issue with AFSCME as they are going through some personnel changes. That is why we have only been able to get this far in the negotiations. We will meet again tomorrow and I remain optimistic that we can have this wrapped up in the next couple of weeks.

11) City Engineer's Report: None

12) City Treasurer Report: None

13) City Clerk Report:

City Clerk Jim Nelson reported that because we have not settled the collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME we will have to amend the 2018-2019 Wage and Benefit Ordinance after the CBA is ratified by the members of the Union.

14) Mayor's Report:

Mayor Matt Carter made sure everyone got the pdf file on the Silvis News for May there was one snafu it had to do with the number of years Chief Leibovitz served on the Fire Department. This will be Fire Chief Leibovitz last Council meeting.

Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council (continued)

1 May 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 1 May 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 1 May 2018 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote.

The 1 May 2018 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:24pm.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

1 May 2018

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

Mayor Matt Carter called the 1 May 2018 Silvis City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:25pm and asked City Clerk Jim Nelson to call the Roll.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Ian Pavelonis

17) Public Comment: None

18) Agenda items for discussion

A) Public Safety

Item 1) Fire College Registration

Discussion:

Alderman Tony Trulson discussed Fire College Registration for firefighters. Alderman Trulson noted that at the committee meeting they came to the conclusion that the money will come from the training budget and Finance will work on amending the appropriation ordinance if needed or just work of the total amount that is budgeted.

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to place allowing four firefighters to register for Fire College on the 15 May 2018 agenda for approval.

Vote:

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

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

B) Ordinance

Item 1) Gun Sales Ordinance

Discussion:

Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker discussed the proposed Gun Sales ordinance 2018-26 Attorney Graham Lee explained that he was asked to draw the ordinance up by the Police Chief as there is a new business coming into the City that will be selling ammunition and weapons. Attorney Lee explained that he has been asked by the Mayor and Police Chief to make sure it is well protected.

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B) Ordinance

Item 1) Gun Sales Ordinance

Discussion: (continued)

I checked with other communities and no one in the area had such an ordinance. Attorney Lee said the businesses should know they need to protect the communities. Attorney Lee said at least these couple of things should be considered. Attorney Lee said he wrote into the ordinance that the store has good cameras and lighting. They must also have a security system that will alert Police in the event of a break in and that all weapons must be locked up in a vault when the business is not open. Alderman Larry York asked if the Police Chief had a chance to look at it. Police Chief Mark VanKlaveren explained that he talked with a friend from ATF and basically gave the help on this ordinance. Chief VanKlaveren said it is hard to make changes after the fact. Guns and ammunition will have to be locked up separately. I talked to the owner last week and is going to put bars on the windows. Police Chief VanKlaveren said it will be pretty secure.

Motion:

Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker made a motion to place gun sales ordinance on the 15 May 2018 agenda for approval. Motion was seconded by Alderman Joshua Dyer.

Vote:

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

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

Item 2) Procedure for appointing officer within the City

Discussion:

Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker discussed the procedure for appointing City Officers. Mayor Carter was curious why we had to change this now the process has worked for years. Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker said that the recommendation from the ordinance committee is to have the Mayor appoint a committee to interview the candidates and then to recommend to the Mayor for appointment. Attorney Lee read the proposed language "In the event of a vacancy there shall be a selection committee formed consisting of the Chairman of the Personnel Committee and a minimum of four representative individuals picked by the Mayor. Committee members shall have some understanding or experience related to the vacant position to be filled if possible. Selection committee shall recommend to the Mayor results of the search. The Mayor shall present his recommendation for the City Officer with the approval of Council. The term of any City Officer shall not exceed the term of the Mayor at the time of appointment. Alderman Tony Trulson asked for a copy of the current ordinance. Attorney Lee said the Mayor has the right to appoint with the consent of the Council. Attorney Lee said what this is doing is not to take away his right to appoint, as a matter of fact he can ignore the recommendation of the committee and appoint whomever he wants and Council still has the right to approve. What this ordinance is doing is taking a position that needs to be filled and with the Chair of Personnel whittle the number down to the best qualified candidate to recommend to the Mayor to make a final choice or choose someone else. Alderman Joshua Dyer said it is his understanding this will be an advisory committee to provide advice to the Mayor for his appointment. Alderman Trulson said he understands that, but he is just curious as to what the process is currently. Alderwoman Kathy Hall said as she recalls it is just that the Mayor appoints with the consent of the City Council. Alderwoman Hall said that the only thing that is added is the advisory committee. Mayor Carter

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B) Ordinance

Item 2) Procedure for appointing officer within the City

Discussion: (continued)

said we do that now. The Mayor explained that no one ever discussed this matter with him or how he even felt about it. This just magically showed up on an agenda, I discussed this with the Chair of ordinance and he had no idea. As far as he knew an Alderman requested that it be put on the agenda. Alderwoman Kathy Hall read the ordinance as it is printed in Section 2 -142 of the Silvis Code of Ordinances. Mayor Carter explained that the City of Silvis has governed itself for 100 years without changing the ordinance and now I don't know why we have to have the change.

Motion:

Alderwoman Kathy Hall made a motion to place ordinance defining procedure for appointing officers on the 15 May 2018 agenda for approval.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Bob Rockwell

Vote:

Members voting aye: Kathy Hall, Caryn Unsicker, Bob Rockwell,

Members voting nay: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker

Member abstaining: Joshua Dyer

Motion carried 3 ayes 3 nays 0 absent 1 abstain

Motion did not carry with a majority motion fails

Item 3) Motion to place referendum on Ballot to appoint the City Clerk

Discussion:

Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker discussed a referendum for appointing the City Clerk. Clerk Nelson explained that as we continue to have more and more technology involved in the Clerk's office he feels the most important thing is to have a qualified Clerk. Other communities have changed from elections to appointee's due to the learning curve you would be better off with an office manager. The Clerks position should be appointed. The only communities that still elect the Clerk is Silvis and East Moline. There was some discussion about the residency requirements.

Motion:

Alderwoman Caryn Unsicker made a motion to place an ordinance to place a referendum to appoint the City Clerk on the 15 May 2018 agenda for approval.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York

Vote:

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

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

C) Parks Building and Grounds

Item 1) Discuss Blue Sky Solar letter of Intent

Discussion:

Alderman Joshua Dyer discuss a letter of intent with Blue Sky Solar. Alderman Joshua Dyer explained that he has solar panels on his home and they work just fine and he purchased his solar panels from Blue Sky Solar. Alderman Joshua Dyer recommends the City consider this item.

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C) Parks Building and Grounds

Item 1) Discuss Blue Sky Solar letter of Intent

Motion:

Alderman Joshua Dyer made a motion to place letter of intent with Blue Sky Solar on the 15 May 2018 agenda for approval.

Motion was seconded by Alderman Larry York

Vote:

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

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 absent

19) City Staff Reports:

A) Fire Department:

Fire Chief David Leibovitz reported that this his last meeting and wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to be the Fire Chief for the last 22 years

Fire Chief John E. Winters reported that Firefighter Jason Flugel has completed his Fire & Arson Investigations class. Chief Winters then reported that he visited with a Fire Chief in Hanover Park Illinois. Chief said he did some behind the scenes ride time with him and I will do a follow up ride along with him.

B) Inspections:

Inspector Tom Lupinski cautioned Council to use discretion when moving forward on the Solar Power. His concern was replacing roofs after we put solar panels on.

C) Police Department:

Police Chief Mark VanKlaveren announced the Drug Take Back took in 220lbs.

Chief VanKlaveren met with Representative Toni McCombie to talk about school safety and it takes money and the State of Illinois is broke. The biggest safety for school is

we are now getting our NarCan free. We are getting a grant for Narcan for our K-9 ELKO.

Bullet proof vests grant has been applied for

D) Public Works:

Public Works Director Jim Grafton requested a meeting to purchase HVAC before the grants go up

20) Comments from the Alderpersons:

Alderman Larry York thanked the Parks crew for the great job on the completion of Hibbs Park.

21) Executive session: None

Committee of the Whole Meeting

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22) adjournment

Mayor Matt Carter asked for a motion to adjourn from the 1 May 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council.

Motion:

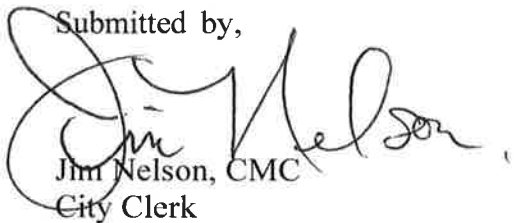
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Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 1 May 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 8:14pm

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jim Nelson, CMC
City Clerk