

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF
 THE HERRIN CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
 HERRIN, ILLINOIS HELD IN THE COUNCIL
 CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL ON
 FEBRUARY 14, 2000 AT 7:09 P.M.

Mayor Ritter called the Executive Session to order and asked Marlene Simpson, City Clerk to call the roll. The following were present:

VICTOR RITTER	Mayor
MARLENE SIMPSON	City Clerk
TERRY HUGHES	Treasurer
PATRICIA MCMEEN	City Attorney
VICTOR RITTER	Alderman Ward 1
LIZ ISSLER	Alderman Ward 1
HERMAN GARAVALLA	Alderman Ward 11
DEON MCGUIRE	Alderman Ward 11
SAMUEL SHEMWELL	Alderman Ward 111
MARILYN ORSO	Alderman Ward 111
MARILYN RUPPEL	Alderman Ward 1V
BILL SIZEMORE	Alderman Ward IV

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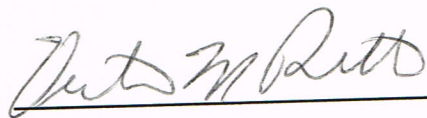
Mayor Ritter announced that twenty applications for Police Chief had been received and that he wished to appoint Robert L. Deaton as permanent Police Chief as of February 14, 2000.

Mayor Ritter informed those present that there was a problem with Public Works Secretary Lori Varacalli who has been buying personal items through the City, signing invoices without authorization, and failure to file insurance claims for damages to traffic signals to collect reimbursements for the City. Mayor Ritter reported that Judy Robinson, temporary employee in the Public Works Department has collected over \$6,000.00 in claims not billed back to 1998 and other previous years. The Mayor informed council that a meeting has been set for Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at 9:00 with Lori Varacalli to discuss these matters with her and ask for her resignation.

City Clerk Marlene Simpson informed Council that Lori is receiving temporary disability from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund due to her recent pregnancy and benefits will end March 20, 2000.

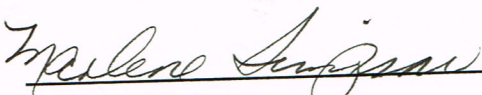
Mayor Ritter informed Council that an Internal Policy is being established to alleviate any future problems.

No votes were taken. Being no further business before the Executive Session, the session adjourned at 7:19 P.M. to return to the regular Council meeting.



VICTOR M. RITTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARLENE SIMPSON, CITY CLERK