

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY OF HERRIN COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HERRIN, ILLINOIS HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL ON
FEBRUARY 27, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Steve Frattini called the meeting to order and led us in prayer. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Shelly Huggins, City Clerk called the roll and the following were present:

STEVE FRATTINI	_____	Mayor
SHELLY HUGGINS	_____	City Clerk
CARL GOODWIN	_____	Treasurer
JOHN BREWSTER	_____	City Attorney
SHEILA AHLGREN	_____	Alderman Ward I
DAVID SHOEMAKE	_____	Alderman Ward I
DEON MCGUIRE	_____	Alderman Ward II
PAUL YORK	_____	Alderman Ward II
STEVE MILLER	_____	Alderman Ward III
SCOTT KINLEY	absent	Alderman Ward III
BILL SIZEMORE	absent	Alderman Ward IV
MARILYN RUPPEL	absent	Alderman Ward IV

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13 2017 MEETING Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman York to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Council Meeting. Alderman Shoemake, McGuire, York, Miller and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Carl Goodwin had nothing to report.

BUDGET OFFICE Carrie Cravens, Budget Director stated that we are working on the budget.

CODES Codes Administrator Robert Craig stated that we have received partial grant for demolitions. We will have to spend the money first, then get reimbursed. First Baptist Church will be doing some volunteer work to help with cleanup efforts.

PUBLIC WORKS Bill Sizemore, Chairman of the Public Works Committee was absent from the meeting.

Tom Somers, Public Works Director stated roof at fire department is almost done. We will be doing HVAC & asbestos work after that.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT Marilyn Ruppel, Chairman of the Public Improvement Committee was absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY Jimmie Loyd, Deputy Police Chief stated that a juvenile has been arrested for burglary that may be committed others. They are in the Juvenile Detention Center.

Fire Department had no representatives here.

David Shoemake, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee stated there was a committee meeting before this meeting.

FINANCE Motion was made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to authorize bills to be paid before the Council. Alderman McGuire, York, Miller, Ahlgren and Shoemake voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

INSURANCE Deon McGuire, Chairman of the Insurance Committee had nothing to report.

LIBRARY LIAISON Marilyn Ruppel, Liaison for the Herrin City Library was absent from the meeting.

CIVIC CENTER LIAISON Scott Kinley, Liaison for the Herrin Civic Center was absent from the meeting. Richard Melvin, Director stated that the HHS Musical will be on 3/2 & 3/3. NHS Awards will be on 3/7.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 6- 2017 GOLF CARTS Tabled. Still in Committee.

ORDINANCE 7- 2017 VARIANCE TO BUILD WITHIN SETBACK Motion made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Ahlgren to pass Ordinance 7-2017 Request for Variance to Build within Setback Area. N. Park Avenue. Owner: Patrick Garavalia. Recommendation from Zoning Board to approve the variance with no opposition. Alderman York, Miller, Ahlgren, Shoemake and McGuire voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

AUTHORIZE AGE TO SECURE RETAIL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FOR CITY OWNED FACILITIES Motion made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman McGuire to authorize AGE to secure and facilitate retail electricity supply with Homefield Energy for various City owned facilities. Alderman Miller, Ahlgren, Shoemake, McGuire and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

RESOLUTION 1- 2017 DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF EARLY RETIREMENT INVENTIVE Motion made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to pass Resolution 1-2017 Deputy Police Chief Early Retirement Incentive. Recommendation from Finance Committee, will save money in the long run. Alderman Ahlgren, Shoemake, McGuire, York and Miller voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

MAYOR Mayor announced the City received a grant for single family owner occupied rehabilitation. Applications are available in the budget office.

He thanked Ed Avripas for leading the efforts to get new window coverings for some windows at City Hall.

As well as thanks to the council members for helping.

COUNCIL

Alderman Miller sked for Tom to look into putting a stop sign on Lakeview at Hafer. Also, City held a Budget public hearing last week and infrastructure seemed to be the main concern. In reviewing contracts, He stated that we have to treat the City like a business and run it as one. He will not be in favor of borrowing money to make payroll. He stated when persons retire, we need to look at not filling those positions until we are more financially stable. If citizens wish us to maintain staffing levels, then we will have to raise taxes.

Alderman McGuire stated that we are close to the end of the feline facility project. Mayor thanked Deon For overseeing the project.

Alderman Ahlgren stated that she believes the animal control van needs to have phone number listed on it.

PUBLIC

Larry Pierce stated that the HPD doesn't answer his calls. He is accusing neighbor of illegal drug activities.

Helen Russell asked about driveway repair from water line repairs. Tom assured her she is on the list. The railroad crossing on S. 22nd Street is terrible. This is being looked into. There is a pot hole on Tyler Street at 32nd Street.

David Minor thanked the police for the recent arrest. He commented that in Florida, golf carts have to go At least 25 MPH and keep up with traffic.

Michael Dean, Acting Soccer Coach at HJHS stated that he and the high school coach are working on ways to improve the soccer fields at the sports complex. They will be asking donations of the community. They host tournaments that bring several hundreds of people to our town that shop and eat here while they are visiting.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman McGuire to adjourn. Alderman Shoemake, McGuire, York, Miller and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".


STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK