

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
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Steve Frattini called the meeting to order and led us in prayer. There was a moment of silence for Ed Goodwin. 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	absent	Treasurer
JOHN BREWSTER	_____	City Attorney
DAVID SHOEMAKE	_____	Alderman Ward I
SHEILA AHLGREN	_____	Alderman Ward I
PAUL YORK	_____	Alderman Ward II
RANDY CROMPTON	_____	Alderman Ward II
SCOTT KINLEY	_____	Alderman Ward III
STEVE MILLER	_____	Alderman Ward III
MARILYN RUPPEL	_____	Alderman Ward IV
BILL SIZEMORE	absent	Alderman Ward IV

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 MEETING Motion made by Alderman Crompton, seconded by Alderman Kinley to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Council Meeting Alderman Ahlgren, York, Crompton, Kinley, Miller, Ruppel and Shoemake voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Carl Goodwin was absent from the meeting.

BUDGET OFFICE Carrie Cravens, Budget Director stated there will be a finance meeting October 9 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Tax Levy.

CODES Codes Administrator Robert Craig had nothing to report.

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

Tom Somers, Public Works Director stated South 148 lift station completion is near. Water main project on 16th & 17th Streets is having meter transfers now.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT Marilyn Ruppel, Chairman of the Public Improvement Committee had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY Quinn Laird, Police Chief had nothing to report.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief stated the park siren has been repaired. It was struck by lightning and will be turned in to insurance.

David Shoemake, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee had nothing to report.

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

INSURANCE Sheila Ahlgren, Chairman of the Insurance Committee had nothing to report.

LIBRARY Marilyn Ruppel, Liaison for the Herrin City Library had nothing to report.

CIVIC CENTER Scott Kinley, Liaison for the Herrin Civic Center gave schedule, Chamber 9/26, pink out 9/30, rotary bbq 10/6 and HHS alumni dance 10/7.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 23-2017 GO BONDS SERIES 2017 Motion made by Alderman York, seconded by Alderman Ahlgren to pass Ordinance 23-2017 Providing for and authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017. Alderman Crompton, Kinley, Miller, Ruppel, Shoemake, Ahlgren and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay". This refinances The 2007 bonds for a savings of approximately \$113,000.

ORINANCE 24-2017 VARIANCE LOT 1 PROG-RESS BUSINESS ADDITION Motion made by Alderman Crompton, seconded by Alderman Kinley to pass Ordinance 24-2017 Request for Variance to build within setback area. Lot 1 in Progress Business Addition. Tony Lindsay. Zoning Board of Appeals recommends variance. Alderman Kinley, Miller, Ruppel, Shoemake, Ahlgren, York and Crompton voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

MAYOR We are currently working on new business opportunities in town.

COUNCIL Alderman York stated that this coming Saturday will be the last one for the Farmer's Market for the year. Downtown Revitalization will start meeting again this Wednesday.

Alderman Miller stated he gave the Mayor a letter regarding concerns in Ward III. 109 S. 17th St. needs more clean up done. Resident has started and made some progress. Maple Street situation has seen improvements since this morning.

Alderman Crompton asked about 417 N. 16th St. Letter has been sent. 420 N. 16th St. has a new owner that has been institutionalized.

Alderman Ahlgren discussed with Tom a tree issue on North 7th.

PUBLIC Mr. Peck stated that the drainage near him on Pine Street is worse now than during April flooding. Tom Somers stated that there are beaver dams and we are addressing the situation.

Norma Kerrigan stated that her car was stolen and there are still kids walking around at 2 a.m. Mayor stated that the best police presence is one where you don't see them.

Michelle Rollins stated she is scared. A neighbor was broke into and held at gun point. Mayor stated that patrol activity is at an all-time high. Chief Laird stated that you need to be a good witness and report anything you feel is out of place. They cannot comment due to ongoing investigation. Don't rely on social media, rely on the police department.

Joe Corse suggests installing ADT. He is interested in neighborhood crime watch. He will get with Colton Braswell after the meeting.

Mary Toler stated she moved to S. 19th last month and 4 days ago someone tried to break in. She stated she stays out on her porch until 3 a.m. and there are always people walking around. She has been asked to call the police if she sees suspicious activity.

Concerned resident stated they have called police three times this week. There are people with black clothing and backpacks walking around all hours of the night.

Ruth Gilley of S 21st Street stated that police have photos of persons breaking in and they are still walking the streets. We arrest when we can but then it is up to states attorney and judges.

Question was made if all towns are like this. Mayor stated he feels more comfortable here than in any other town. He stated that if you are willing to pay more taxes we can increase our policemen. He suggested coming to the meetings regarding the tax levy for next year and voice concerns.

Helen Russell suggested surveillance cameras. She installed them and it helped.

Alderman Crompton stated that when you call the police have information including brief description of suspicious persons and any info about what is going on.

Alderman Miller stated the police are working round the clock and to call in you see anything unusual.

Alderman Ahlgren stated that if they are juveniles they are released to adults who should know their whereabouts.

Alderman Kinley suggested telling neighbors to show up and stand up and be a part of our community. Get out from behind the computer screens.


ADJOURN

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



STEVE FRATINI, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK