

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERRIN,
ILLINOIS HELD AT HERRIN CITY HALL ON
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

Mayor Steve Frattini called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor led us in prayer and 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
MARK KOCHAN	City Attorney
SHEILA AHLGREN	Alderman Ward I
DAVID SHOEMAKE	Alderman Ward I
RANDY CROMPTON	Alderman Ward II
PAUL YORK	Alderman Ward II
STEVE MILLER	Alderman Ward III
SCOTT KINLEY	Alderman Ward III
BILL SIZEMORE	Alderman Ward IV
MARILYN RUPPEL	Alderman Ward IV

PUBLIC Laura Miller works at the library and a volunteer at Herrin animal control. One of the reasons that animal control received a no-kill designation from the recuses is because they are part of a rescue network. The person over the rescue network is asking for \$10 per post. Euthanizing costs \$30-\$60. Just a reminder that we are licensed as an animal control facility.

Carrie Cravens stated she was attacked in her own yard by a pit bull. She had 3 puncture wounds, her dog didn't fair well, but hopefully will not lose her leg. Dispatch was fantastic in getting EMS to her, patrolman and animal control fantastic as well. Carrie will be pushing for dog that bit to be euthanized. If not for her protecting her dog, her dog would have died. Dog was not vaccinated; dog is vicious and will most likely attack again. We need to take a look at our animal control codes. These people are illegally breeding pit bulls. Codes need tightened up.

Rima English from South 22nd Street stated the neighborhood has tried to save a dog from there area. Animal control says dog has shelter and food. He does not have food or shelter. He's in a plastic crate that is no longer in one piece. He is tied to a tree. Barely feed or water him. He's a German shepherd. Alderman Miller has visited this residence a few times. We have some issues both sides with animal control, definitely need to bring up our ordinances.

MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2025 Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman York to approve the minutes of March 10, 2025 Council Meeting. Alderman Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

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

BUDGET OFFICE REPORT Carrie Cravens, Budget Director had nothing to report.

CODES Bret Childers Codes Administrator stated that 213 S. 17th is next on demo. 1004 W. Monroe is also good to go and 1704 W. Cherry.

PUBLIC WORKS Bill Sizemore, Chairman of the Public Works had nothing to report.

Tom Somers, Public Works Director had nothing to report.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT Marilyn Ruppel, Chairman of the Public Improvement Committee stated that 20-25 years ago she tried to state that we should ban pit bulls. It was brought up then but said we couldn't be breed Specific, but she has read that other communities do.

PUBLIC SAFETY David Dorris, Police Chief stated St. Patrick's Day hire back was successful. We will have more officers receive life saving awards. We will be going through the full-time process soon.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief stated that they recognized in house one of their shifts for life saving. Firehouse is going well. Trying to figure out when ribbon cutting and open house will be.

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 Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren and Shoemake voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

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

HERRIN LIBRARY LIAISON Marilyn Ruppel, Liaison for the Herrin City Library stated book sale Saturday and Monday. 4/11 at 2 p.m. will be Nick Gardiano presenting book about birds of Southern Illinois. She read some items from the 125th anniversary calendar.

HERRIN CIVIC CENTER LIAISON Scott Kinley, Liaison for the Herrin Civic Center stated Queen of Hearts is \$4,000. 4/12 Mouse Races Hometown Christmas Fundraiser.

GRANT UPDATE Valerie Clodi stated we have submitted another grant. So far, \$1,894,732 has been submitted for.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 5-2025 ANNEX REAL PROPERTY Motion made by Alderman Crompton, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to pass Ordinance 5-2025 Annex Certain Real Property to the City of Herrin, Illinois-Williamson County Airport Authority-Crenshaw Road. Alderman York, Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake and Crompton voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

RESOLUTION 3-2025 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN IPWMAN Motion made by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman Sizemore to pass Resolution 3-2025 Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network. Alderman Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

RESOLUTION 4-2025 IDOT/MFT RITTER RD Motion made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Kinley to pass Resolution 4-2025 IDOT/MFT Ritter Road-Wetland, Stream & Tree Mitigation. Section 06-00054-00-FP. Alderman Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton, York and Miller voted "Yea". None Voted "Nay".

AGREEMENT WETLAND CREDIT WITH PANTANAL Motion made by Alderman Kinley, seconded by Alderman Miller to approve Agreement-Wetland Credit with Pantanal, LLC. Alderman Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller and Kinley voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

AGREEMENT IDNR TREE PLANTING Motion made by Alderman Crompton, seconded by Alderman Ruppel to approve Agreement with IDNR for Tree Plantings. Alderman Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley and Sizemore voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

AGREEMENT LYME ILLINOIS & SWANWICK CREEK Motion made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Shoemake to approve Agreement Lyme Illinois Mitigation Holdings LLC and Swanwick Creek Mitigation Bank-Purchase & Sale of Stream Mitigation Credits. Alderman Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley, Sizemore and Ruppel voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

MAYOR We are getting close to animal control building being completed. Travis in animal control will be leaving the 28th and are advertising for a new person. We have been in our new fire house for a few weeks. Centennial Celebration coming up 4/17 & 4/18. This summer will be the states 250th anniversary.

COUNCIL Alderman Crompton appreciates reiterating that we are not an animal control shelter or rescue. We are animal control period. We need to address vicious dogs not breed specific. We have to enforce and not being so set on sheltering and saving these animals. We need to get control of the animals.

Alderman York reminded everyone that next Tuesday is election day.

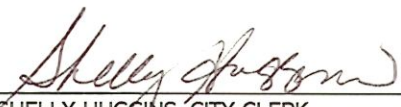
Alderman Ahlgren stated it is school board election as well. There are people confusing Herrin Feline Fixers with Herrin Animal Control.

Alderman Sizemore stated Wednesday, May 21 is pre-Herrinfest warm up. Close 100 block E. Walnut from noon to 11 p.m. He would like explanation of phone expenses later. He stated he has sat next to Alderman Ruppel for the last 26 years and will miss her.

Alderman Miller stated he hopes council will take all of the animal control topics to heart and make changes.

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

ATTEST:


SHELLY HUGGINS, CITY CLERK


STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR