MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERRIN, ILLINOIS HELD AT HERRIN CITY HALL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 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** 

Kathy Zinn asked if 309 S.  $17^{th}$  has been inspected. Also, asking for extra patrol in their area - 300 Block of S.  $19^{th}$  & 200 Block of S.  $17^{th}$ .

James Brand has an issue with the City not doing anything with the drainage on their road(Newman). He's concerned that they were told when annexed in that the roads, ditches and etc. would be taken care of. He is concerned about flooding.

Tonya Perry stated her and her sister asked about handicap parking in front of their business and they thank the City for it getting done so quickly.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 Motion made by Alderman Shoemake, seconded by Alderman York to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024 Council Meeting. Alderman Shoemake, Crompton, York, Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel and Ahlgren voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Carl Goodwin stated he has reviewed bank statements and admin tow fund and all in balance. He is reviewing bonds now.

BUDGET OFFICE REPORT

Carrie Cravens, Budget Director stated Murrah came and talked to her about police actuary and they are hoping it will be done by end of September.

CODES

Bret Childers Codes Administrator stated one of the burnt houses on S.  $14^{th}$  will be tore down this week. Two more in process.

PUBLIC WORKS Bill Sizemore, Chairman of the Public Works stated met earlier, item later.

Tom Somers, Public Works Director had nothing to report.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY David Dorris, Police Chief stated last week we had an arson and was able to solve within 2 hours. Helleny's was broken into this past weekend and arrest has already been made.

Shawn Priddy, Fire Chief stated November 9 Chili Dinner at Fire Station. New building is moving along.

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 Summer Reading Program had 83 children taking part, 60 of them finished their reading log and received a prize. There have been 500 calendars printed and anyone who donate at least \$10 will receive one. It is a calendar celebrating 125 years. There is an after school monthly children's program. There is a new event with a lawyer that will be free, registration is suggested. You can bring your legal questions or documents for review by the lawyer. There is a holocaust reality exhibit in October at the library.

HERRIN CIVIC CENTER LIAISON Scott Kinley, Liaison for the Herrin Civic Center stated Queen of Hearts Tuesday \$6,815. Wing It Wednesday Texas Style Dance Hall, \$5. September 27 HHS Alumni Dance.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

CLOSE 100 BLOCK E. WALNUT 9/28

Nothing to consider, event has been cancelled.

APPOINT ELI FAULKENBERRY AS FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS LABORER Motion made by Alderman Sizemore, seconded by Alderman Miller to appoint Eli Faulkenberry as Full-Time Public Works Laborer effective September 25, 2024. Alderman York, Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake and Crompton voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

APPOINT TONY MEZO AS FULL-TIME PUBLIC WORKS LABORER

Motion made by Alderman Sizemore, seconded by Alderman York to appoint Tony Mezo as Full-Time Public Works Laborer effective October 9, 2024. Alderman Miller, Kinley, Sizemore, Ruppel, Ahlgren, Shoemake, Crompton and York voted "Yea". None voted "Nay".

MAYOR

Meeting earlier today regarding focus on making bike paths throughout town. Looking for committee members

We are now accepting bids for cleaning carpets at City Hall.

The 125-year City celebration committee is still being formed. Alderman Kinley met with annual chamber dinner committee and the theme is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Herrin and would like us to partner with them.

Mayor went to IML Conference as well as our attorney Mark Kochan last week. Valuable information received.

COUNCIL

Alderman Crompton asked about notification system. Meeting is Thursday. Christmas Committee had a large fundraiser and have just received new garland and decorations. Event is November 30. Two main event sponsors, Bank of Herrin and Farmer's State Bank.

**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".

STEVE FRATTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST: 😹

FLLY HUGGINS CITY CLERK