

CITY OF WARRENVILLE
CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Held virtually on Monday, February 7, 2022
At Warrenville City Hall
28W701 Stafford Place

In accordance with Governor Pritzker's Disaster Proclamation, Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e), and a determination by the Mayor of the City of Warrenville, this meeting was held virtually.

I. OPENING CEREMONIES

A. Call to Order

Mayor Brummel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Physically Present: Mayor David Brummel

Virtually Present: Aldermen: Stu Aschauer, Clare Barry, Kathy Davolos, Leah Goodman, Jeff Krischel, Craig Kruckenberg, John Lockett, and Bill Weidner

Absent: None

Also Physically Present: City Administrator John Coakley, Assistant City Administrator Cristina White, and City Clerk Julie Clark

Virtually Present: Attorney Brooke Lenneman, Police Chief Ray Turano, Finance Director Kevin Dahlstrand, Public Works Director Phil Kuchler, Senior Accountant Leo Beltran, and Senior Civil Engineer Kristine Hocking

Also Absent: Community and Economic Development Director Ron Mentzer, and City Treasurer Ann Behrens

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Brummel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CITIZENS COMMENTS

George Swanson, 29W463 Amber Lane, Was unclear on the almost \$900,000 spent between Rockwell and Batavia Roads. He also wanted to know more about the farmland down Landon and Point Oak Road. Mayor Brummel assured Mr. Swanson that Community and Economic Development Director (CEDD) Mentzer would be able to respond as soon as he was back in service.

Pam Spevak, encouraged the City to work with the Forest Preserve District as they develop an updated master plan for Blackwell Forest Preserve. She stressed that public trails on public lands were the way to go.

Mitch Adamus, 29W606 Mack Road, stated that he would like to see the Forest Preserve put in the planned Mack Road trail on the south side of Mack Road. Mr. Adamus stated various reasons why this is his preferred option.

III. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS

A. Mayor Brummel

Mayor Brummel shared that February is Black History Month, which gives us the opportunity to understand Black history, activism and achievement. He also pointed towards wonderful programs and history, which can be found at www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov as well as more locally at the DuSable Museum of African American History in Chicago, www.dusablemuseum.org.

He added that the Warrenville Historical Society will be displaying regional Black history during the month of February, in display cases at City Hall and at the Museum. The City's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Awareness Commission (IDEC) welcomes feedback, ideas, and suggestions to further the mission of inclusivity and respect for all in Warrenville. IDEC can be reached at idec@warrenville.il.us.

Mayor Brummel also thanked the school board and all the teachers for all they are doing in light of everything. He urged everyone to keep that in mind.

B. Clerk

No report

C. Treasurer

No report

D. Aldermen

Alderman Barry thanked the Public Works department for the snow removal.

Alderman Weidner welcomed Alderman Lockett.

E. City Administrator (CA)

No report

F. City Attorney

No report

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Weidner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kruckenberg, to approve the agenda for the February 7, 2022, City Council regular meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Aldermen: Goodman, Kruckenberg, Weidner, Lockett, Krischel, Barry, Aschauer, and Davolos

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Weidner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Davolos, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2022 City Council regular meeting; the minutes of the January 17, 2022, City Council closed session meetings #1, 2 and 3; the minutes of the January 24, 2022, Public Safety and Finance Committee meeting; and the minutes of the January 24, 2022 City Council closed session meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Aldermen: Lockett, Davolos, Barry, Krischel, Goodman, Kruckenberg, Weidner, and Aschauer

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

- A. Accept Senior Civil Engineer Hocking's recommendation and pass resolution R2022-02, approving the reduction of the security letter of credit for public improvements associated with the Warrenville Horizons Alden project, accepting the bill of sale, and placing the project into the two-year maintenance period
- B. Accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation and award \$124,971.40, in Hotel Tax grant funding to various applicants for FY 2023, per the Tourism and Arts Commission memo, dated January 13, 2022
- C. Accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation and approve the Warrenville Historical Society's grant request in the amount of \$20,000, from the Hotel Tax Fund to cover the cost of their part-time Museum Director and Curator, and direct staff to include this funding in the proposed FY 2023 Budget
- D. Accept Public Safety and Finance Committee recommendation and approve the Police Department's request to solicit donations for all 2022 calendar year events, including National Night Out Against Crime and Special Olympics Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run events
- E. Receive and file minutes of the Police Pension Board meeting held on October 26, 2021
- F. Receive and file minutes of the Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission meeting held on November 9, 2021
- G. Receive and file minutes of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners meeting held on November 17, 2021
- H. Receive and file minutes of the Environmental Advisory Commission meeting held on December 21, 2021
- I. Receive and file minutes of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on January 20, 2022

- J. Receive and file report of invoices paid up to February 2, 2022, in the amount of \$90,516.85.
- K. Authorize expenditures for invoices due on or before February 22, 2022, in the amount of \$390,935.98.

Alderman Weidner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Davolos, to approve the Consent Agenda items as read.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Aldermen: Kruckenberg, Krischel, Davolos, Weidner, Aschauer, Lockett, Barry, and Goodman

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Alderman Barry made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodman to accept staff recommendation and authorize funding for upgrades and repairs to the Warren Tavern building from the Hotel Tax Fund proposed FY 2023 Budget, separate from the Hotel Tax Grant program in an amount to be determined.

Discussion: Senior Accountant (SA) Beltran, presented the item as well as staff's suggestion, which was to not break the request between two fiscal years.

Warren Tavern Preservationists President Richard Volkmer presented the funding request, which was for new vinyl windows. Mr. Volkmer said the previous project for trees was abandoned, leaving almost \$7,000 in their current budget. The Warren Tavern would like to allocate the unused funds as well as next year's budget to fund the new windows.

Staff restated the City's preference was to either fund it in full for FY23, or keep the yearly budget to the already allocated \$10,000.

Some concern was expressed about the excess funds still being spent. Finance Director (FD) Dahlstrand clarified that funds requested do not have to be paid out. Therefore, the easiest and best solution would be to approve the full funding for FY23 and then the unused funds from FY22 would just not be used.

The City Council agreed this was the best solution.

Alderman Goodman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Davolos, to increase the Hotel Tax Fund proposed FY 2023 Budget separate from the Hotel Tax Grant program to \$14, 848.89 to fully fund the windows at the Warren Tavern.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Alderman: Krischel, Goodman, Lockett, Kruckenberg, Weidner, Aschauer, Davolos, and Barry

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Barry made a motion, seconded by Alderman Davolos, to enter into closed Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Alderman: Davolos, Barry, Goodman, Aschauer, Kruckenberg, Weidner, Lockett, and Krischel

Nay: None

MOTION ADOPTED

The same members of the Council returned to open session at 8:33 p.m. Mayor Brummel stated that no action was taken during Closed Session.

XI. ADJOURN

The regular Council meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. by voice vote.

Approved: February 22, 2022

Julie Clark
Julie Clark, City Clerk