

20 June 2023 Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meetings of the Silvis City Council held in Silvis City Hall, Council Chambers, 121 11th Street Silvis at 6:30pm.

1) Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Matt Carter called the 20 June 2023 Regular meeting of the Silvis City council to order at 6:30pm and led the Silvis City council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call:

Mayor Matt Carter asked City Clerk Amy Malmstrom to call Roll.

Members Present: Alderman Tony Trulson, Alderman Bob Cervantes, Alderman Craig Pirmann, Alderman Rick Lohse, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

Absent: Alderman Joshua Dyer

3) Discussion and Possible Action to Appoint Alderman to Fill Vacancy:

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to accept, Doug Greer for 2nd Ward Alderman. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays

4) Public Comment:

Steve Marinaccio has been reviewing the website and would like updated Alderman pictures. Clerk Malmstrom said we will be having a new website out very soon. Steve had some questions about a few policies we have.

5) Vote to establish the consent agenda to include the following: (Read, then vote)

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer - Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

7): Vote to approve items on the consent agenda

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 20 June 2023. Motion seconded by Alderman Bob Cervantes.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer - Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

8) Discussion and potential action to approve any items removed from the Consent Agenda

No Items removed from the Consent agenda

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9) Executive Session – Personnel and Probable or Imminent Litigation under 2(c)(1) and (11) of the Open Meetings Act.

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to go into closed session for Personnel and Probable or Imminent Litigation under 2(c)(1) and (11) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer - Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters – Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays @ 6:47 pm

Mayor Matt Carter called the 20 June 2023 Regular meeting of the Silvis City Council to order at 9:17 pm.

2) Roll Call:

Mayor Matt Carter asked City Clerk Amy Malmstrom to call Roll.

Members Present: Alderman Tony Trulson, Alderman Bob Cervantes, Alderman Doug Greer, Alderman Craig Pirmann, Alderman Rick Lohse, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

Absent: Alderman Joshua Dyer

Alderman Tony Trulson reported that no Action was taken during Closed Session.

10) Agenda items for discussion and possible action:

A) Discussion of reasons for the previous vote of No Confidence against Mayor Carter; potential action regarding same – tabled until next meeting.

B) Pappas & Wright Law Firm – removed from the agenda.

C) Ordinance

Item 1) Review and update Cannabis Ordinance

Tabled until next meeting.

D) Public Safety

Item 1) Flock contract

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve a 5-year contract with Flock Safety. Motion seconded by Alderman Dave Rice.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

Item 2) Adding two additional Flock cameras

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve two additional cameras from Flock Safety. Motion seconded by Alderman Dave Rice.

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Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

Item 3) Purchase a new admin vehicle

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve purchasing a new admin vehicle from Hiland Toyota in the amount NTE \$25,000. Motion seconded by Alderman Dave Rice.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

Item 4) Purchase new duty weapons

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve purchasing 17 new duty weapons from Shadow Systems in the amount of \$7,448.38. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

Item 5) Purchase solar batteries for speed signs

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve purchasing 2 new solar batteries for speed signs from all traffic solutions in the amount of \$1,694.00. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

Item 6) Changing speed limit on 18th St. and 7th Ave.

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve changing the speed limit on 18th St. and 7th Ave. to 25 mph to follow our current ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

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E) Parks, Building and Grounds

Item 1) 24-hour fan ventilation for the fire department

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to approve adding a 24-hour fan ventilation system to the Fire Department from A Fry Construction in the amount of \$9,200. Motion seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

Item 2) Wi-fi at the Greenhouse

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to approve Wi-fi to the greenhouse in the amount of \$110.00 per month. Motion seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

Item 3) Adding a wall at City Hall for the accountant's office

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to approve building a wall at City Hall for the accountant's office from A Fry Construction in the amount of \$2,875.00. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters amended the motion to approve building a wall at City Hall for the accountant's office from A Fry Construction in the amount of \$3100.00. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

10) City Attorney Report:

Keri-Lyn said we will be doing elective official training here next Monday night.

11) City Administrator's Report:

Jerry said that his focus has been on economic development, and it does come up as one of the first topics about what is going on at City Hall and with the mayor's vote of no confidence, people wanting to know the divide. If we can get this cleared up it is going to help with the

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economic development of Silvis. At the old Slugger's Pizza, I met with the buyers, and they are going to put in a wood-fire pizza/brewery place. They close on July 10th, they say it will be more on the lines of Tap 22, more upscale. 12 pm to 10 or 11 pm open hours. I have been focused and working on the TIF 8 extension, I meant with the developer, and they are willing to negotiate their portion of it if necessary. I also spoke with Dr. Marrow, and he feels the same way and he understands how important it is for the City of Silvis. I have a couple of other doors to open and knock on. I will say the heritage railroad, I met with the COO, and we toured the facility, if you haven't been there, it is phenomenal what they are doing and hopefully, we can back it up. They are looking for help from the city with the ADA requirements for the bathrooms and the entrance to the facility. I met with the COO of the Real Leaf Botanical Cannabis Grow, We are going to a meeting with State legislators to see if there is any backing. They are also looking to put up a retail location as well and they are waiting for the ordinance to pass. They will be up next to Tap 22. The old Ben Franklin is waiting for the same ordinance to pass, so they can do the infusion business there. Rock River Coin has applied to the façade program, and I also met with a digital sign company that does billboards. They are willing to pay for an easement on City property and want to work with the City to put up a small billboard. They are willing to pay us \$100,000 for the easement and pay a monthly rental fee. This billboard would be a free advertisement for the City, we could put things up there for free. I have received a lot of calls for the appreciation of the new pickleball court. We have also looked into the parcel next to Silvis Heights Park up there and putting in a splash park.

12) City Engineer's Report: None

13) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet

14) City Clerk's Report:

Amy said that she has been working with the attorneys on a lot of things and getting things cleaned up. I am also working with them to get a closing document on the 11th Street property. The Public Works testing is this Saturday at 8 am. Today we had a field trip from It's a Child's World, we had lots of little ones here today and they had a lot of fun. Insurance, we have had a few hiccups with that, and I have been working with some City employees on that along with the Insurance company and Hub. Training for cyber security we are going to be having that coming up soon. Clerk Malmstrom gave a brief pre-view of the website and all it can do.

15) Mayor's Report:

Mayor Matt Carter said that Thursday we have the Liquor Commission meeting here at 9 am. Wanted to say that he ran up to the pickleball court and people are elated about it and say thank you!

16) Call for adjournment of the Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council.

Mayor Matt Carter said if there was no more business to bring before the 20 June 2023 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to adjourn from the 20 June 2023 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Bob Cervantes.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote:

20 June 2023 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 9:50 pm

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17) Call Committee of the Whole to Order & Roll Call

Mayor Matt Carter called the 20 June 2023 Silvis Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:50pm and asked City Clerk Amy Malmstrom to call the Roll.

Roll Call

Members Present: Alderman Tony Trulson, Alderman Bob Cervantes, Alderman Doug Greer, Alderman Craig Pirmann, Alderman Rick Lohse, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderman, Alderwomen Chrissy Winters

18) Comments from the Audience

19) Agenda items for discussion:

A) Economic Development

Item 1) Purchasing 120 9th St. Vacant Lot

Alderman Rick Lohse discussed the purchase agreement for 120 9th St. Vacant Lot.

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to place purchasing agreement for 120 9th St. Vacant Lot on the 05 July 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - No, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

B) Finance

Item 1) Appropriations transfer for FY ending 04/30/2022

Alderman Craig Pirmann discussed the appropriations transfer for FY ending 04/30/2022.

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to place appropriations transfer for FY ending 04/30/2022 on the 05 July 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

Item 2) Supplemental Appropriations ordinance

Alderman Craig Pirmann discussed the Supplemental Appropriations ordinance.

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to place approval of the Supplemental Appropriations ordinance on the 05 July 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

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Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

C) Ordinance Committee Meeting

Item 1) FOIA Policy

Alderman Bob Cervantes discussed adding a FOIA policy.

Motion:

Alderman Bob Cervantes made a motion to place adding the FOIA policy on the 05 July 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Craig Pirmann.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

Item 2) Remote Meetings Ordinance

Alderman Bob Cervantes discussed the remote meeting ordinance.

Motion:

Alderman Bob Cervantes made a motion to place the remote meeting ordinance on the 05 July 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Members Vote: Alderman Tony Trulson - Yes, Alderman Bob Cervantes - Yes, Alderman Doug Greer – Yes, Alderman Craig Pirmann - Yes, Alderman Rick Lohse - Yes, Alderman Dave Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Absent, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

20) City Staff Reports

A) Fire Department:

Chief Winters said approximately a year ago, I was contacted by a gentleman he asked me if the city ever owned a 1939 American LaFrance Fire Truck and sent me a picture that showed me a plaque with who everyone was in the city. I said yes, that was our truck. He wants to know if we want to purchase the truck for \$2,500. I have secured an anonymous donation to purchase the truck, we are going to bring it back and do fundraising to restore the truck. This is a big piece of Silvis history that we sold in 1964 and I have seen it personally, there is some rust on it but no holes in the body. Tom has offered to help restore it and when it is back, we are going to have an event to start our public campaign to raise money.

B) Inspections Department:

Tom said the cannabis business they are getting started up there with some side stuff.

C) Police Department:

Chief VanKlaveren said that they added a concert to the JDC, Blake Shelton and Darius Rucker. We are in a planning session for that.

D) Public Works & Parks:

Joe Rockwell Absent

21) Comments from the Alderpersons:

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Alderman Tony Trulson said Amy did you get a meeting setup for Public Safety for the fire truck. Amy said the committee meetings are on Monday's and it is setup and I have a list of them. If you guys really want me gone, please just let me know.

Alderman Bob Cervantes said I don't want you gone Tony, I just want everyone to work together and I welcome Alderman Greer. We do have a lot of work to get done with this Council and we will wait for Mr. Dyer to get back. Alderman Doug Greer said thank you for letting me in and he likes the passion he seeing we all have for the city.

Alderman Craig Pirmann said he also wants to welcome Alderman Greer, looking forward to working with you. I agree with Bob, and I am also looking forward to moving on. We can call our city the City of Progress, but actions speak louder than words. To get this train back on track, it is important to get it back on track.

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters said she wants to welcome Alderman Greer and now she is no longer the new kid on the block. I have really enjoyed the last couple of months I have been here, and I hope we can continue to move forward and not backwards. I also believe that the Alderman had the best interest of the people in mind when all this stated.

Alderman Dave Rice said welcome Mr. Doug. I also do not want to see any Alderman leave their positions. We all need to work together, and we keep saying it but we need to get past this and keep moving ahead.

Alderman Rick Lohse said welcome Doug, look forward to working with you.

22) Adjournment

Mayor Matt Carter asked for a motion to adjourn from 20 June 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to adjourn from the 20 June 2023 Silvis City Council Regular Meeting. Motion to second by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 20 June 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 10:06pm.

Submitted by,



Amy Malmstrom
City Clerk