

05 September 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 6:30 pm.

1) Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Matt Carter called the 05 September 2023 Regular meeting of the Silvis City Council to order at 6:30 pm 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 Doug Greer, Alderman Craig Pirmann, Alderman Rick Lohse, Alderman Joshua Dyer, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

Absent: Alderman Dave Rice

3) Proclamation: National Hispanic Heritage Month

4) Guest Speaker:

5) Public Comment:

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

7) Vote to establish consent agenda as read

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann 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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

8): Vote to approve items on the consent agenda

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 05 September 2023. Motion seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

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

10) Agenda items for discussion and possible action:

A) Ordinance

Item 1) Ordinance 2023-26 updating Chapter 38 Fire Department Personnel

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve updating Chapter 38 Fire Department Personnel Ordinance. 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 David Rice - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

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Item 2) Updating Article II, Division 1, Section 102-46 – Adult-use cannabis.

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve updating Article II, Division 1, Section 102-46 – Adult-use cannabis. 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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

B) Economic Development

Item 1) Removal of 1105 1st Ave. from TIF district

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve the removal of 1105 1st Ave from TIF district. Motion seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

Vote:

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

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 1 Abstain

C) Finance

Item 1) City Clerk yearly Academy Training

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to approve the City Clerk to attend yearly Academy Training NTE \$2,000. 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 David Rice - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

D) Parks, Building and Grounds

Item 1) Special Event Application

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to approve Special Event application for Silvis Main Street Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Motion was 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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

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E) Executive Session –

Alderswoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining under 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion seconded by Alderman Craig Pirmann. All in favor.

Closed Regular Meeting at 6:48 pm with 5-minute recess.

Opened Regular Meeting at 7:24 pm

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to open the Regular Meeting with no action taken in the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Rick Lohse at 7:26 pm.

10) City Attorney Report: None

11) City Administrator's Report:

Jerry said on the 16th of August we had the annual TIF meeting, the TIF attorney is putting together the TIF agreement that has been made, and it will go out to all the taxing bodies for their signatures. The Railroad Heritage Project on December 16th & 17th there will be a Silvis North Pole Express. We will do our best to help support that project. The Grow Facility is well on its way, phase 1 is just about completed. Rock River Coin and Jewelry, we did attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house The Billboard company that I was talking to, it has kind of fallen flat. Illini Hospital, I have spoken with their CEO, and they are in the process of getting back to us with a proposal to either lease or buy some land up on Crosstown for a Dog Park. On Solar, Iowa Solar is owned now by Simply Ray and that would explain why they have not got back to us. They were unable to find a contract for the Public Works Building and neither was I, so we are working on that. Craig had some questions on the TIF agreement and Jerry clarified for him.

12) City Engineer's Report: None

13) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet

14) City Clerk's Report:

Amy said she has been asked about Halloween hours. We normally do 5 pm to 8 pm, do we want to stay with that or change the times. On October 15th we are doing a Hispanic Heritage Day at Hero Street. It will be a small ceremony, music, and a couple of food trucks. The Fall Festival is on the 16th. TIF training, I am working with Gwen who will be getting on Zoom to do training on TIF's, if you have a specific day that doesn't work for you let me know. 139 3rd St. We have acquired that property, it went to tax sale, and we took the deed on that.

15) Mayor's Report:

Mayor Matt Carter said Rose Creations is the new pastry shop down on 1st Ave, it is now open. Public Works deadline for sending in your application is September 15th by 4:30 pm. The Liquor Commission met, and we had 3 failures/establishments selling to underage minors in a sting operation. This resulted in 2 written warnings and 1 suspension from opening for 5 days. Silvis Lions Club is having a fundraiser on September 19th between 4 pm to 8 pm at Godfather's. I have been tracking the billing from the City of East Moline going back from 2022 to 2023 for our sewer bill, there was a problem with the reading system that broke, and they were waiting until this last month and that bill was significantly different so we will be looking at some serious credits on the last 6 months of sewer bills. I went to the Labor Day Celebration, breakfast with the City Clerk we talked to the head labor people, and we are trying to work on getting another tour of the Railroad Facility sometime in September. Steve Sandburg from the Railyard is looking for volunteers for the Holiday Train, decorations, a musician, a character, songwriter, or

someone to pass-out cookies. Let Jerry know and he will be the point person with that. Lions Club and Fire Department is having a pancake breakfast on the 16th at 8 a.m.

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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 05 September 2023 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to adjourn from the 05 September 2023 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote:

05 September 2023 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:41pm

Committee of the Whole

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

Mayor Matt Carter called the 05 September 2023 Silvis Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:41pm 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 Joshua Dyer, Alderwomen Chrissy Winters

Absent: Alderman Dave Rice

18) Comments from the Audience

Steve Marinaccio

19) Agenda items for discussion:

F) Ordinance

Item 1) Moving Committee of the Whole before Council Meetings

Alderman Doug Greer discussed moving the Committee of the Whole before the Council Meetings.

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to send this back to Committee. Motion seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

Vote:

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

Motion carried 6 ayes 1 nays

G) Parks, Building and Grounds

Alderman Doug Greer discussed installing a fence @ Schadt Park Basketball Court.

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to place installing a Fence @ Schadt Park Basketball Court. Motion seconded by Alderman Craig Pirmann.

Motion was withdrawn by both the 1st and 2nd. No motion on this item.

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20) City Staff Reports

A) Fire Department:

Chief Winters said Rock Island County has been working on some pager upgrades, they started with Moline and East Moline last year. This is an automated system that gets the department out quicker and works to eliminate dispatcher errors. Last week we went on to that system and it has worked well so far. It has been getting pages out 30 to 40 seconds faster and with less error.

B) Inspections Department:

Tom said he will be on vacation for 2 weeks as of Monday.

C) Police Department:

Chief VanKlaveren said that usually with Halloween we meet with other towns and coordinate the times, this way we can all have the same night and times, and it eliminates having a ton of kids from other towns coming into the city. I need to call a Public Safety meeting for in-car computers.

D) Public Works & Parks:

Joe Rockwell was not in attendance.

21) Comments from the Alderpersons:

Alderman Tony Trulson said Creative Pastry's hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The library held their second Bingo night at McGhee, and it was a rousing success. They had close to 100 people show up and we need to suggest another location that holds more people for their next one. November 4th will be their last and 3rd game night for the year.

Alderman Bob Cervantes said just to touch on the Hispanic Heritage Month, we are running it on the same line as the past 2 events and I would ask for some help from all the Departments. 12 to 2, I have talked to a couple of bands today, speakers, and food trucks I am still talking to. My theme right now I am thinking about Where we have been to where we are going. I can address that by looking at our Police Department, we have 3 Hispanic police officers with 2 being bilingual. It does tie into the Railroad as well.

Alderman Craig Pirmann said I grew up in Silvis and I only know a few words in Spanish, and I can't repeat most of them. I do like the idea of the theme, it goes into Economic Development, I am working on things, and it ties into a few things. We have a lot of work to do and if we work together, we can get a lot done.

Alderman Joshua Dyer said as long as he has been on the council, he had never remembered approving any closed session minutes. Amy said we have been working on them and they are all typed up and will be at the next council meeting. Have we received any notification of a lawsuit from any former employee? The lawyer said she was not aware of any.

Alderman Rick Lohse said Dog Park-Jerry help me out.

22) Adjournment

Mayor Matt Carter asked for a motion to adjourn from 05 September 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council

Motion:

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to adjourn the 05 September 2023 Silvis City Council Regular Meeting. Motion to second by Alderman Bob Cervantes.

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 05 September 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by,

Amy Malmstrom
City Clerk