

17 October 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 17 October 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: Rotary International

4) Guest Speaker: Amy Fry

5) Public Comment: Joe Knapp

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

7) Vote to establish consent agenda as read

Motion:

Alderman Rick Lohse made a motion to establish the Consent Agenda as read. 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

8): Vote to approve items on the consent agenda

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read dated 03 October 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 2023-30 updating Chapter 90, Article VII of the Silvis City Code of Ordinance

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-30 updating Chapter 90, Article VII of the Silvis City Code of 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 David Rice - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

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Item 2) Resolution 2023-31R Hospital Road Grant

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-31R Hospital Road Grant. Motion 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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

B) Economic Development

Item 1) Ordinance 2023-29 RDA Updated Agreement with RBH Resources, LLC – Rock River Coin & Jewelry

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-29 Updated RDA Agreement with RBH Resources, LLC – Rock River Coin & Jewelry. 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

Item 2) Special use upon review for Cannabis Grow Facility

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to approve special use upon review for Cannabis Grow Facility. 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

Item 3) Special use upon review for Cannabis Dispensary

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to approve special use upon review for Cannabis Dispensary. 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

C) Finance

Item 1) Forgiving Penalties for 100 Brakeshoe Court in the amount of \$425.23

Motion:

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to approve 100 Brakeshoe Court water bill forgiveness in the amount of \$425.23. Motion 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 - Absent, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

D) Parks, Buildings & Grounds

Item 1) Installing a Fence @ Schadt Park Basketball Court

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to approve installing a fence @ Schadt Park Basketball court NTE \$2,000. Motion seconded by Alderman Craig Pirmann.

Vote:

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

Motion carried 4 ayes 3 nays 1 Abstain 1 Absent

Item 2) IMEG Pay Estimate for Langman Construction in the amount of \$205,049.56 out of Rebuild Funds

Motion:

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters made a motion to approve the IMEG Payment estimate for Langman Construction in the amount of \$205,049.56. 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

10) City Attorney Report: None

11) City Administrator's Report:

Jerry said he is glad Amy is back from her training. Finished the Grant Writing Course and received a certificate for passing.

12) City Engineer's Report: None

13) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet

14) City Clerk's Report:

Amy said that she was at training all last week, it was wonderful, and she has lots of new ideas. I signed up for another course on top of the Grant writing course, that I learned about at this training, it is called Community Building. I am still paying catch up with the piles on my desk and she thanked Jerry for his help while she was out.

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15) Mayor's Report:

Mayor Matt Carter said he wanted to congratulate Alderman Cervantes on his wonderful job down at the Hero Street event. He also wanted to say that somehow the DOT removed Hero Street from the map, it has now been reinstated. We will do a Silvis News for November with lots of upcoming events. November 16th is the tour of the Moline Water Plant, if you have not done it, I recommend that you go, it is a very interesting tour, and this is open to everyone including the Public. Silvis Pension board did meet, and we recommended changes of a 6% to 7% yield rate on investments next year. I did put in an ad for a City Administrator, I will put on the agenda to retain Jerry for an extended period. Mayor also wanted to say that we as a City Council need to come together as one group. I know for the benefit of the city and our residence our department heads; we need to stop the divide. I ask the Council as a whole to come together and talk about our committees and let's get back to business as it used to be. I think enough is enough, you made the point and if an individual will not apologize, leave that up to the voter. You showed that you not only said something, but you created action, and that action should be done and taken care of. When we talk about greatest assets, TIFS and ext. our greatest assets are in this room, in many respects. Please, in the next 2 weeks let's come together, talk and figure out the committees and let's get down to business and some normalness. I will send out a recommendation of the committees but I want everyone to work on it. The Lawyer said as a cavate that groups of 2 or more need to be careful, make sure you do not have 2 or more so we do not violate the OMA. In an email, reply all is not your friend. Mayor said to have a one on one phone conversation.

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

Motion:

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to adjourn from the 17 October 2023 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote:

17 October 2023 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:59pm

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

Mayor Matt Carter called the 17 October 2023 Silvis Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:59pm 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, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

Absent: Alderman Dave Rice

18) Comments from the Audience

Steve Marinaccio

19) Agenda items for discussion:

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E) Public Safety

Item 1) Purchasing another squad car for the PD

Chief VanKlaveren explained the need for getting another squad car on order. He is concerned that he may not get one next year if we don't get our order in.

Motion:

Alderman Bob Cervantes made a motion to place purchasing a new squad car from Kunes NTE \$50,000 on the 07 November 2023 agenda for approval. 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

20) City Staff Reports

A) Fire Department:

Chief Winters said that 2 Saturdays ago the firefighters were at Crosstown and 10th St. to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, they raised \$2802 all cash donations within 3 hours. Thank you to everyone who donated. This coming Saturday from 11 to 2 is our Open House at the 10th Street location. We will have activities for the kids, food trucks and we have a live fire demonstration. I will be out of the office Thursday – Saturday.

B) Inspections Department:

Tom said he wanted to Thank the Mayor for what he said tonight and for trying to bring this council back together. Where we sit it has been volatile and split, water is under the bridge and let's start working together.

C) Police Department:

Deputy Chief Copeland said that he wants to remind everyone that we have another Drug Take Back scheduled for the 28th from 10 to 2 at the PD.

D) Public Works & Parks:

Joe Rockwell said we did hire 2 new guys with 7 more on the list. One started yesterday and the other on November 30th. We finally got the Hometown Hero Banners, and they are now up. 14th Street update was given. He needs a meeting called for Public Works, for the maintenance program for the meter reading and for purchasing commercial meters.

21) Comments from the Alderpersons:

Alderman Bob Cervantes said he wanted to touch on the mayor's call for unity and for Tom saying it is volatile, Bob doesn't see volatile. What was done was done, when we don't admit to our mistakes, we will go on to keep making them. For the Hispanic Heritage event, I want to thank the Aldermen who were there and Deputy Chief Copeland. All our speakers were good, but I must give a shout-out to Officer Vargus, he touched on the whole point of being there. I can't say enough about our City Clerk and how much she helped, along with the Public Works, Speakers, Officer Johnson, Brian Hendricks, and his help along with all the residents.

Alderman Doug Greer said to Bob that the even was phenomenal, I was really impressed. Mayor, I agree with what you said, and I agree that it is time.

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Alderman Craig Pirmann said I do not see volatility here, but I do see division, it is not just in this room but all over our city. When I came in as Alderman, I wanted to build a Team Silvis, we can do this but it isn't just among ourselves as Alderman, it is rumors, lies, and things that eat away at our core and our foundation of what we could be. I think we just have a light management of our resources, and we are not working together. We don't have direction or a plan or conformity. We need to come together to talk to each other about a plan or conformity. I know there are bright people in this room, and I would love to hear all their ideas and opinions. We are all afraid of talking in one way because of an OMA violation and we have to be careful and not look for the mistakes. We need to set aside that personal stuff. We have heard that past practices have come in different monsters, but monsters have many different shapes, sizes, and forms. We can all learn from this. Let's put the past behind us, I have no problem with that, I just want to make a better city. Bob, your event was a very positive effective event for our community, we need more of that. Let's get this train back on track, a new track, not the old track.

Aldermanwoman Chrissy Winters said thank you for a great time on Sunday.

Alderman Joshua Dyer said he had one comment, he wanted to know about the Closed meeting minutes that everyone was supposed to review and then come back to. Amy said that some of those minutes are being reviewed by the lawyers with some of them being lawsuits being involved we have to be careful, so it is on the list for the next meeting.

Alderman Rick Lohse said thank Bob for all your efforts and I will not be at the next council meeting due to being out of town.

22) Adjournment

Mayor Matt Carter asked for a motion to adjourn from 17 October 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council

Motion:

Alderman Bob Cervantes made a motion to adjourn from the 17 October 2023 Silvis City Council Regular Meeting. Motion to second by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Motion carried via voice vote:

The 17 October 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Submitted by,

Amy Malmstrom
City Clerk