

**05 December 2023 Minutes of the Regular and Committee of the Whole Meetings of the Silvis City Council held in Silvis City Hall, Council Chambers, 121 11<sup>th</sup> Street Silvis at 6:40pm.**

**1) Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor Matt Carter called the 05 December 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 Doug Greer, Alderman Craig Pirmann, Alderman Rick Lohse, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderman Joshua Dyer, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

**3) Proclamation:**

**4) Guest Speaker: Swear in Nico Castro**

**5) Public Comment:**

Steve Marinaccio

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

**7) Vote to establish consent agenda as read**

***Motion:***

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to establish 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, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 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 December 2023. 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 - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays

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

**10) Agenda items for discussion and possible action:**

**E) Public Works**

**Item 1) Repairs for 2009 International 7000 series**

***Motion:***

Alderman Bob Cervantes made a motion to approve repairs to the 2009 International 7000 series. 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 - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays

## **Regular Meeting**

**05 December 2023**

### **F) Public Safety**

#### **Item 1) Gloves for the Fire Department in the amount of \$2,460 from Sandry Fire Supply**

**Motion:**

Alderman Bob Cervantes made a motion to approve purchasing gloves from Sandry Fire Supply in the amount of \$2,460. 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 - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays

### **G) Finance**

#### **Item 1) Leadership QC opportunity for Jackie**

**Motion:**

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to approve Jackie Macias to attend the Leadership QC in the amount of \$2,500. 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 - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays

#### **Item 2) RMA Insurance Renewal**

**Motion:**

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to approve Risk Management Insurance renewal with IMLRMA in the amount NTE \$180,733. 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 - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays

### **H) Committee Meeting Assignments**

#### **Item 1) Committee Meeting Assignments**

**Motion:**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve Committee Meeting Assignments. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Chrissy Winters.

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

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 Abstain

## **Regular Meeting**

**05 December 2023**

### **Executive Session:**

#### **Motion:**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to go into closed session for Bargaining under 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion seconded by Alderman Bob Cervantes.

#### **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 - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Yes  
Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays 1 Abstain

Paused Regular Meeting at 7:00pm

Closed Meeting Opened at 7:05pm

Closed Meeting Ended at 7:36pm

Regular Meeting Re-Opened at 7:39pm

Alderman Tony Trulson stated that no action was taken during the Closed Meeting.

**10) City Attorney Report: None**

**11) City Administrator's Report:**

Jerry said last meeting he emailed out the TIF VIII extension to everyone, if you have any questions, please let me know. We are going to send it out to the taxing bodies and hopefully get a letter of approval from them. Five Below is finishing up. I am meeting on Friday with the owner of the retail location that Egg Parlor is in, he is interested in purchasing the land between him and Bowlesburg, he has a list of businesses that want to come to Silvis. Regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Gas Station, I have a thick report that has come from the Engineer who will give that to the EPA. This will be a slow process and I asked about capsulation and that is going to take longer and be more costly. We can't sell it anytime soon, but we can take the building down and lay gravel if we want. I have been talking to Eagle Point Solar, they have given us some proposals on 2 other projects we were looking at doing with the city. Scooters Coffee is also interested in that land between Egg Parlor and Bowlesburg, they are currently in a bidding war. Trying to move them more toward Hy-Vee. I spoke today to Bi-State on the hospital road project, that is going forward, and we should hear more in January/February. Cannabis Grow Facility is moving along quickly. SP86 the recycling proposal that is Brian Hendricks discussed is going back to the state, it may not even pass. Alderwoman Winters asked about the property next to the Fire Station, Jerry said that they are going to clean that up. They were originally going to put 3D homes there, but the cost is a lot. We may need to send them something to remind them that they need to clean them up. Alderman Cervantes asked if the gas station building was something that Public Works could do, and Joe said yes, they could.

**12) City Engineer's Report: None**

**13) City Treasurer's Report: In Packet**

**14) City Clerk's Report:**

Amy said this past weekend we had Christmas in Silvis, and it was a wonderful event. We had approximately 400 to 450 people come down. We plan to grow on it next year. The Public Works did amazing at getting the shop cleaned up and it looked great. Avenue Tap on Saturday is having a fundraiser for Foster's Voice, it is something we would like to see the city support. The event starts at 3pm and raffles will be at 5pm they should go until 9pm. Angel Tree we had 36 children and all but 4 have been picked. On the 16<sup>th</sup> I have a group of volunteers coming in to help me wrap everything. Hometown Hero Banners have been opened back up and I do know of at least 5 right now but the more we get the bigger the discount will be. Jerry and I went to the lighting of the tree at the Arsenal, and that is something I would encourage the Alderman to get involved in. They really want to get engaged with the communities around them. I have been working with the accountant and we have been cleaning up a lot of things. Trying to get things updated and where they should be for codes. I will meet with the auditors next week to get that finished up and a couple more audits have come up so I will be working on 3 different audits this month. Alderman Pirmann asked about the accountant position and Amy said she is trying to get things cleaned up and streamlined so that a new person doesn't walk into a mess and once that is complete, I will bring that back to the Council to see what we should do. Julia's Florist is going out of business, and everything is 50% off right now. She really came through for me on Saturday, with some decorations. She let us borrow a bunch of stuff and came down to help us and she did it all for free.

**15) Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Matt Carter said he went to the Main Street board meeting last night and Melinda are Main Street director, has resigned. She is still working 10 hours a week until they find someone. 427 kids for Christmas in Silvis and 20 volunteers. There were 40 letters to Santa.

**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 December 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 05 December 2023 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

***Vote:***

***Motion carried via voice vote:***

05 December 2023 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:57pm

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

Mayor Matt Carter called the 05 December 2023 Silvis Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 7:57pm and asked City Clerk Amy Malmstrom to call the Roll.

**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, Alderman Joshua Dyer, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

**18) Comments from the Audience**

**19) Agenda items for discussion:**

**I) Economic Development**

**Item 1) Appraisal for 118 10<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Motion:**

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to place an appraisal for 118 10<sup>th</sup> St. on the 19 December 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

Alderman Craig Pirmann discussed an appraisal for 118 10<sup>th</sup> St. from Oakwood appraisal company.

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

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays

**J) Ordinance**

**Item 1) Change COW to before Regular Council**

**Motion:**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to place Changing COW to before the Regular Council Meeting on the 19 December 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Bob Cervantes.

Alderman Doug Greer discussed changing COW to before Regular Council.

**Vote:**

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

Motion carried 6 ayes 2 nays

**Item 2) Ordinance 2023-33 Paid Leave for all workers**

**Motion:**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to place ordinance 2023-33 Paid leave for all workers on the 19 December 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Alderman Doug Greer discussed Ordinance 2023-33 paid leave for all workers.

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

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays

**K) Public Safety**

**Item 1) Repairs to Police Department Truck**

**Motion:**

Alderman Bob Cervantes made a motion to place repairs from Jim Whan's for the Police Department Truck NTE \$3,543.06 on 19 December 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

Alderman Bob Cervantes discussed repairs for the Police Department Truck from Jim Whan's NTE \$3,543.06.

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

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays

**L) Finance**

**Item 1) Tax Levy**

**Motion:**

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to place Tax Levy on 19 December 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Dave Rice.

Alderman Craig Pirmann discussed Tax Levy.

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

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays

**Item 2) Increase spending limits for Department Heads**

**Motion:**

Alderman Craig Pirmann made a motion to place increasing the spending limits for Department Heads to \$5,000 and providing the Council a detailed expense report on 19 December 2023 agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

Alderman Craig Pirmann discussed increasing the spending limits for Department Heads to \$5,000.

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

Motion carried 8 ayes 0 nays

**20) City Staff Reports**

**A) Fire Department:**

Chief Winters said he wanted to thank Amy, Main Street and Public Works for all their work with Christmas in Silvis. Chief VanKlaveren for keeping everyone safe. It was a great event, and I was happy to be a part of it.

**B) Inspections Department:**

Tom said that the other place by the pizza place should be down by the end of the month.

**C) Police Department:**

Chief VanKlaveren said that a reminder that Shop with a Cop is Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 to 10 to help. We need help wrapping, that will be most of the help we need.

**D) Public Works & Parks:**

Joe Rockwell said we did have our have our first snow event and we use 6800 tons of salt.

**21) Comments from the Alderpersons:**

Alderman Tony Trulson said he wanted to say thank you to everyone who did so much work with Christmas in Silvis. Thanks to Public Works for keeping the streets clean. I will not be here for the next Council Meeting. Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Felis Navida and whatever else.

Alderman Craig Pirmann said in light of all these discussions we have had tonight, I do want to let all the other Alderman know that not 3 of you but my line is always open. I will discuss things openly and fairly, and if we don't start doing that, we will have some pickles. I want to thank the Chief for not running the traffic into my drive. It was a nice event and thank you to all involved.

Alderman Josh Dyer said the first thing he is concerned about it the OMA and the closed session minutes. Amy said they will be on the next one, she is working with the attorney to get them ready. Josh wants to be able to come in and read over them before they vote on them. Amy said they can be ready next week for Alderman to come in and read so we can approve them before the end of the year. The other thing Josh wanted to say is for everyone to but their boots up by their doors tonight, St. Nicolas is tonight.

Alderwoman Chrissy Winters said thanks to everyone who was involved with Christmas in Silvis, it was a lot of fun. The Fire Dept does a great job in getting everything set up.

**22) Adjournment**

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

**Motion:**

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

**Motion carried via voice vote:**

The 05 December 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 8:51pm.

Submitted by,

Amy Malmstrom  
City Clerk