

**20 March 2024 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 6:30pm.**

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

Mayor Matt Carter called the 20 March 2024 Silvis Council Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:30pm and asked City Clerk Amy Malmstrom to call Roll.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

Members Present: Alderman Tony Trulson, Alderman Doug Greer, Alderman Craig Pirmann, Alderman Dave Rice, Alderman Joshua Dyer

Absent: Alderman Rick Lohse, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters

**4) Proclamation:**

**5) Remote Electronic Attendance (if necessary)**

Approval of the remote electronic attendance of certain elected officials

**6) Public Comment:**

**7) Discussion and possible action:**

**7.1) PBG-H&H lighting estimate for \$9,385.00 for City Hall Lights replacement**

***Motion:***

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to discuss PBG-H&H lighting estimate for \$9,385.00 for City Hall Lights replacement. Motion seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

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

***Motion:***

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to place PBG – H&H lighting estimate for \$9,385.00 for City Hall Lights replacement on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Joshua Dyer.

***Vote:***

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

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 absent

**7.2) Donation for Little League**

***Motion:***

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to discuss donation for Little League. Motion seconded by Alderman Dave Rice.

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

***Motion:***

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to place donation for Little League NTE \$2000 on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March agenda for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Joshua Dyer.

***Vote:***

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

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 absent

**7.3) Personnel – Summer Internship Opportunity**

**Motion:**

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to discuss Summer Internship Opportunity. Motion seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

**Motion carried via voice vote:**

**Motion:**

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to place Summer Internship Opportunity on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 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 - Absent, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Absent

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

**7.4) Ordinance – Resolution 2024-10 Assignment of Representative for the Land**

**Back Authority**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss Resolution 2024-10 Assignment of Representative for the Land Bank. Motion seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

**Motion carried via voice vote:**

**Motion:**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to place Resolution 2024-10 Assignment of Representative for the Land Back Authority on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March agenda for approval. 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 - Absent, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Absent

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

**7.5) Board Finance – Contract for Towing Services**

**Motion:**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to discuss Contract for Towing Services. Motion seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

**Motion carried via voice vote:**

**Motion:**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to place Contract with recommend company Quad City Towing on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 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 - Absent, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Absent

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

**7.6) Economic Development – Contract for the Road to Warren Height and Warren Tower**

**Motion:**

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to discuss Contract for the Road to Warren Height and Warren Tower. Motion seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

**Motion carried via voice vote:**

**Motion:**

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to place Contract for the Road to Warren Height and Warren Tower on the 2nd<sup>of</sup> April 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 - Absent, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Absent

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

**7.7) Personnel – Renewal of Insurance with BCBS at an increase of \$10,187.28 VSP \$100**

**Motion:**

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to discuss Renewal of Insurance with BCBS at an increase of \$10,187.28 VSP \$100. Motion seconded by Alderman Doug Greer.

**Motion carried via voice vote:**

**Motion:**

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to place Renewal of Insurance with BCBS at an increase of \$10,187.28 VSP \$100 on the 20th<sup>of</sup> March 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 - Absent, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Absent

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

**8) Informational:**

**8.1) City Attorney Report:**

Nothing to report.

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

Jerry said the Grow Facility a quarter of it has been built, I have set up a tour for Friday at 1:30pm for any City Officials who would like to go. They are not producing or growing yet but we can tour. The digital billboard that is going up in the Jewel parking lot is slated to go up Mid-May or end of June. I did go down and visit with Johnathan from Gomez Body Shop, it is the old Mud Jacking place. At some point he would like to do a ribbon cutting or help promote him in any way. The Solar Project we did meet with them and discuss it at Committee, they would like to come down from Eagle Point and help answer any questions that I was unable to answer. He would come to a Committee of the Whole and that would be the Councils decision on when they would like to meet. I have been in

contact with the developer who wants to build next to the Egg Parlor. He is looking at financing through the Illinois Finance Authority Program we just signed up for. We are trying to bring that back to life. 5 Below is now up and running, 10:30am on Friday we have the Ribbon Cutting. The Gas Station on 1<sup>st</sup> street has come down. Punk Rock Pizza got their temporary liquor license today and all equipment is inside, they will open within another month. The old Ben Franklin building they have gutted it and cleaned it out, it has been purchased and will be a Furniture Store. We are working with the Railroad Heritage right now to get some transportation grants to bring another road in by the foundry and see if East Moline will go in with us on this grant. We are going forward with the Land Bank Authority. Alderman Trulson said PBG held a meeting on the Solar, primarily we had information on the purchase and the ownership but not the EPA, we will have that at the next committee meeting, and we were leaning toward that instead of going to the COW. Gathering info before we bring it to the COW. City Clerk said that if we are going to have a speaker, we need to have them at a COW instead of just a committee meeting.

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

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

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

Amy said she got the letter from the accountant, and I emailed all of you on that and I also put it in your packet. We will have a response within the next couple of weeks, a second audit is being finalized now. We did have to get treatment for termites at City Hall, they did have to tear up quite a bit of carpet. They laid the carpet back down, but I am getting some bids on replacing the carpet which is on our CIP project. The termite people also recommended that when we replace the carpet, we treat the cracks in the cement, so we do not get termites again. Thank you all for giving me time this week with my family emergency, I appreciate that.

**8.6) Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Carter said to be very cautious about opening emails, it seems like there is a huge trend on Phishing. Everyone just be careful, if you don't know what it is send it over to Amy and she can send it over to our software people and they can safely see what it is. 850 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon at Schadt Park. Coming up on April 8<sup>th</sup> is Bulk Pick up. I received an email at 5:05 this evening from Ancel Glinck, I did make a copy of it and handed it out and emailed it. A breakdown of expenditures and costs for certain things, as well as a mistake on Travel Time, there is no Travel Time, that will be adjusted. I do not know the \$ amount but I will follow up on that.

**9) Call for an adjournment form the COW Meeting**

Mayor Matt Carter asked for a motion to adjourn from 20 March 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council

**Motion:**

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to adjourn from the 20 March 2024 Silvis City Council Regular Meeting. Motion to second by Alderman Bob Cervantes.

**Motion carried via voice vote:**

The 05 March 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 7:57pm.

## **Regular Meeting**

**20 March 2024**

### **1) City Council Call to Order**

#### **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 Dave Rice, Alderman Joshua Dyer

#### **3) Public Comment:**

#### **4) Establish the consent agenda to include the following: (Read, then vote)**

#### **5) Vote to establish consent agenda as read**

##### ***Motion:***

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as read. Motion seconded by Alderman Joshua Dyer.

##### ***Vote:***

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

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

#### **6): Vote to approve items on the consent agenda**

##### ***Motion:***

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated 20 March 2024. Motion seconded by Alderman Joshua Dyer.

##### ***Vote:***

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

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

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

#### **8) Discussion and possible action on:**

##### **8.1) PBG-H&H lighting estimate for \$9,385.00 for City Hall Lights replacement**

##### ***Motion:***

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve PBG – H&H lighting estimate for \$9,385.00 for City Hall Lights replacement. Motion seconded by Alderman Joshua Dyer.

##### ***Vote:***

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

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 absent

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### **8.2) Donation for Little League**

**Motion:**

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve donation for Little League NTE \$2,000.

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

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 absent

### **8.3) Personnel – Summer Internship Opportunity**

**Motion:**

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to approve Summer Internship Opportunity. Motion seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

**Motion:**

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to approve Summer Internship Opportunity up to 20 hours a week at minimum wage. 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 - Absent, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Absent

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

### **8.4) Ordinance – Resolution 2024-10 Assignment of Representative for the Land Back Authority**

**Motion:**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-10 Assignment of City Administrator and City Building Inspector for the Land Back Authority. 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 - Absent, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Absent

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

### **8.5) Board Finance – Contract for Towing Services**

**Motion:**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to approve Contract with Quad City Towing for 3-year contract. 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 - Absent, Alderman David Rice - No, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Absent

Motion carried 5 ayes 1 nays 2 Absent

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### **8.6) Personnel – Renewal of Insurance with BCBS at an increase of \$10,187.28 VSP \$100**

#### **Motion:**

Alderman Dave Rice made a motion to approve Renewal of Insurance with BCBS at an increase of \$10,187.28 VSP \$100. 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 - Absent, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Absent

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

### **9) City Staff Reports**

#### **A) Fire Department:**

Chief Winters said on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm up at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Station we are going to be having a Swearing in Ceremony for 4 of our Firefighters and 2 promotions will be recognized. I will be out of the office next week, in town, but not available unless it is an emergency.

#### **B) Inspections Department: None**

#### **C) Police Department:**

Chief VanKlaverren said that on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 2 is Drug Take Back, so if you want to drop any old prescriptions. Advertised for the CSO again, the first time didn't work out so we will be doing it again. We will test Mid-April.

#### **D) Public Works & Parks:**

Joe said the guys are out filling potholes, there are a ton around so if you get any calls, we are working on that. We are fixing mailboxes, sod damage from the wintertime. We will start flushing here soon too. Park restrooms will be open by the end of the month. Pump Track will be open on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Just to let you guys know we did fix a pretty bad water main break, we had to clamp it 5 times.

### **10) Comments from the Alderpersons:**

**Alderman Trulson** said he would like to remind everyone that the Silvis Public Library will be holding a bake sale on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm. This is an annual event, and it supports the Friends of the Silvis Library. If anyone wants to donate, bake something, or buy something they will be taking donations until 8pm on Thursday. It is in the Newsletter, or you all received an email. The other thing that bothers me is the Legal Fees analysis, we have a charge on here for Alderman Pirmann is how it is listed, this was before he was an Alderman. The charge is from April 2023, and Alderman Pirmann was not sworn in until May. If these finances were not requested by Alderman Pirmann we wouldn't have noticed, we would not have known or had any idea that we are being charged mistakenly or not and we would have just paid it off. I think a little more concentration or be more diligent at looking at these bills and what they are for. It seems odd to me that some of these charges are coming through involving Alderman Pirmann, Alderman Dyer and maybe not for other people. I don't know if they are being singled out but to me that is a little concerning. I think we need to some more follow up on these bills, glad you included this because I did not see this in the email that it was a mistake but I do believe from what I remember and what I saw at the last meeting it wasn't just the one time Travel Fee we were being charged but multiple. Maybe they were multiple times for the

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same gentlemen I don't know. Mark I am hoping he is the gentlemen; I don't know. I don't know if they charged us every time, he came by accident but that should have been caught by them before it got to us. Little concerned about that, it was something we stressed when they first came in.

**Alderman Cervantes** said big Thank You to our Building Inspector, Tom and Joe our Public Works Director for getting that gas station down quickly. Thank you both. Joe said 3 containers and it will be done. We are moving forward with the Memorial Day Service down on Hero Street. I believe we have all our speakers lined up for that.

**Alderman Pirmann** said he had something come up with some constituents, it has come up on a couple of occasions. Barking dogs, excessively. Can we put this in the newsletter because I am hearing it too. I never thought about it as a responsibility, but a lot of our neighbors don't seem to care. They let their dog bark for hours and I went down to listen and sure enough it was hours. We don't have to make an Ordinance necessarily but if we can put it in the newsletter about monitoring your dogs for excessive barking. The other issue is, and I am going to back with Tony on this one, it is really odd that Josh and I are isolated on this report. When I know for sure, for a fact and I got the same report that other Alderman have utilized Ancel Glink, why are they not on here. This is really strange to me. When I look at something like this it just adds fuel to the fire that is already burning that we do need to address as a Council. I would suggest that we put this at an Executive meeting, or I don't care but we need to address this. I am not taking this personal, but I do see \$991 in January, I never talk to Ancel Glinck in January, and I don't understand that it is a lot of money to me. I hope we can get through this professionally and not personally. This is not a personal thing, but somebody is making it personal. Amy, I am sorry about your mom, my prayers are with you. Thank you for doing the best you can remotely and take all the time you need; we have all been there. We got your back.

**Alderman Dyer** said we have a donation to the city from a Girl Scout Troop 2716 they provided 6 birdhouses. Thanks, Joe, for taking care of that and putting those up in our parks. The ARPA funds, is there a deadline or a time those need to be spent by? Amy said next year. Alderman Dyer wanted to know if there was an overall plan. Amy said it was discussed to use them for infrastructure and part of it we are using for the East Moline, Carbon Cliff connection. She can get to everyone what is left and an idea of what has been discussed for the next meeting.

Alderman Dyer said the attorney fees, I know we just got this, I went through those bills individually found all the ones for the travel, the pack even the spreadsheet here doesn't match the line items that I added up. Even after Kari Lyn looked at it she is clearly mistaken at the bills we saw. Plenty of questions there.



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**Executive Session: Collective Bargaining under 2(c)(2), Personnel 2 (c)(1), Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes 2(c)(21), Purchase of property 2(c)(5), Possible Litigation 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.**

**Motion:**

Alderman Doug Greer made a motion to go into Executive Session for Collective Bargaining under 2(c)(2), Personnel 2 (c)(1), Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes 2(c)(21), Purchase of property 2(c)(5), Possible Litigation 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

**Regular Meeting Closed at 8:04pm**

**Executive Session Opened at 8:12pm**

**Closed Executive Session at 8:23pm**

**Open Regular Meeting at 8:26pm**

**Alderman Tony Trulson said No Action taken in Executive Session**

**11) Discussion and possible action to approve memorandum of understanding with the Fraternal order of Police.**

**Motion:**

Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to approve memorandum of understanding with the Fraternal order of Police. 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 - Absent, Alderman David Rice - Yes, Alderman Joshua Dyer – Yes, Alderwoman Chrissy Winters - Absent

Motion carried 6 ayes 0 nays 2 Absent

**12) 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 March 2024 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:**

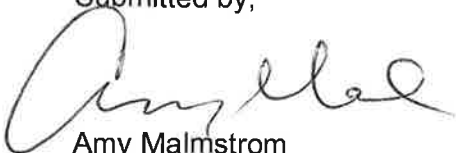
Alderman Tony Trulson made a motion to adjourn from the 20 March 2024 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council. Motion was seconded by Alderman Bob Cervantes.

**Vote:**

**Motion carried via voice vote:**

20 March 2024 Regular Meeting of the Silvis City Council adjourned at 8:26pm

Submitted by,



Amy Malmstrom  
City Clerk