



City of Troy

City Council Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:30pm

Location: Council Chambers, City Municipal Building, 116 East Market Street, Troy, Illinois 62294

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor David Nonn called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, and led the aldermen and meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call in Alphabetical Order

Present: Dan Dawson, Tim Flint, Elizabeth Hellrung, Nathan Henderson, Sam Italiano, Debbie Knoll, Tony Manley and Troy Turner. **Absent:** None. **Other Officials Present:** City Administrator Doug Partney, City Treasurer Kelly Huelsmann, City Engineer Tom Cissell, City Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director Rob Hancock, Interim Chief of Police Brent Shownes, Building and Zoning Administrator Linda Taake, Deputy Clerk Andrea Lambert, Assistant to City Administrator Michele Colligan, Administrative Clerk Heather Klueter and City Clerk Kim Thomas.

C. Reading and Approval of Minutes

The May 3, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes, first and second meetings, were both approved unanimously by voice vote of the council aldermen.

D. Communications, to be provided by the City Clerk - none

E. Citizen Participation - Limited to three (3) minutes per person

Mark Berg, Ken Hunter, and Alan Secrest spoke to the council about drainage issues on Schurwood Drive and Zenk Road in northwest Troy. Mark Berg said they were at the council meeting a month ago to discuss an erosion problem near his home due to excessive drainage. This has been going on for the last 10-15 years and has gotten worse over time. One resident spent "an exorbitant amount of money to keep his house from falling into the creek." Something needs to be done to contain the water flow. They are losing a lot of trees and a lot of land. Someone from the city came out and looked at the affected properties last month and saw the erosion issues.

They would like some direction from the city council on what needs to be done.

Mayor Nonn said he drove out and looked at the area. He talked to Rob (Public Works Director) and Tom (City Engineer). They have some preliminary ideas for a fix that they are working on. The mayor said he would like to see the properties during a hard rain. Mr. Berg said he has a video that shows what occurs during a heavy rain. He will share the video with the mayor.

F. Mayor's Comments

1. Approval of Chief of Police Appointment

Brent Shownes was recommended for appointment to Troy Chief of Police by Mayor Nonn.

Motion: To appoint Brent Shownes to the position of Troy Chief of Police, effective immediately.

Moved by Turner. **Second by** Italiano. **Vote:** Motion passed (Aye = 8; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Manley, and Turner.

2. Oaths of Office for Brent Shownes, Troy Chief of Police and New Troy Police Officers.

Chief Shownes was sworn in by Mayor Nonn and pinned by his father, former police officer Ron Shownes.

New officers: Jennifer Hautly, Brent Beltz, Zack Sellers, Paul Franklin, and Alex Reish were sworn in by Commissioners Ryan Metcalf and Don Clark of the Police and Fire Commission.

3. *Approval of Council Committee Assignments*

Mayor Nonn recommended the following committee assignments for the two-year term:

Administrative & Community Services

Elizabeth Hellrung, Chair
Debbie Knoll, Vice Chair
Sam Italiano
Dan Dawson

Law Enforcement & Emergency Services

Sam Italiano, Chair
Tony Manley, Vice Chair
Tim Flint
Troy Turner

Finance & Economic Development

Nathan Henderson, Chair
Elizabeth Hellrung, Vice Chair
Tony Manley
Debbie Knoll

Public Works

Dan Dawson, Chair
Troy Turner, Vice Chair
Nathan Henderson
Tim Flint

Motion: To approve committee assignments as recommended.

Moved by Henderson. **Second by** Turner. **Vote:** Motion passed (Aye = 8; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Manley, and Turner.

4. *Jim Welch Senior Softball Tournament at Tri-Township Park – May 17-21, 2021*

Mayor Nonn announced the event which started today.

G. City Administrator and City Attorney Comments

1. *City Administrator's Comments*

City Administrator Partney said he attended a webinar on the American Recovery Act, for funds the city anticipates seeing as early as June. We need to begin discussions on allocations of those funds. We could maybe apply some of the funds to drainage issues and the wastewater plant. As he gets additional information, he will pass it along.

2. *Updated Rate Schedule for Republic Services*

Updated rates on the Republic Services contract have been posted. This is a seven-year contract with a 3% increase each year. There was discussion on non-customers and concern about where they are dumping their trash. Illegal dumping of trash is addressed in the current Code of Ordinances.

3. *City Attorney's Comments*

Attorney Keck stated the governor issued a new executive order, formally moving Illinois into a "bridge" transition period, effective May 14th. The order includes updated CDC guidelines on masking. It also will let businesses decide how they will handle masking requirements and distancing. He will send the information to the city administrator so it can be disseminated to the aldermen.

H. Consent Agenda

1. *Treasurer's Report for April 2021*

2. *Building & Zoning Report for April 2021*

3. *Business Registrations for April 2021*

4. *Police Report for April 2021*

5. *Water & Sewage Report for April 2021*

6. *Approval of the Consent Agenda as presented*

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by Dawson. **Second by** Henderson. **Vote:** Motion passed (Aye = 8; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Manley, and Turner.

I. Administrative and Community Services Committee Report

1. Planning Commission Meeting – May 20, 2021 – CANCELLED

Alderman Turner announced the meeting cancellation.

2. Building and Zoning Administrative Coordinator's Report

Linda Taake announced that the Planning Commission will meet on June 3, 2021. They will be considering rezoning of the Homes of Liberty Place, at least one preliminary plat for Schmaltz Road and possibly an addition to Stonebriar Estates.

She was approached by someone who wants to turn a vacant building into a wing restaurant. They will need a liquor license. They are willing to settle for a Class C license, which is just beer and wine. We are at our limit (13) on Class E licenses (formerly called tavern licenses), so she will need direction on how to proceed. An ordinance will be prepared for the next council meeting.

J. Finance and Economic Development Committee Report

1. Approval of Aged Obligation Report – April for May 2021

Because of the change in the fiscal year, this report is for expenditures in the month of April, but the checks were written in the month of May. Computer-run checks in the amount of \$152,266.59.

Motion: To Approve Aged Obligation Report – April for May 2021

Moved by Henderson. **Second by** Knoll. **Vote:** Motion passed (Aye = 8; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Manley, and Turner.

2. Approval of Aged Obligation Report – May 2021

Computer-run checks in the amount of \$307,152.23, manual checks in the amount of \$131,261.91, and payroll expenses in the amount of \$443,182.24 (comprising three payroll periods). Total: \$881,596.38.

Motion: To Approve Aged Obligation Report – May 2021

Moved by Henderson. **Second by** Italiano. **Vote:** Motion passed (Aye = 8; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Manley, and Turner.

4. City Treasurer Report - none

K. Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee Report

1. Results of the Law Enforcement Committee Meeting – May 13, 2021

Alderman Italiano stated the committee had a discussion with Chief Shownes. We need to backfill some police positions. Twenty-two positions are authorized. We need to hire at least two officers to bring the total to twenty. The force will be three down by the end of the month. There have been problems getting viable candidates for these positions. Police Chief Shownes said they have advertised for these positions, to accept lateral transfer applications. Mayor Nonn added that the committee discussed possible financial incentives to gain quality officers, both in lateral transfers and new hires. We are going to make a concentrated effort to get the most qualified officers.

2. Acceptance of Resignation of Patrol Officer Bryan Brown, effective May 25, 2021.

Patrol Officer Brown is transferring to the Wood River Police Department.

Motion: To Accept Patrol Officer Brown's Resignation

Moved by Henderson. **Second by** Turner. **Vote:** Motion passed (Aye = 8; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Manley, and Turner.

3. Direction to the Board of Police Commissioners to Fill the Patrol Vacancy due to the Retirement of the Chief of Police

Motion: Request the Board of Police Commissioners Fill the Patrol Vacancy due to Retirement of the Chief of Police

Moved by Henderson. **Second by** Manley. **Vote:** Motion passed (Aye = 8; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Manley, and Turner.

4. *Direction to the Board of Police Commissioners to Make Promotions Discussed by the Law Enforcement Committee*

Motion: Request the Board of Police Commissioners Make Promotions Discussed by the Law Enforcement Committee

Moved by Henderson. **Second by** Hellrung. **Vote:** Motion passed (Aye = 8; Nay = 0)

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Manley, and Turner.

5. *Chief of Police Report*

Chief of Police Shownes announced the recommended promotions: His new Assistant Chief is Lt. Chris Wasser, Sgt. James Newcombe promoted to Lieutenant, and Detective Daniel Lipe promoted to Sergeant. After approval, the promotions will take place May 24th, with the promotion ceremony at a meeting in June. Also, the police department will be conducting DARE graduations over the next two weeks. He is very proud of the students. They raised over \$30,000 for Special Olympics.

L. Public Works Committee Report

1. *City Engineer's Report*

City Engineer Cissell stated they may have something to present on Carrington Farms (the development off of Formosa Road) at the next meeting.

We did not receive funding on the Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant cycle. We had requested funds to extend Riggins Road. We were first on the non-select, missing by 0.2 points. He met with East-West Gateway who gave tips for better results next year.

Zenk Road Erosion Problem. He spoke with Madison County and the Corps of Engineers about the Zenk Road culvert. They are neither one offering us any assistance on this issue. There are no grant programs available to help correct the erosion problem. The drainage area using this culvert is 224 acres. 110 acres of this drainage area are farm fields in unincorporated Madison County. The remainder of land is the subdivision along Bargraves Boulevard which was built in the 1980s. There were no detention requirements in the 80s, so all of this subdivision is undetained, dumping into the culvert. They staked out the pond property last week. They will look in to changing the outlet, making it more restrictive. Mayor Nonn suggested looking into American Rescue Plan money. He believes drainage issues are eligible. They need to see if the city has easements in the area. If not, we may not be able to assist without negotiations. More time will be required to determine possible options.

Troy Trail. Work began April 26th. Keller Construction is currently working on the intersection of Old Collinsville Road and Spring Valley Road.

Meadow Drive Reconstruction. We didn't receive enough survey responses from residents so the city will not be eligible for a CDBG Grant to upgrade this road.

2. *Public Works Schedule and Report*

3. *Public Works Director's Report*

The entire building at Market Street and Main Street is fed by one water meter (101, 103, 105, 107 Market Street and 108 and 110 Main Street). The city is now separating the units, giving them their own water meter. Cook Street water main extension will begin tomorrow.

Food Drive is this week for National Public Works Week. Food drive boxes are around town. All donations will go to Ministries Unlimited.

M. Reports of Special Committees (as needed) – none

N. Ordinances and Resolutions called by the City Clerk, with Citizen Participation

1. *Resolution 2021-06 – Authorization for a Troy Town Centre Maintenance Agreement with Osborn Development, LLC*

This resolution is the result of negotiations with Osborn to ensure compliance with a detention pond. The new subdivision and development ordinance requires a maintenance agreement for all detention areas. The final plat approval for this subdivision was in 2009, which was before the ordinance was approved. The city asked the developer (Osborn) to provide a maintenance agreement. They agreed and posted a \$50,000 bond

to ensure completion of the pond within six months. If they fail to do this, the city cashes in the bond and accomplishes the work. The maintenance agreement will be transferred to lot owners within the development, so all lot owners will have a share and stake in maintenance of the pond.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2021-06 as presented.

Moved by Italiano. **Second by** Knoll. **Vote:** Motion passed (Aye = 8; Nay = 0).

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Manley, and Turner.

O. Closed Session (as needed)

1. *Closed Session IAW 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 - Appointment, Employment, and Performance of Specific Employees*

Motion: To enter closed session in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1

Moved by Henderson. **Second by** Hellrung. **Vote:** Motion passed (Aye = 8; Nay = 0).

Aye: Dawson, Flint, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Manley, and Turner.

P. Adjournment, no later than 10:00 p.m.

Adjournment of the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:55pm by unanimous vote

Kimberly Thomas
City Clerk