

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL
MAY 21, 2019**

The Anna City Council met in regular session at the Anna City Hall at 5:05 p.m. on May 21, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Hartline. The roll call went as follows: Present were Commissioner Michael Bigler, Commissioner Kathy Bryan, Commissioner Bryan Miller, Commissioner Martha Ann Webb and Mayor Steve Hartline. None were absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 7, 2019 ANNA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SAID MEETING.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2019 ANNA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SAID MEETING.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Gary Rider introduced Rick Morse of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Morse presented information on the opportunity of an Explorer Post at the Anna Fire Department. This branch of the Boy Scouts would target 14 to 20-year-old youth. The participates would train with the fire department and eventually be able to report in during a fire. A discussion was held on the process and the insurance requirements. The council decided to take it into consideration.

Ann Toler presented a concern regarding property at 426 E. Jefferson Street. Mrs. Toler stated that she has property in this area and has a hard time renting because of the condition of the trailer court. Commissioner Bigler inquired into Mrs. Toler's properties. She stated that she has been in the rental business for 56 years and has 26 houses at this time. Mayor Hartline stated that the city would look into the matter.

Union County Fair Board representative Terry Henderson spoke to the council requesting to allow sales of beer & wine during the fair. Mayor Hartline clarified that the Fair Board was requesting that the council amend the liquor ordinance to allow alcohol at the park. Attorney John Foley explained that the liquor ordinance allows alcohol to be served on is E & W Davie Street parking lots by approval of Special Events License. Attorney John Foley explained that this is a two-part process. If the liquor ordinance is amended then the Fair Board would have to apply for a Special Events permit. Discussion was held regarding the types of alcohol and security. Commissioner Webb stated that she feels the city is not promoting a safe environment for our children by allowing alcohol at the fair. Billy Henderson spoke to Commissioner Webb's statement, stating that other establishments in town serve alcohol and we patron their businesses. A lady from the audience spoke against alcohol because she had been a victim of an alcoholic family. Mayor Hartline asked the council to review the liquor ordinance and send him their suggestions. Attorney John Foley instructed to place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Treasurer Danyelle Meisenheimer previously presented the Financial Reports through April 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO PAY ALL APPROVED BILLS.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A PARK USAGE APPLICATION FOR ANNA BLUE DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM MAY 29, 2019 THROUGH JULY 26, 2019.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A PARK USAGE APPLICATION TO ANNA HEIGHTS ELC 5K ON AUGUST 10, 2019 WITH A RAIN DATE OF AUGUST 17, 2019.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Mayor Hartline stated that he would be meeting with Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the 146 paving set to start May 29, 2019. Mayor Hartline will also meet with Bryan Zeigler regarding some grants. On June 7, 2019 Mayor Hartline has a meeting with a representative regarding natural gas purchasing.

Commissioner Bigler discussed the following issues: (1) Town Hall meetings; Commissioner Bigler questioned if more than a quorum met with an organization in an informal meeting would the city be required to post an agenda for a special session council meeting. Attorney John Foley stated an agenda should be posted for any meeting with a quorum. (2) Park Playground; Commissioner Bigler stated that he had been working with Foreman Bill Halter and Carolyn Ury regarding the mulch at the playground. A bid was received to cover the playground of \$7500 to \$10,000. This mulch is a special grade for children. They have reviewed the ICEMA guidelines and would like to investigate other options. Commissioner Webb questioned if recycled tires would be an option. Commissioner Bigler requested that the council submit a wish list for the park. (3) Tennis Courts; Commissioner Bigler stated that a group of adults have formed a Pickle Ball Team and meet at the park tennis courts to play regularly. The lines that were painted last year for pickle ball are inadequate for them to play. A review of the warranty on the tennis courts was requested. (4) SIBSA; Commissioner Bigler met with Billy Abernathy, Josh Marggraf, and Erin Suggs. The information they relayed was that they would like the fields prepped in April & May before practices start, fix the fence on “C” field backdrop, and moving fencing on Kiwanis field when the high school is finished for the season. Commissioner Bigler suggested volunteers be allow to come out to the park for a work day. The issue of liability insurance and waiver forms were discussed.

Commissioner Miller stated that the Wi-Fi at the park is not working. Mayor Hartline stated we will contact Josh Ditto.

Mayor Hartline spoke on Hadley’s Haven and the proposal indicates that the playground will be an all access park.

Commissioner Webb spoke regarding the Garden Club wanting to put a portable shed at Hindman Park. Mayor Hartline stated that the Garden Club would need to fill out an agenda request and present their information at a council meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Chief Gary Rider submitted his monthly report. Chief Rider spoke on the growing amount of Squatter's the city has at this time. Chief Rider would like to an ordinance create that if you don't have utility service on you can't live in a residence. Discussion was held regarding declaring these properties public nuisance and taking them to court. Mayor Hartline stated we will look at this issue further.

Police Chief Michael Hunter stated that he would like the council to consider making the Camaro surplus property with a minimum bid of \$10,000.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL & PENDING LITIGATION.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO EXIT CLOSED SESSION.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2019 AS PREVIOUSLY READ AS THE OFFICIAL CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF SAID MEETING.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 21, 2019 BE ADJOURNED AT 9:47 P.M.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline. voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.