

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 1, 2019**

The Anna City Council met in regular session at the Anna City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Hartline. The roll call went as follows: Present were Commissioner Kathy Bryan, Commissioner Bryan Miller, Commissioner Martha Ann Webb and Mayor Steve Hartline. Commissioner Bigler was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 ANNA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES AS SUBMITTED AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SAID MEETING.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Michael Bigler entered meeting at 5:05 p.m.

No public communication was on the agenda, but Mayor Hartline decided to open the floor to people that wanted to speak regarding recreational marijuana. Cindy Swope spoke against the legalizing of cannabis in the City of Anna. She stated that the youth in this community are her concern. Cindy stated that she knows the positive to legalizing cannabis is the financial impact that it could bring to our area, but the negative is the impact it would have for our law enforcement and youth.

Cherry Connelly spoke in favor of legalizing cannabis. She stated the State of Illinois has a program to get people off Opioid's and pain killers by using marijuana. Cherry stated that endocannabinoids are found in our body, which also a chemical in marijuana. She stated the cannabis is already in our community, wouldn't you want to know that people are buying it safely and pure.

Chuck Neal spoke against legalizing cannabis. He stated that medical marijuana is used for illness, but recreational marijuana is like alcohol its addicting. Chuck stated that our youth are the ones that are going to be drawn to it.

Tammy Woodrum spoke neither for or against. She stated that her concern is on the tax revenue and the implementation of the laws for the police. Tammy stated that their insurance company has informed them that they won't cover an accident if it involves cannabis.

Dr. Angela Madura spoke in favor of legalizing cannabis. She stated that if Anna doesn't pass to allow for the sale of recreational marijuana then people will go other places and all that revenue is lost. The tax money will help the police department to be able to enforcement the laws. Angela stated that candy with cannabis infused into it is very expensive, people aren't going to leave it lying around. She also stated that the guidelines to receive medical marijuana make it very hard to get and that the security at Thrive is very rigid.

City Administrator Dori Bigler previously submitted updates on projects she has been working on. City Administrator Bigler asked if the council had any questions about her report.

City Administrator Dori Bigler asked John Wingate give a presentation on Disc Golf. Mr. Wingate stated that Disc Golf is played similar to regular golf but with a frisbee. Recently a 9-hole course was installed in Cobden and has been a success. This is a sport that can be played by all ages and by leagues. John presented information to the council regarding a 9 hole or 18-hole course, with the cost and a rough outline of where the course could be placed at the park. Commissioner Bigler asked about the number of participants that can play on each course. He also thanked Mr. Wingate for all his help at the park with stocking the pond and signage.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR DORI BIGLER TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR DISC GOLF.** 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.

Discussion was held regarding the zoning of the property at 100 S. Green St.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE CITY ATTORNEY JOHN FOLEY TO CREATE A RESOLUTION TO REZONE 100 S. GREEN STREET FROM A R-2 TO B-2.** 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.

Discussion was held regarding the property at the Anna Business Park. Commissioner Bigler asked about the business's that have shown interest and wanted to make sure that all final sales would have to be approved by the council. City Attorney John Foley stated that this is a matter to be discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR DORI BIGLER TO NEGOTIATE PROPERTY SALES AT THE ANNA BUSINESS PARK.** 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 Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE ANNA-JONESBORO ELK'S LODGE ON OCTOBER 12, 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.

Discussion was held regarding the Holiday Parade. Commissioner Miller explained that this parade is a Giving Parade. The parade will only include Anna Fire Trucks, carolers and volunteers to collect the gift along the parade route. Area business's will participate by having an Angel Tree in their business that people will pick from to purchase gifts for the Pay it Forward Program. The gifts will then be brought to the parade to be collected.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-24; HOLIDAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 30, 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.

Discussion was held regarding the legalization of cannabis in the city limits of Anna. Commissioner Bryan stated that if we can benefit from the sales then we should legalize recreational sales. Mayor Hartline stated that cannabis is going to be legal in the State of Illinois and we should pass to legalize it in Anna.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-25; ADULT USE DISPENSING ORGANIZATION LICENSE PURSUANT TO THE CANNABIS REGULATIONS & TAX ACT.** 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.

Discussion was held regarding the 3% tax and the allocation into the General Fund. Commissioner Bigler stated that they should be able to allocated to certain departments.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2019-10; MUNICIPAL CANNABIS RETAILER'S OCCUPATION TAX IN THE CITY OF ANNA.** 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.

Commissioner Bigler questioned Ordinance 81-2; Zoning and asked if the new code enforcement position had been advertised. Mayor Hartline stated that the zoning ordinance will be evaluated once the position is filled.

Zoning Inspector Gary Rider discussed the issue of people wanting to use portable buildings as permanent structures for homes and businesses.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT TO ARDELL STARLING AT 109 DIVISION STREET.** 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 Mayor Hartline that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT TO DANIEL PAGE AT 108 EVERGREEN DRIVE.** 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 A PARK USAGE APPLICATION TO ANNA DISTRICT #37 PBIS INCENTIVE DAYS ON OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2019 WITH RAIN DATES OF OCTOBER 29 & 30, 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 Bryan and seconded by Mayor Hartline that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A PARK USAGE APPLICATION TO KIDS FEST ON OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2019 WITH RAIN DATE OF NOVEMBER 1 & 2, 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 Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE STREET CLOSURE TO UNION COUNTY BIATHLON ON OCTOBER 12, 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 Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER MICHAEL BIGLER AS ACTING MAYOR IN THE ABSENTS OF MAYOR STEVE HARTLINE.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Commissioner Bigler abstained. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Interim Chief Bryan Watkins stated that he has been meeting with City Administrator Dori Bigler regarding hiring additional officers. He requested to advertise and create an eligibility list.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR DORI BIGLER TO ADVERTISE AND CREATE AN ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR NEW POLICE OFFICERS.** 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 THAT THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 BE ADJOURNED AT 5:58 PM.** 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.