

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

The Anna City Council met in regular session at the Anna City Hall at 5:02 p.m. on September 17, 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 Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 3, 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.

James Gentry discussed the issue of the Abandon Vehicle Ordinance. Mr. Gentry stated that the city illegally seized his vehicles. Interim Chief Brian Watkins stated the Illinois statute allow for the city to make stricter rules. James stated that he felt the ordinance is being unfairly enforced. He also stated that the two highest paid officers should not be doing the Fine Violations. Mr. Gentry questioned the Yard Sale Ordinance regarding if it covered the sale of produce at the roadside and if a permit is required. Discussion resumed regarding abandon vehicles. Interim Chief Watkins stated that he has tagged 88 vehicles since he started the enforcement. Mr. Gentry presented to Interim Chief Watkins a list of vehicle violation in town. Commissioner Bryan stated that the process needs to be addressed by Interim Chief Watkins. James stated that if his gate had been closed, he never would have been fined.

Karen Gentry declined to speak.

Mayor Hartline asked that the discussion of the Permitting of Retail Sales of Marijuana inside Corporate Limits of Anna be discussed at this time. Mr. Greg Lambert a representative of Thrive spoke on the benefits and the economic boost that recreational marijuana could bring to the city. He explained that their current facility sales medical marijuana and is a professional medical facility. He stated that if the city passes the sale of recreational marijuana it will still be held to the

same high standard. Mayor Hartline questioned the process for applying for a license. Mr. Lambert stated that it is very expensive, but Thrive would be requesting a dual license. Commissioner Bigler questioned if there would be an increase in employees. City Attorney John Foley questioned the sales projection and impact studies. Commissioner Bryan questioned the facility at Williamson County Airport and how may application be given to our region. Commissioner Bigler stated that the Illinois Municipal Leagues Fact & Questions list previously submitted to them gives information on projected sales. Commissioner Bryan questioned the taxing of marijuana. Mayor Hartline asked what is the time frame for the process. Mr. Lambert stated they would need to know as soon as possible because the application process is lengthy. Mr. Lambert said they would like to start sells January 1, 2020.

Mr. Steve Bundy the General Manager of Wellness Group Pharms stated that the local facility is under new ownership and are going to expand. He stated that the currently employee about 40 people. Mr. Bundy encourage the council and law enforcement to come tour the facility. Mr. Bundy stated that he would be coming to the council in the future to request water from the city. Commissioner Webb questioned the current water usage. Mr. Bundy stated they are currently using about 5000 gallons a week. Mayor Hartline directed Public Works Manager Gary Dahmer to meet with Mr. Bundy.

Treasurer Danyelle Dodd previously submitted the Financial Report through August 30, 2019.

City Administrator Dori Bigler previously submitted project updates.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb 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.

Discussion was held regarding the Zoning Board of Appeal hearing and recommendations for Daniel Page at 108 Evergreen Drive.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION TO DENY A ZONING VARIANCE TO DANIEL PAGE**

AT 108 EVERGREEN DR. A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Commissioner Bigler voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion to RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW A CANTILEVER OUT FROM THE 35 FT. PREVIOUSLY PERMITTED TO DANIEL PAGE AT 108 EVERGREEN DR. Was Tabled pending further information from Daniel Page.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-23; DECLARING 324 E. LEWIS STREET A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO ABATE THE SAME. A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the enforcement of Fine Violation.

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 REVISE THE CITY'S UNIFORM FINE ORDINANCE SO THAT, IF POSSIBLE, FINES ARE PERSONAL TO THE DELINQUENT PROPERTY OWNER. A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO INCREASE THE RATE OF PAY FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO \$45. A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO SET TRICK OR TREAT HOURS FOR OCTOBER 31, 2019 BETWEEN 6-8 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. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A GAS & WATER TAP APPLICATIONS FOR SCOTT & MELISSA DOODY AT 1350 & 1360 US HWY 51 N.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Interim Chief Brian Watkins discussed the police vehicle issues at this time and gave information on purchasing two used vehicles. He would be using the surplus Camaro as a trade in toward the vehicles. Mayor Hartline questioned the budget and the transportation of the vehicles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE OF TWO USED POLICE VEHICLES UP TO \$20,000.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Bryan presented information regarding landscape waste removal. She stated that she has been working with City Administrator Dori Bigler and Public Works Manager Gary Dahmer on the best way to utilize the service. They are look at a trial year of using existing city equipment to pick up leaves and small limbs for a fee. Interim Chief Watkins questioned that people that won't pay for the service and still rakes their leaves to the curb. They have inquired into the cost of a universal pick up with Republic Services and discovered it would be \$4-\$5 a month for a 12-month contract. City Attorney John Foley stated that the burn ordinance is not working, because people are burn regular trash. Commissioner Bryan stated they are still collection data.

Commissioner Miller discussed the idea of the city hosting a Holiday Parade. He stated that the credit of the idea goes to his wife Mary K. Harris. Commissioner Miller stated that he has discussed the ideal with Linda Jackson of the Pay it Forward Program and the Christian Motorcycle Club. Commissioner Miller has

also spoken with area business in regards to an Angle Tree being placed for the community to buy gift for the people on the trees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A 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. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Bigler exited the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A BUILDING PERMIT TO DARRYL PARKS AT 116 APPLE LANE.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GARRETT STEARNS AND MICHAEL SULLENS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL FOR A TERM OF 5 YEARS.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Interim Police Chief Bryan Watkins reported that the police department computers have been down and he will include the stats next month.

Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Chief Gary Rider submitted the monthly report. He stated the Tornado Sirens are fixed.

Commissioner Webb reported that she has received money for 14 wreaths.

City Attorney John Foley commended Interim Police Chief Brian Watkins and Fire Chief Gary Rider on a great job.

City Attorney John Foley stated that the attorney for the Union County Board of Trustee has contacted him regarding the property at Keller Court. The board of

trustees is requesting that the city release the lien because they have sold it for back taxes. Commissioner Miller stated that if we don't release the lien it would go back on the Public Nuisance Mowing list.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO RELEASE THE LIENS AT THE KELLER COURT PROPERTY OWNED BY UNION COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL.** 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO EXIT CLOSED SESSION.** 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 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 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 TO AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR DORI BIGLER TO ADVERTISE FOR A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR DORI BIGLER TO DEVELOP THE FIRE CHIEF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO AUTHORIZE CITY ADMINISTRATOR DORI BIGLER TO REVIEW THE PART-TIME FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None voted nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 BE ADJOURNED AT 7:52 P.M.** 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.