

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 4, 2021**

The Anna City Council met in regular session at Anna City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on May 4, 2021. 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 APRIL 20, 2021 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 Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay- none. Commissioner Miller abstained. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 20, 2021 ANNA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SAID MEETING.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay- none. Commissioner Miller abstained. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Melanie Smith the director of the Union County CEO Program introduced Olivia Capel and Will Halter. Olivia and Will thanked the council for the use of the Fire Department during this school year. Will stated that the CEO Christmas Around the Community Project allowed them to make donations to Tabi Smith, Bethany Village and Wounded Warriors. Olivia invited the council to their All-Star Celebration and Trade Show at Dillow Auction Barn on May 5, 2021.

Robert Houseman a member of the AJ Rotary Club requested that the City of Anna be a co-sponsor again this year for Pumpkin Town. He stated that the event would be held in the Anna Park October 17 – 31, 2021. Mayor Hartline stated he is going to appoint Commission Bigler and Commissioner Miller to a Festival Committee that will be available to assist with the event.

Mayor Hartline requested that Mr. Houseman contact City Administrator Bigler with future correspondence.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE CITY OF ANNA TO JOIN THE AJ ROTARY CLUB IN BEING A CO-SPONSOR OF PUMPKIN TOWN FROM OCTOBER 17 – OCTOBER 31, 2021.** 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.

Fire Chief Mike Dammerman had Lieutenant Robertson, Fireman Klein, Fireman Heatherly, and Fireman Vaughn come to the meeting to show the new turn out gear to the council. All of the fire fighter expressed their appreciation for the new gear and the council thanked them for the hard work.

City Administrator Dori Bigler was absent no project updates presented to the council.

Resolution 2021-15; Authorizing & Approving an Agreement to Employ Danyelle Dodd as the Anna City Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk was tabled.

Resolution 2021-16; 2021-2022 Part-time Salaries was tabled.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2021-04; REGULATING THE SALE OF MERCHANDISE BY PEDDLERS ON CITY STREETS, ALLEYS, PARKING LOTS & PUBLIC WAYS.** 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 Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO ACCEPT POLICE OFFICER NATHAN SMITH LETTER OF RESIGNATION.** 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 Liens for the property at 201 George. Commissioner Miller stated that if we waived this lien then the city is setting a precedence going forward. He reminder the council of the request from Linda Lence to waive her lien which was denied. Commissioner Bigler stated that this request is a company that comes in and buy delapidated home and then sales them. Police Chief Bryan Watkins agreed that if the lien is waived that it not backing his department. His officers have done the enforcement to the policy and paperwork. City Attorney John Foley stated that the foreclosure removed the lien, but the city has a policy in place that doesn't allow for utility services to be granted to properties with outstanding balances. He suggested inspecting the property to see if it is up to code and if so then offer a reduce amount. Mayor Hartline directed Chief Watkins to inspect the home. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL STATE FIREWORKS FOR \$7500.** 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-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 A GENERAL RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR WHIFFLE BOYS, LLC** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. None-nay. Commissioner Bryan abstained. 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 APPOINTMENT OF AUSTIN PENDER AS THE GAS & WATER FOREMAN EFFECTIVE MAY 21, 2021.** 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-nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

The Authorization of the Employment of Ashley Guined as Full-time Clerical Laborer effective May 2, 2021 was tabled.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-21; AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 208 E. VIENNA STREET FROM UNION COUNTY TRUSTEE IN THE AMOUNT \$810** 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-nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2021-22; MFT MAINTENANCE.** 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-nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with Union County Drug Task Force. Mayor Hartline asked Police Chief Bryan Watkins to present his ideas. Chief Watkins stated that Union County Drug Task Force has done a good job, but he would like to create a task force in Anna. Mayor Hartline stated that the task force started with the MEG Unit which was ran by the Illinois State Police. Then the Union County Sheriffs office created a county wide task force. Chief Watkins stated that he would like to have his own agent that will work with the county.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE NOT TO ENTER INTO A INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH UNION COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE.** 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-nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the shortage of Police Officers. Mayor Hartline stated that with the recent resignation of two officers the city's police department is short staffed. Police Chief Watkins spoke on the importance of hiring officers and being able to send them to school. Chief

Watkins stated he has 3 applications, but 2 candidates are not full-time certified. He has hired one part-time officer that will be assisting a certified officer and plans to hire another. Both part-time officers will attend the part-time certification program with the availability to test for full-time certification. The 3<sup>rd</sup> officer is full-time certified. Chief Watkins said the hiring of these officer could allow for a current full-time officer to be pulled out of rotation for the Drug Task Force. Commissioner Bigler questioned that if the city sent the officers to training could we offer a payback contract for the training. City Attorney John Foley stated he didn't feel the city could enter into a contract. Mayor Hartline directed Commissioner Miller to work closely with Chief Watkins on the new state reform guidelines. City Attorney Foley stated that the reforms are still being created and our local representatives are involved, so the city should contact them with their concerns. Mayor Hartline stated that he thinks a payback contract can be create for new officers that the city sends to training.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A PARKING LOT USAGE APPLICATION TO FARMERS MARKET ON E. DAVIE PARKING LOT MAY 4 – OCTOBER 31, 2021.** 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-nay. 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 LICK CREEK SCHOOL ON MAY 19, 2021.** 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-nay. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Webb questioned the appointment of Commissioner Bigler and Commissioner Miller to the Festival Committee. She stated that she has always been involved. Mayor Hartline told her she is acting as an individual when she attends other organization's meetings, not as a commissioner. He told her she does a good job and to continue sitting on the committees of each organization.

Mayor Hartline stated that the food vendors at the park on Monday was great.

Mayor Hartline questioned the Wellness Building permit.

Commissioner Miller questioned when the curbs were going to be painted. Public Work Manager Gary Dahmer stated it is scheduled.

No Closed Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 4, 2021 BE ADJOURNED AT 6:34 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.