

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL
MAY 17, 2022**

The Anna City Council met in regular session at Anna City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2022. 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.

Commissioner Bigler asked that a correction be made to the minutes of May 3, 2022 to include Gary Dahmer's recommendation for the two full-time hires.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO TABLE THE MAY 3, 2022 ANNA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES.** 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. None were absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A ZONING APPLICATION FOR UNION COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB AT 430 EAST JEFFERSON 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. None were absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Hartline and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO WAIVE THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE OF \$320.00 FOR UNION COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB.** 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. None were absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Administrator Dori Bigler reported on the following projects: (1) We granted the EPA another 30-day extension. Later this week a phone conference is planned with the IEPA. (2) Last week, Administrator Bigler met with the regional manager, general

manager, trash route manager and recycle route manager of Republic Services to discuss any issues, concerns and processes. Republic will be submitting data reports each month, which will then be reported out at the council meeting. They have a call center staffed with over 1,000 representatives and have implemented a call back system so you don't need to stay on the line if all representatives are busy. With the staff, there will only be issues if there is a regional event, i.e. a 3 state storm came through and people are calling in from a wide area, the wait times may increase. They prefer people call the call center but if someone calls City Hall, we will submit the issue for them. In the AP bills there is a Republic invoice, which includes the \$1500 reimbursement, which will be deducted from each customer who has trash services on the next bill. Republic does not subcontract the work, but they do own trucks that are blue, red, white, and green, all of which are marked with the Republic logo. (3) Administrator Bigler reported that she has finished reviewing the draft of the codification of ordinances. IL Codification Services is working on the final draft and will get that to the city. Once that is approved, an adoption ordinance will go on the agenda. Thirty days after adoption, we will receive the code in an electronic format and it will be on the city's website for easy access. (4) With the review of the code, there are a few items that the city needs to update. One being reestablishing the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

Administrator Bigler reported that this board was established after the city went above 5,000 residents, and when the population went below 5,000 the city stopped. Administrator Bigler talked with Brad Cole at IML and was told that there is no provision for going backwards once it has been adopted. Mayor Hartline stated that he remembers when that happened and he knows they were told that they were allowed to stop after the population decline. Mayor Hartline asked that City Attorney John Foley review. Administrator Bigler reported that she would do some more research and also get everything to City Attorney Foley.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE 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. None were absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the petition for annexation by Wellness Group Pharms. Mayor Hartline asked that Administrator Bigler give some background

information. Administrator Bigler reported that WGP purchased roughly 9.5 acres in December and they plan to begin construction on building #4 at this location sometime in 2024. The agenda item tonight would grant preliminary approval, certified letters will then go out to the taxing bodies, county engineer and election officials, along with a public notice and public hearing, which would be scheduled for 4:45pm on June 21, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION BY WELLNESS GROUP PHARMS.** 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. None were absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the promotion within the police department. Mayor Hartline asked if Commissioner Miller had any comments. Commissioner Miller stated that he strongly supports it. Commissioner Bigler asked if the position was posted or if there were interviews. Commissioner Miller stated that this was on the recommendation of Chief Watkins. Administrator Bigler stated that since the city opted out of the Union County Drug Task Force, Mr. Sims has been handling all of these cases. Commissioner Bigler stated that he believes the best practice is that the position is posted and interviews are conducted. He stated that he is all for letting Chief Watkins conduct his own interviews, just like PW Manager Gary Dahmer should be able to do his own interviews, but this process doesn't seem like the best practice. Commissioner Bryan asked if there is a pay increase and Administrator Bigler said yes. Commissioner Bryan asked if Commissioner Bigler is asking that the council hold off and post and do interviews. Commissioner Bigler stated that it sounds like Chief Watkins has already decided and that he was just stated that this doesn't seem like the best practice.

Authorizing the promotion of Brentley Sims to Investigator was tabled.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE A FENCING APPLICATION FOR KEVIN LOVELESS AT 111 GRAND 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. None were absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bigler that it be **RESOLVED TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND PENDING LITIGATION AT 5:36PM.** 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. None were absent. 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 AT 5:47PM.** 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. None were absent. 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 PREVIOUSLY READ CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2022 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. None were absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED THAT THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 17, 2022 BE ADJOURNED AT 5:48 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. None were absent. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.