

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION

OF THE ANNA CITY COUNCIL

JULY 19, 2022

The Anna City Council met in regular session at Anna City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 5, 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. 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 JULY 5, 2022 ANNA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL 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. 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 JULY 5, 2022 ANNA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL 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. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried

Brandon Moore addressed the council during public communications. Mr. Moore is under contract on the property at 426 E Jefferson Street and is pleading to amend the city zoning ordinance to allow an extended stay RV Park at this property. Mr. Moore gave a brief oversight to his vision for the proposed park. He plans to target a new demographic of people including millennials who are traveling via bus, camper, RV etc. and staying in a place for a month or two;

contributing to the community by spending money locally and then leaving to another place. Another demographic that Mr. Moore intends to target are the traveling nurses and doctors. The park will include 22 spots and will cost \$450 for a 1 month stay. The Council had several questions for Mr. Moore. The first coming from Commissioner Bryan asking if this park will allow for extended stays as long as one year. Commissioner Bryan stated that this is something the city should look to avoid. Mr. Moore stated that this is something that he had originally considered. Similarly, Mayor Hartline asked if this park will allow shorter stays such as a day to day rental. Mr. Moore stated that he intends for the park to be seasonal stay only which will be 2 to 3 months. Commissioner Bryan brought up the City's current mobile home ordinance which requires these homes to be no older than 10 years of age. Mr. Moore responded by saying that this is something that he can write in the rules.

The council was advised to come up with any more questions or concerns that they have and will submit them to Administrator Bigler who will relay them to Mr. Moore. In the meantime, Administrator Bigler will be looking into the next steps to create an ordinance for RV parks.

City Administrator Dori Bigler gave updates on the following: (1) The city's OSLAD grant application for Hadley's Haven was successful. (2) The city is looking to hire two FT-PT Laborers as two of our staff are leaving. (3) The new fire truck will be ready in mid-August, originally it was May, then it was pushed back to July. (4) The mass tort lawsuit the city signed up for with the opioid crisis is finally moving and getting closer to settlement. We don't know the dollar amount yet but Illinois will be receiving 3.3% of the funds and there is a formula for distribution. (5) Our city engineer Richard Howell is here to talk about updates on two of our projects, the third project is the ARPA project. We received our first ARPA payment in December, and the second and final installment should come later this year. This project is about ready to go out for bid and can't come soon enough, as the water leak last week was related to one of the valves set for replacement with this project. (6) This will be the last meeting with our summer intern Conner Jerolds before he goes back to U of I. He will be giving a report on the project he has been working on with the Active Transportation Alliance.

Planning Intern Conner Jerolds gave an update on the Vienna Street project. The City of Anna is partnering with the Active Transportation Alliance with the goal of extending the city's current sidewalk along the Vienna Street Corridor leading to

Walmart. The ATA has given the city many resources including a flyer, poster, survey, and yard signs. The flyers have been placed in business across town. Conner has spent the past week doing field work for this project setting up in Hindman Park, Anna Vista, and the Farmers Market to raise awareness for the project and gain community insight as well. Conner also rode the Shawnee MTD bus to do the same. The yard signs have been placed along the Vienna Street Corridor. All of these resources give access to the survey which is also posted online. Lastly, Conner is organizing an event which will be a walk from City Hall to Walmart. This is an attempt to show how difficult and dangerous this walk is. This will show how essential this project is to our community. The date will be determined.

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

Richard Howell addressed the Council with a project. This project is related to the expansion of Wellness Pharms. DCEO offers a public infrastructure grant every year worth \$500,000. However this year, the grant ceiling has been raised to \$1.5 million. Approving Resolution 2022-16 would allow Southern 5 to begin working on the project plan and application. Applications that have the project fully laid out are put to the top of the priority list when applying for this grant. This project will be an attempt to slow down the storm water infiltration that is currently causing a capacity issue with the city's waste water treatment plant. The project will consist of replacing all of the brick man holes and repairing many of the concrete man holes. Commissioner Bryan asked if this project is beneficial to all residents of this community and not just Wellness Pharms. Richard responded by saying this is a project that will need to be done regardless of the expansion or not.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler and seconded by Commissioner Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-16; APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Bryan Miller, Commissioner Webb and Mayor Hartline voted yea. Nay – none. Mayor Hartline declared the motion carried.

Mr. Howell addressed the Council with a second project. The city is exploring a long term plan to solve the current water issues that it is facing. The City of Anna qualifies for a grant through USDA Rural Development. Richard is asking the Council for approval to begin working on a Preliminary Engineering Report. This report includes what the city needs, why it needs it, how much it will cost, how the city will pay for it, what the customer burden will be, etc. This report will cost \$40,000 and will not be paid for until after the report is approved by the state. Richard emphasized that Anna needs more water storage in town in order to meet standards set by the EPA. This project will have many different aspects. The first part is to build a 500,000-gallon elevated water tank near the business park. This will provide greater flow for fire protection and will also allow for future expansion. This project will also include replacing pumps and VFD controls. These new pumps will use far less power. Another aspect of this project will be to replace the remainder of the valves and hydrants that are currently broken or inoperable. The existing water tower would also be included in the project for repairs and repainting. The final aspect of this project will be replacing the water meters in town. Currently all meters in town have to be read manually. These new meters will be electronic, which will allow data to be sent directly to the office. The system can alert staff the second a customer's usage changes from their regular pattern and can almost instantly detect a leak or issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO AUTHORIZE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT FOR A RURAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION.** A vote was taken upon the motion with the following results. Commissioner Bigler, Commissioner Bryan, Commissioner Bryan 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 ACCEPT THE FY20 AUDIT REPORT.** 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 ACCEPT BRENT SIMS 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bryan that it be **RESOLVED TO SURPLUS THE FENCE FROM E FIELD AND AUTHORIZE DORI BIGLER TO DONATE THE PROPERTY TO LICK CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT.** 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.

Police Chief Brian Watkins approached City Administrator Dori Bigler and requested that part-time police positions be increased from \$15/hr to \$17/hr. Resolution 2022-17 reflects this change.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryan and seconded by Commissioner Miller that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-17; PART-TIME SALERIES.** 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 FENCING APPLICATION – CHASIDY MEZO – 210 PEACH 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 Webb that it be **RESOLVED TO APPROVE FENCING APPLICATION – BRIAN AND MARY KERR- 502 MCKINLEY.** 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 Miller requested that the city look into picking up yard debris year round instead of the fall only.

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 JULY 19, 2022 BE ADJOURNED AT 6:39 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.