**CHESTER, ILLINOIS**

**June 17, 2019**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of Chester, Illinois, met in regular session on **Monday, June 17, 2019,** in the Municipal Building, 1330 Swanwick Street. Mayor Tom Page called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

# ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Ray Allison Alderman Robert Platt

Alderman Russ Rader Alderman Scott Stumpe

Alderman Dan Ohlau Alderman Daniel Geisen

Alderman D. Michael Blechle Alderman Randy Dudenbostel

Absent: None

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Ohlau moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve them as prepared by the city clerk. Alderman Platt seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Ohlau, Rader, Stumpe, Allison, Platt, Blechle, Dudenbostel, Geisen. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

# CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

* Tax Revenue Report for May provided by City Clerk Berner
* Letter from Popeye Picnic Committee requesting the closure of State Street for the annual picnic

# REPORTS

City Clerk:

The city clerk presented an application for raffle licenses for the Mississippi Valley Art Guild. Alderman Ohlau moved to issue the raffle license and waive the fidelity bond required of the raffle managers. Alderman Platt seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Stumpe, Dudenbostel, Platt, Rader, Ohlau, Allison, Blechle, Geisen. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cemetery & Finance Committee (Chairman Platt):

The Cemetery and Finance Committee met this evening at 5:30 p.m. to review city bills, and found them to be in order for payment. Chairman Platt moved to approve payment of bills, subject to audit. Alderman Rader seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Rader, Dudenbostel, Stumpe, Ohlau, Allison, Platt, Geisen, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Streets & Alleys Committee (Chairman Blechle):

Chairman Blechle advised that Red Dot Construction started the sidewalk replacements.

# PUBLIC DISCUSSION

# OLD BUSINESS

# NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE #1715 – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:

A hearing was held at 5:30 p.m. prior to the council meeting this evening in regard to the proposed Appropriation Ordinance. City Clerk Bethany Berner proposed an increase of $9,000.00 (Capital Outlay – Equipment) in the Water Fund for the purchase of a new back wash panel. Alderman Platt moved to pass the Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020 with the proposed amendment in the amount of $23,952,511.00. Alderman Rader seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Rader, Dudenbostel, Stumpe, Ohlau, Allison, Platt, Geisen, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Air Conditioner – Welcome Center:

Alderman Ohlau moved to approve the purchase of a new air conditioner for the Welcome Center from Korando Heating and Cooling Inc for $5,199.00. Alderman Geisen seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Rader, Stumpe, Ohlau, Allison, Platt, Geisen, Dudenbostel, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1716 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-11-2 OF CHAPTER 7 AND PARAGRAPH “F” OF SECTION 21-3-19 OF CHAPTER 21 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, ILLINOIS, RELATIVE TO GAMBLING LICENSING AND FEES:

Alderman Ohlau moved to allow the twelve registered establishments with video gaming terminals the ability to add a sixth machine. Alderman Blechle seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Rader, Dudenbostel, Stumpe, Ohlau, Allison, Platt, Geisen, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1717 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1-2-5 (A) OF CHAPTER 1 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, ILLINOIS, RELATING TO COMMITTEES:

Alderman Blechle moved to approve the addition of Personnel to the Ordinance Committee. Alderman Geisen seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Rader, Stumpe, Dudenbostel, Ohlau, Allison, Platt, Geisen, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Natural Gas Futures:

Alderman Ohlau, Chairman of the Gas Department & Public Property Committee, requested permission from the council to possibly purchase natural gas futures. Alderman Geisen moved to allow the Gas Department & Public Property Committee the ability to purchase natural gas futures. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Rader, Dudenbostel, Stumpe, Ohlau, Allison, Platt, Geisen, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

# ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 p.m., Alderman Platt moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. VOTE: Ayes: Aldermen Ohlau, Dudenbostel, Rader, Stumpe, Allison, Platt, Geisen, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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TOM PAGE, MAYOR

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BETHANY BERNER, CITY CLERK