**CHESTER, ILLINOIS**

**January 6, 2020**

# CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of Chester, Illinois, met in regular session on **Monday, January 6, 2020,** 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 Randy Dudenbostel

 Alderman Robert Platt Alderman Russ Rader

 Alderman Dan Ohlau Alderman D. Michael Blechle

 Alderman James D. Maes Alderman Daniel Geisen

Absent: None

# 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 Geisen seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Ohlau, Geisen Platt, Rader, Maes, Allison, Blechle, Dudenbostel. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

# CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

* 2020 City Council and Finance Meeting dates
* City Tax Revenue report for December 2019 provided by City Clerk Berner
* Chester Chamber Business of the Month program

# REPORTS

# 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. Alderman Platt moved to approve payment of bills, subject to audit. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Platt, Geisen, Dudenbostel, Rader, Maes, Ohlau, Allison, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Platt moved to approve the December report of the Evergreen Cemetery Clerk as presented. Alderman Rader seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Platt, Geisen, Dudenbostel, Rader, Maes, Ohlau, Allison, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

# DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Chief (Marty Bert):

Chester Fire Department responded to five calls during the month of December with 69 calls in 2019.

# PUBLIC DISCUSSION

# OLD BUSINESS

# NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Plant – Rollers:

Mayor Page presented a quote from Komline-Sanderson for $73,812.00 for roller replacements at the sewer department. The rollers were damaged by the excess sludge and sand during the recent flood. Alderman Platt moved to waive formal competitive bidding and approve the purchase of rollers from Komline-Sanderson for $73,812.00 for the sewer plant. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Rader, Geisen, Dudenbostel, Rader, Maes, Ohlau, Allison, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Executive Session – Minutes:

After explanation from Attorney Kerkhover, Alderman Blechle moved to determine that minutes of previous Executive Sessions are still confidential and should not be made available to the public. Alderman Geisen seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Platt, Geisen, Dudenbostel, Rader, Maes, Ohlau, Allison, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Executive Session – Verbatim Records:

Alderman Platt moved to destroy all verbatim records eighteen months or older of previous Executive Sessions. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Platt, Geisen, Dudenbostel, Rader, Maes, Ohlau, Allison, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Popeye Statues – QR Codes:

Alderman Allison moved to approve the Beautification/Tourism’s recommendation to purchase QR codes for the Popeye Statues. Alderman Rader seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Platt, Geisen, Dudenbostel, Rader, Maes, Ohlau, Allison, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

# ADJOURNMENT

At 6:08 p.m., Alderman Ohlau moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. VOTE: Ayes: Aldermen Ohlau, Dudenbostel, Platt, Maes, Rader, Allison, Geisen, Blechle. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

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 TOM PAGE, MAYOR

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BETHANY BERNER, CITY CLERK