**CHESTER, ILLINOIS**

**September20, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of Chester, Illinois, met in regular session on **Monday, September 20, 2021,** in the Municipal Building, 1330 Swanwick Street. Mayor Tom Page called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

# ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Bryce Hill Alderman Ray Allison

Alderman Bob Buckham Alderman Russ Rader

Alderman Randy Dudenbostel Alderman James Maes

Absent: Alderman Larry Bert Alderman Robert Platt

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

# READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

# CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

* Stone Soup Shakespeare will present Hamlet in Cole Park on September 26th
* October 15th – 17th  Fall Festival Schedule
* Chester First Club Luncheon on September 23rd at 11:30 a.m.
* Chester Chamber of Commerce’s Business Person of the Year – Linda Schafer
* Memo regarding the upcoming Chester Bridge replacement project scheduled to start in 2023

# REPORTS

City Clerk:

The city clerk presented a raffle license application for the VFW. Alderman Dudenbostel moved to issue the raffle license and waive the fidelity bond required of the raffle managers. Alderman Maes seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Dudenbostel, Rader, Buckham, Hill, Maes. Nays: None. Absent: Aldermen Bert, Platt. 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. Alderman Rader moved to approve payment of bills, subject to audit. Alderman Maes seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Hill, Maes, Rader. Nays: None. Absent: Aldermen Bert, Platt. Motion carried.

Ordinance & Public Property Committee (Chairman Hill);

Chairman Hill noted he is working with Code Enforcement Officer Lorin Mott to provide a monthly update on derelict properties.

# DEPARTMENT HEADS

# PUBLIC COMMENT

# OLD BUSINESS

# NEW BUSINESS

Part Time Police Officers

Alderman Hill moved to approve part time employment for Lake Fogerson, Tyson Holley and Eric Cowell. Alderman Allison seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Rader, Maes, Hill. Nays: None. Absent: Aldermen Bert, Platt. Motion carried.

Part Time Dispatcher:

Alderman Hill moved to approve Elijah Hasemeyer as a part time dispatcher for the Chester Police Department. Alderman Maes seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Rader, Maes, Hill. Nays: None. Absent: Aldermen Bert, Platt. Motion carried.

Murphysboro Road –Culvert Replacement:

Alderman Hill moved to approve a resolution with Illinois Department of Transportation appropriating $20,000.00 for a culvert replacement on Murphysboro Road. Alderman Maes seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Rader, Maes, Hill. Nays: None. Absent: Aldermen Bert, Platt. Motion carried.

TIF Projects:

City Engineer Harold Sheffer provided several cost estimates for various projects within the TIF District. City Engineer Sheffer advised the TIF district will end this year. J.T. Blankinship will accept bids for a water line replacement, repairs for three sanitary sewer manholes and a new road from Brenda Street to the Chester Shopping Center. After an inquiry from Alderman Allison, City Engineer Harold Sheffer stated bids will be received for both concrete and HMA for the surface of the new road. The council discussed adding a sidewalk in addition to the new road. City Engineer advised a sidewalk could be added if the council receives decent bids from the contractors. After an inquiry from Alderman Allison, City Engineer Harold Sheffer advised the new road does not need curbs or gutters. Alderman Dudenbostel moved to allow J.T. Blankinship Inc. to accept bids for the various TIF projects discussed. Alderman Allison seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Rader, Maes, Hill. Nays: None. Absent: Aldermen Bert, Platt. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1760 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IX OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHESTER PERMITTING THE USE OF UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER, RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Alderman Hill presented the amendments to the current Utility Terrain Vehicle Ordinance. The Ordinance will allow utility terrain vehicles on Water Street. Alderman Maes moved to pass the proposed Ordinance and Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Rader, Maes, Hill. Nays: None. Absent: Aldermen Bert, Platt. Motion carried.

# ADJOURNMENT

At 6:17 p.m., Alderman Maes moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. VOTE: Ayes: Aldermen Maes, Rader, Dudenbostel, Hill, Allison, Buckham. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Bert, Platt. Motion carried.

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TOM PAGE, MAYOR

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BETHANY BERNER, CITY CLERK