**CHESTER, ILLINOIS**

**December 19, 2022**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The City Council of Chester, Illinois, met in regular session on **Monday, December 19, 2022,** in the Municipal Building, 1330 Swanwick Street. Mayor Page called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Alderman Jeremy Homan Alderman Ray Allison

Alderman Bob Buckham Alderman Bryce Hill

Alderman Randy Dudenbostel Alderman Robert Platt

Alderman Don Berry

Absent: Alderman James Maes

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

* Chester Area Christian Food Pantry dated December 14, 2022
* Letter of Resignation from Donella Butler from Beautification/Tourism Commission
* Code Enforcement Report provided by Lorin Mott

1. **REPORTS**

Mayor:

Mayor Page reported on the annual City of Chester Christmas party.

City Treasurer:

City Treasurer Dan Colvis advised the city transferred $1,000,050.00 to LPL Financial from the Gas Fund to purchase brokered certificate of deposits.

City Clerk:

The city clerk presented an application for a raffle license for Mary Help of Christians. Alderman Platt moved to issue the raffle license and waive the fidelity bond required of the raffle managers. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Dudenbostel, Allison, Platt, Buckham, Berry, Hill, Homan. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

1. **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 Dudenbostel seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Platt. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

Chairman Platt moved to approve Change Order #1 payable to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. for Water Treatment Plant Improvements – Phase 1 for a credit of $184,807.00. Alderman Hill seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Platt. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

Chairman Platt moved to approve Pay Estimate #6 payable to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. for Water Treatment Plant Improvements – Phase 1 for $115,644.84. Alderman Berry seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Platt. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

Chairman Platt moved to approve Pay Estimate #4 and Final Pay Estimate payable to Haier Plumbing & Heating Inc. for High Service Pump Rehabilitation and Finished Water Line Replacement Project for $7,037.10. Alderman Allison seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Platt. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

Ordinance & Public Property Committee (Chairman Hill):

Alderman Hill advised the monthly Code Enforcement report is in the council packets.

Fire Department & Public Safety Committee (Chairman Buckham):

Mayor Page expressed his sincere appreciation to Officer Jeff Hammel and Officer Steve Laramore for their assistance in the recent house fire on Church Street.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
3. **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution – 2023 MFT Maintenance Program:

City Engineer Harold Sheffer presented the annual resolution to appropriate Motor Tax Funds. Alderman Allison inquired about grant eligibility and developing a yearly plan for sidewalk and street replacements. City Engineer Sheffer advised that he is unaware of any grants for street or sidewalk replacements. Alderman Homan moved to pass a resolution to appropriate $250,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Platt. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #1783 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE MASTER REIMBURSABLE UTILITY AGREEMENT:

City Attorney Jason Coffey presented an Ordinance and master reimbursable utility agreement with MODOT for the upcoming Chester Bridge Project. Alderman Platt’s motion was seconded by Alderman Hill. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Platt, Homan, Hill, Dudenbostel, Buckham. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

Cohen Complex – Shed:

Mayor Page tabled this item.

Water Distribution Superintendent:

Alderman Dudenbostel moved to appoint Joe Clark as Water Distribution Superintendent and set salary at $51,386.00 (a 3% increase). Alderman Homan seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Platt, Homan, Hill, Dudenbostel, Buckham. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:13 p.m., Alderman Dudenbostel moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Homan seconded the motion. VOTE: Ayes: Aldermen Platt, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Allison, Buckham. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

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TOM PAGE, MAYOR

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BETHANY BERNER, CITY CLERK