

CHESTER, ILLINOIS
April 17, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of Chester, Illinois, met in regular session on **Monday, April 17, 2023**, in the Municipal Building, 1330 Swanwick Street. Mayor Page called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. 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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- Tax Revenue Report for March, 2023 provided by City Clerk Berner
- Monthly Sewer Department Report

VI. REPORTS

Mayor:

Mayor Page advised a meeting is scheduled with David Duke with Ames Construction to discuss the upcoming Chester Bridge Replacement Project.

City Attorney:

City Attorney Kerkhover advised Utility Service Water Solutions has acknowledged they have received the city's letter. Attorney Kerkhover is waiting for a representative to return a call.

VII. 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 a Change Order payable to Korte Luitjohan for Water Treatment Plant Improvements Phase 1 for \$28,260.22 for water tank repairs. Alderman Berry 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 (Alderman Hill):

Chairman Hill requested the council discuss increasing utility deposits at the next council meeting. Secondly, Chairman Hill requested an amendment to Ordinance Section 1-2-152. The proposed amendment would require the Code Enforcement Officer to submit a monthly report.

Streets & Alleys Committee (Chairman Berry):

Chairman Berry advised the committee is working on developing a 1, 3 & 5-year sidewalk replacement plan.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Police Chief Bobby Helmers presented plaques and Medals of Valor to Officer Steve Laramore and Officer Jeff Hammel.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

Appropriation Adjustments:

After a brief explanation from City Attorney Kerkhover, Alderman Platt moved to approve line item appropriation adjustments within funds according to state statute. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Platt. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

Library Board:

Alderman Berry moved to approve Donna Clendenin as a Library Board Member. Alderman Homan seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Homan, Dudenbostel, Hill, Buckham, Platt. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

Summer Student Workers:

Alderman Allison moved to hire Lannin Caron, Nolin Crain, Trentin Eggemeyer, Bryton Laramore, Shea Menefee and Cohen Gibbs for summer student employment. Alderman Dudenbostel seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Platt. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

City-Wide Yard Sale:

Alderman Dudenbostel moved to set the date for the City-Wide Yard Sale for June 3, 2023. Alderman Hill seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Platt. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

City – Clean Up Days:

Alderman Platt moved to set the Clean Up Days for June 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th. Alderman Homan seconded the motion. UPON ROLL CALL: Ayes: Aldermen Allison, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Buckham, Platt. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:12 p.m., Alderman Dudenbostel moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Platt seconded the motion. VOTE: Ayes: Aldermen Platt, Berry, Hill, Homan, Dudenbostel, Allison, Buckham. Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Maes. Motion carried.

TOM PAGE, MAYOR

BETHANY BERNER, CITY CLERK