REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16

7:PM CITY HALL

1. Mayor Crusinberry called the meeting to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Clerk Lane conducted roll call. Council members present were Ankenbrand, Goodwine, Garrett, Lawson, McElhaney, Wise and by remote, Florek.
3. Mayoral Appointment: Mayor Crusinberry submitted the appointment of Stephen Eyrich as Alderman Ward I to replace the seat vacated by Chad Yaden. Lawson moved to approve the appointment seconded by McElhaney. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Ankenbrand, Goodwine, Garrett, Lawson, McElhaney and Wise voted aye while Florek abstained. Stephen Eyrich was approved for the appointment of Alderman Ward I with six ayes and one abstain. Eyrich was sworn in by Clerk Lane.
4. Approval/Amendment of Agenda: Ankenbrand made the motion to amend the agenda to allow a presentation on East Central Illinois Community Action Agency to follow approval of minutes. Garrett second the motion. Council vote 7-0 to approve the motion.
5. Approval of Minutes of prior meeting: Ankenbrand moved to approve minutes of the February 2nd meeting seconded by Lawson. Minutes were approved 7-0.
6. Payment of Bills: Florek moved to approve payment of bills seconded by Lawson. Roll call vote taken and bills were approved for payment 7-0.
7. Presentation: Community Action Agency: Odette Watson, CEO of East Central Illinois Community Action Agency expressed that the Agency is wanting to reach the needs of a community. The agency can help families with hardships and utility bill assistance among other services. Phone contact is 217-554-9100.
8. No Petitions to Council
9. Reports of Officers:

A) Ankenbrand had nothing to report.

B) Florek reported that the water committee has been working on the pool situation. The pool is in need of repairs and the bath house is not handicap accessable.

C) Garrett had nothing to report.

D) Goodwine had nothing to report.

E) Wise reported on the handling of the recent snowfall. The Street and Alley employees worked through the night trying to keep streets open. Water department and parks and cemetery employees along with their equipment were also utilized during the blizzard. The system worked well but there are a few kinks needing to be worked out.

F) Lawson reminded residents that Cash Bash tickets are available from fire department members.

G) McElhaney had nothing to report.

1. No Communications
2. No Unfinished Business
3. No New Business
4. Comments by Mayor: The mayor announced that bids will be accepted for an Exmark Mower that is no longer used at the cemetery. Information is available at City Hall.

A Resolution for a Grant Acceptance from the Illinois Housing Development Authority is needed to be approved by council. McElhaney moved to approve the resolution with a second by Garrett. Goodwine questioned the “Funding Agreement” referred to in the resolution. No one had an answer as to what agreement is referred to as council members did not recall seeing the Funding Agreement. Roll call vote was taken for the Resolution. Ankenbrand, Garrett, and McElhaney were the three aye votes. Four no votes were Florek, Goodwine, Lawson and Wise. The motion failed to pass 3-4. Council will table the matter to review the Funding Agreement and hold a special meeting to approve the Resolution.

The mayor commended the city employees for the snow removal this past week.

1. Public Comment: Stan Steiner had three questions:

What is the situation with the buildings downtown? What does it mean to turn city fines over to the state for collection? And who maintains Thompson Avenue for snow removal?

1. No Executive Session.
2. Adjourn: Ankenbrand moved to adjourn seconded by Wise. Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Gail Lane, City Clerk