

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Lincoln City Hall, Council Chambers
700 Broadway Street | Lincoln, Illinois

Thursday, December 10, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Acting Mayor Welch at 6:00pm, with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

Present:

Alderman Tracy Welch, Ward 1
Alderman Ron Fleshman, Ward 2
Alderman Sam Downs, Ward 2
Alderman Kevin Bateman, Ward 3 (arrived at 6:02pm)
Alderman Ron Keller, Ward 3
Alderwoman Kathy Horn, Ward 4
Alderman Jeff Hoinacki, Ward 4

Staff Present:

City Clerk Peggy Bateman
Treasurer Chuck Conzo

Remotely:

Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1
City Administrator Elizabeth Kavelman
Veolia Water, Andrew Bowns
Police Chief Paul Adams

Absent:

City Attorney John Hoblit
Fire Chief Bob Dunovsky
Building and Safety Officer Wes Woodhall
Streets Superintendent Walt Landers

Presiding:

Acting Mayor Tracy Welch

Public Participation:

There was no one present for public participation.

Acting Mayor Welch moved to other items on the agenda.

Ordinance and Resolution:

A. Resolution 2020-426 Authorizing the Acting Mayor or Mayor to sign documents effectuating an agreement with Keystone Power Holdings, LLC.

Alderman Keller made the motion to approve, Alderwoman Horn seconded.

Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called roll.

Yeas: (8) Alderman Tracy Welch, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Ron Keller, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Jeff Hoinacki, Alderwoman Kathy Horn, Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Ron Fleshman

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Acting Mayor Welch moved to other items on the agenda.

New Business/Communications:

A. Local Cures Economic Support Payments Grant Program - City of Lincoln's Business Sustainability Grant.

Alderman Hoinacki made the motion to approve, Alderman Keller seconded. Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion.

City Administrator said this is a break off of the CURES Grant. This will allow the City to award qualified businesses affected by COVID-19 a \$2500 grant. The Illinois DECO will reimburse the City up to \$150,000. The business owner will have to complete an extensive application and must comply with the State of Illinois COVID-19 mitigation plan.

City Administrator Kavelman, Acting Mayor Welch, City Treasurer Conzo and Alderman Parrott will be reviewing the applications. If the applicants meet the criteria, that group will approve the grant and the Acting Mayor or Mayor will sign off.

Acting Mayor Welch called for further discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called roll.

Yeas: (8) Alderman Tracy Welch, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Ron Keller, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Jeff Hoinacki, Alderwoman Kathy Horn, Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Ron Fleshman

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

B. Approval for solicitation of RFP for Commercial Aggregation.

Alderman Downs made the motion to approve, seconded by Alderwoman Horn. Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion.

This is a request for proposal for a broker. It will allow for bids to be accepted for the best rate.

Acting Mayor Welch called for further discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called roll.

Yeas: (8) Alderman Tracy Welch, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Ron Keller, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderman Jeff Hoinacki, Alderwoman Kathy Horn, Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Ron Fleshman

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Announcements:

- The deadline for the current round of grants for the BIG program for businesses is December 15th. Two local businesses were awarded \$25,000 each
- Alderman Fleshman would like to thank Superintendent Landers and the Street Department for the shoulder work on 5th St road.
- After seeing discussion online regarding the removed trees at the fairgrounds, Acting Mayor Welch wanted to offer some explanation. Had those trees been left there, they would have continued to grow into the powerlines and would have then been trimmed around the power lines and formed a U shape. The billboard company inquired about removing the trees. Three trees would be removed and the city would be reimbursed for those trees. In the last few days, seven trees have been planted that will be more aesthetically pleasing for that area. If a tree is removed from within the City, due to damage or disease, a tree is either planted in another part of the City or the tree is turned into mulch and offered to the residents of Lincoln for free at the Landscape Waste Facility.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Keller motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Bateman. Acting Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary