

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Monday, February 1, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Acting Mayor Welch at 7:00 p.m., with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

Present:

Alderman Tracy Welch, Ward 1
Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1
Alderman Ron Fleshman, Ward 2
Alderman Sam Downs, Ward 2
Alderman Kevin Bateman, Ward 3
Alderman Ron Keller, Ward 3
Alderwoman Kathy Horn, Ward 4
Alderman Jeff Hoinacki, Ward 4

Staff Present:

City Administrator Elizabeth Kavelman
City Clerk Peggy Bateman
Treasurer Chuck Conzo
Police Chief Paul Adams
City Attorney John Hoblit

Remotely:

Fire Chief Bob Dunovsky
Building and Safety Officer Wes Woodhall
Streets Superintendent Walt Landers
Veolia Water, Andrew Bowns

Absent:

Presiding:

Acting Mayor Tracy Welch

City Attorney Hoblit swore in Christopher Phillips as a new City of Lincoln Police Officer. Officer Phillips transferred from the Logan County Sherriff's Department with 2 years of experience.

Public Participation:

There was no one present or on the phone for public participation.

Presentation:

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) Heidi Mueller, Director of IDJJ and Michelle Jenkins, Assistant Chief of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The following people were present via Zoom and spoke on this topic.

Michelle Jenkins – Assistant Chief Director Intergovernmental
Heidi Miller – Director of Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice
Eva Moore – Deputy After Care
Bill Patton – Deputy of Operations (Southern Illinois)

Jumelle Otnee Brown – Public Operations
Erin Johnson – Chief of Staff

The IDJJ have received Capital Development Funds and CMS has granted them the rights to the old Lincoln Development Center. IDJJ is currently renovating the property and it will be used for DJJ.

It has come to the attention of IDJJ that they have failed to invest in Central Illinois with services. Around 40% of the kids in their custody come from Central Illinois, however there aren't any facilities to hold them. Currently, they will be housed in the Chicago or Harrisburg area.

The site will be turned into a minimum secure custody for kids from Central Illinois that are committed to IDJJ. The facility will be no more than 30 beds. This will be a trauma informed rehabilitated center. There will also be outdoor recreational areas built; basketball courts, soccer fields. An architectural packet has been distributed to the council. The area that will be utilized will be where the 4 cottages are located and also another building will be built. There will be no climb fencing around the area, but will not have barbed wire or razor wire. The individuals housed here will have a low escape risk. The goal is to keep the younger, more vulnerable individuals closer to their homes and families.

There will be approx. 50 staff members employed. Adequate training will be completed by all staff. Some of the current parking lots will be utilized by staff, some will be fenced off for recreational purposes. If more parking is needed, they may include another parking lot with the new building that will be built. It is predicted that it may take 2 years before kids will be transferred to this facility.

IDJJ will be reaching out to the police and fire departments to develop escape and safety plans.

Acting Mayor Welch moved to other items on the agenda.

Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote:

A. Payment of Bills

B. Approval of minutes December 21, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, January 4, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting, January 19, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.

Alderman Keller made the motion to approve, Alderman Fleshman seconded. Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called roll.

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

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Acting Mayor Welch moved to other items on the agenda.

Ordinance and Resolution:

A. Resolution 2021-427 Temporarily Reinstating Committee of the Whole Meeting under city code 1-6-8.

Alderman Downs made the motion to approve, seconded by Alderwoman Horn. Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the 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. Resolution 2021-428 Authorizing Acting Mayor to Execute Service Agreement for Electrical Aggregation.

Alderman Downs made the motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Parrott. Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the 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)

C. Ordinance 2021-937 amending 7-16-2 of The Lincoln City code requiring the home owners to maintain trash service.

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

Alderman Bateman would like this, should it pass, to go into effect July 1st, 2021 to give ample time for accounts to be changed.

Alderman Hoinacki has received some negative feedback from landlords regarding this topic and will most likely be voting no.

Alderman Bateman and Alderman Downs rescinded their motions to approve. Alderman Downs made the motion to amend the language written within the resolution to include the July 1st, 2021 effective date, Alderman Bateman seconded.

Acting Mayor Welch called for further discussion. City Clerk Bateman called roll to remove item from the table.

Yeas: (7) Alderman Tracy Welch, Alderman Sam Downs, Alderman Ron Keller, Alderman Kevin Bateman, Alderwoman Kathy Horn, Alderman Steve Parrott, Alderman Ron Fleshman

Nays: (1) Alderman Jeff Hoinacki

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Acting Mayor Welch moved to other items on the agenda.

Bids:

A. Approval of bid from L. Keeley Construction Company for the Union Street Pump Station construction in an amount not to exceed \$3,990,407.00.

Alderman Bateman made the motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Hoinacki. Acting Mayor Welch called for Christy Crites to speak due to the large amount.

Christy stated that this is the seconded lowest bid on the Union Street Pump Station. IEPA recommended moving down to the seconded lowest bid. L. Keeley is in the process of finalizing all of the paperwork with IEPA. She hopes that once the final approval from the IEPA is received, L. Keeley will be onsite and ready to begin work within two weeks.

Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the 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 Freshman

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent: (0)

Acting Mayor Welch moved to other items on the agenda.

New Business/Communications:

A. Approval of the extension to the Waste Collection Agreement between the City of Lincoln and Area Disposal for one (1) additional year with the expiration date of February 28, 2022.

Alderman Parrott made the motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Downs.

Alderman Parrott would like more clarification on what is permitted for recycling. More information will be posted on the City facebook page and City website and also possible newspaper advertisement.

Alderman Keller had two complaints from residents. The first being that when calling the Lincoln office, they cannot get ahold of anyone, the phone just rings and rings. The second complaint is that once trash is collected, the toter is not placed back to where it was, it is left as an obstruction to traffic.

Matt Collier said that there has been additional staff added to the Lincoln office to help with customer service and answering phones. He also state that he felt their drivers did their best to get the toters back to where they were but during the winter months, that can be more difficult.

During the last meeting with Area Disposal, it was decided that the Lincoln phone number for Area will now ring directly to the Lincoln office. If no one answers, the call will go into a que and the phone call will be returned within 24 hours.

A couple Alderman would have liked to seen this gone out for bid, but there was a time constraint this year so that was not feasible. The council will plan to start sooner next year and go out for bids.

Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the 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 of City of Lincoln's Economic Support Business Sustainability Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Picture This Photography, pending approval of the Cures Grant applications by the State of Illinois.

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

Applications are still being accepted, the deadline will be extended to March 31, 2021.

Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the 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)

C. Approval of revised Economic Development Grant Program Application.

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

There are two changes to the application..

1. States that applications must be reviewed by the Commission and an award letter be issued to the applicant prior to beginning the project.
2. States that there is a minimum of 8 weeks for the application process and that there is an IRS W9 form included in this packet and is required, if your application is approved, for the City to be able to issue a monetary payment.

Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the 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)

D. Approval of retention of The Stewart Law Firm, P.C. as the City of Lincoln Labor Attorney.

Alderman Downs made the motion to approve, Alderwoman Horn seconded. This will be the attorney for the F.O.P only.

Rick Stewart had been the F.O.P.'s attorney but has since left the law firm. Acting Mayor Welch has already authorized the removal of documents from the previous law firm. The council is voting on whether they want to retain Mr. Stewart's new law firm.

Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the 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)

E. Approval of invoice #0212983 from Crawford, Murphy & Tilley for Professional Services for Union Street Pump Station from November 28, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$1,345.00.

Alderman Fleshman made the motion to approve, Alderman Hoinacki seconded. Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the 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)

F. Approval of Invoice #0212984 from Crawford, Murphy & Tilley for Professional Services for CSO Improvements from November 28, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$26,876.53.

Alderman Fleshman made the motion to approve, Alderman Bateman seconded. Acting Mayor Welch called for discussion, there being none, City Clerk Bateman called the 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.

Announcements:

- Alderman Bateman would like discussions to be had to regarding the MMIL buildings on Chicago and Pulaski. He suggested the City take ownership and try to get them sold. He does not want to see them torn down but is also concerned about the safety aspect.
- The budget committee will consist of the same members as last year; Alderman Hoinacki, Treasurer Conzo, Alderman Horn and City Administrator Kavelman. Budget discussion will be added to the next COW.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Hoinacki motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Bateman. Acting Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary