

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the City Council of Lincoln was called to order by Mayor Tracy Welch at 7:01 p.m., with proper notice given. City Clerk Peggy Bateman called roll.

Present:

Alderwoman Robin McClallen, Ward 1
Alderman Steve Parrott, Ward 1
Alderman David Sanders, Ward 2
Alderman Kevin Bateman, Ward 3
Alderwoman Rhonda O'Donoghue, Ward 4

Staff Present:

Peggy Bateman, City Clerk
Chuck Conzo, City Treasurer
John Hoblit, City Attorney
Walt Landers, Streets Superintendent
Ty Johnson, Fire Chief
Andrew Bowns, Veolia Water, Project Manager

Remotely:

Wes Woodhall, Building and Safety Officer

Absent:

Alderman Sam Downs, Ward 2
Alderwoman Wanda Lee Rohlfs, Ward 3
Alderman Craig Eimer, Ward 4
Joe Meister, Police Chief

Presiding:

Mayor Tracy Welch

Public Comment:

There is no one present for public comment.

Alice Roate – Logan County Tourism Bureau 4th Quarter Report

Hotel/Motel income was a little over \$55,000 (up 9%)

Grants received – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity LCTB Grant =\$7,684.00

Digital marketing continues.

119 visitors stopped in The Mill with Tourism inquiries, 23 had Route 66 Passports.

There will be a special edition of Route 66 passports for the Route 66 100th Anniversary

2024 Cross Farm Lease

A draft of the lease was given to the council. The lease runs March to March. Numbers are the same as the previous lease. There is less land being farmed due to solar panels and the land swap that previously occurred.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Proposed bid for the purchase of 112, 114 and 116 S. Chicago Street, Ordinance authorizing the Sale of Real Estate.

The City received a \$100 bid from Integrity Holdings, LLC. They have plans for a full rehab of the building. There is a timeline in place for cleaning up the properties.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Proposal to charge start time of City Council Meetings from 7:00pm to 6:00pm.

The council would like to change the start time of the Regular City Council meetings to 6pm. The new times will begin at the beginning of March.

This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Economic Development Commission Grant Approvals

Structural Grants:

1. GK Browne Electric LLC 228 S. Chicago Street – Replace Exterior Door and Windows \$7,500.00.

2. Integrity Holdings LLC 129 S. Kickapoo Street – Roof Replacement \$7,500.00.

AMCE 007 LLC 401 Broadway – Roof Repairs \$7,500.00.

These items will be placed on the regular agenda.

Façade Grants:

1. GK Browne Electric LLC 228 S. Chicago Street – Power Wash, Paint & Trim \$5,223.00.

2. Steve Browne 220 S. Chicago Street – Pressure Wash & Paint \$3,900.00.

These items will be placed on the regular agenda.

Mayor Welch moved on to other items on the agenda.

An item brought to the Council by Mayor Welch

Electrical Aggregation:

There was no interest from the Council to become a representative so Mayor Welch will handle this. Mayor Welch shared the timeline of the release of the RFP. This pertains to just city accounts. This item will be placed on the regular agenda.

Announcements:

- Alderman Parrott thanked the Street Department for their work dealing with the recent icy mornings.
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Adjournment:

There being no further discussion to come before the City Council of Lincoln, Alderman Bateman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman O'Donoghue. All were in favor. Mayor Welch adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Charity Hutchison, Recording Secretary