

**CITY OF FLORA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
131 EAST SECOND STREET**

January 15, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Mayor Rick Slaughter called the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Flora to order and City Clerk Becky Burgess called roll. Present were Mayor Rick Slaughter, Commissioner Linda Spicer, Commissioner Jeremy Henderson, Commissioner Phil Wiley and Commissioner Jim Fehrenbacher.

Others in attendance were City Attorney Bob Coble, City Administrator/Economic Development Director Mike Stanford, Chief of Police Guye Durre, City Clerk Becky Burgess, City Treasurer Abbie Orel, Superintendent of Public Services Toby Rinehart and Building and Zoning Official Chad Bayles. Two media representatives and two guests were also present.

Mayor Rick Slaughter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Linda Spicer offered the Invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

On behalf of the Clay County Health Department, April Carruthers sought permission to use Charley Brown Park for a resource event.

A MOTION TO ALLOW THE CLAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT THE USE OF CHARLEY BROWN PARK ON APRIL 25, 2024, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 15, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE CITY OF FLORA WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were listed under the Consent Agenda:

- ACCEPT POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023
- ACCEPT BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023

CONSENT AGENDA (cont'd)

- APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023
- APPROVE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2023
- APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2024
- APPROVE SCHEDULE OF BILLS FOR PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 11, 2024
- APPROVE USE OF CHARLEY BROWN PARK – MAY 25, 2024
(MASONIC LODGE AUCTION FOR SHRINERS HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN)

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Commissioner Phil Wiley reminded the citizens to stay safe, to keep your pets safe, and to take necessary measures to make sure your house is ready for the cold weather.

City Administrator/Economic Development Director Mike Stanford presented three ordinances for Council consideration.

A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 24-3316, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE – 611 W 4TH STREET, FLORA ILLINOIS, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 24-3317, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING A GRANT UNDER THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR JAMES CORY WALKER DBA DOC'S GYM (NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 24-3318, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING A GRANT UNDER THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE VFW POST 3999 (NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
No – None
Abstain – None; Absent – None

Stanford stated that he is working with Joe Goodman, Chairman of Clay County Board, regarding animal control. Stanford explained that we are looking at a \$6.00 per capita cost, which would be approximately \$28,500 for the City. This is an increase of what we were previous paying (\$21,000) and this will be added to the new budget. Stanford stated that hopefully in two years, Maple Flats will start up and the County will take that over and our dues should decrease.

City Clerk Becky Burgess requested closed session minutes be approved.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2023 WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Slaughter requested a motion to enter into Closed Session pursuant to:

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

AT APPROXIMATELY 4:38 P.M., COMMISSIONER SPICER MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

- Vote: Yes – Slaughter, Spicer, Henderson, Wiley, Fehrenbacher
- No – None
- Abstain – None; Absent – None

OPEN SESSION

At approximately 5:03 p.m., Council entered back into Open Session.

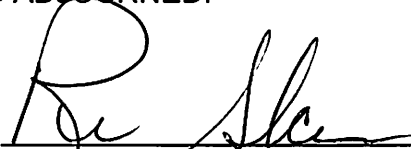
ADJOURN

At approximately 5:04 p.m. with no further business to discuss, Mayor Slaughter requested a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER WILEY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCURRED AND MAYOR SLAUGHTER DECLARED SAID MEETING ADJOURNED.



 Rebekah S. Burgess, City Clerk



 Rick J. Slaughter, Mayor

Approved by City Council on: February 5, 2024