

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

**MARCH 4, 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, Building and Zoning Official Chad Bayles and Superintendent of Public Services Toby Rinehart. Two media representatives and four guests were also in attendance.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Collin Mosely addressed Council regarding illegal immigrants in the State of Illinois. Mosely requested that Council consider passing a measure that would state that local tax dollars would not be used to house illegal immigrants.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 4, 2024 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE CITY OF FLORA WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were listed under the Consent Agenda:

- APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024
- APPROVE SCHEDULE OF BILLS FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2024

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

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

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Commissioner Linda Spicer expressed her gratitude to the media and the community for their support during the boys' basketball season. Spicer then presented a resolution regarding the Fire Department.

A MOTION TO PASS A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FLORA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

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

City Administrator/Economic Development Director Mike Stanford allowed Lee Beckman to address Council on the various grants that Milano & Grunloh Engineers are completing for the City. Beckman gave a brief update on each of the grants that are currently being pursued. Following his presentation, Stanford presented several items for Council's consideration.

A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3329, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS – DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (\$1,500,000.00) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

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

A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3330, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH HOWELL PAVING, INC. FOR THE NORTH MAIN STREET PROJECT (\$939,388.52) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

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

A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3331, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORA, CLAY COUNTY, ILLINOIS CONCERNING THE RECDS INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM AND A LOAN THEREUNDER TO BE MADE TO CLAYTON L. IRVIN, AUTHORIZING SUCH LOAN AND THE RELATED LOAN DOCUMENTS AND RELATED MATTERS (\$250,000.00) 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 PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3332, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER WITH LUTTRELL BACKHOE, INC. (\$1,611.50 INCREASE) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

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

Stanford stated that the ordinance that was just passed was for the old Clay Medical parking lot and it should be completed by the end of May. Mr. Luttrell will be working in sections to complete the parking lot and he has 60 days to finish.

Stanford then presented his last ordinance for approval.

A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3333, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

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

City Clerk Becky Burgess presented minutes for approval.

A MOTION TO APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024 WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.


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

**ADJOURN**

At approximately 4:44 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 SPICER. COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCURRED AND MAYOR SLAUGHTER DECLARED SAID MEETING ADJOURNED.

  
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 Rebekah S. Burgess, City Clerk

  
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 Rick J. Slaughter, Mayor

Approved by City Council on: March 18, 2024