



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

APRIL 1, 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, Chief of Police Guye Durre, City Administrator/Economic Development Director Mike Stanford, City Clerk Becky Burgess, Building and Zoning Official Chad Bayles and Superintendent of Public Services Toby Rinehart. Two media representatives and several guests were also in attendance.

Mayor Rick Slaughter led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Jeremy Henderson offered the Invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Genthe addressed Council regarding the use of Charley Brown Memorial Park.

A MOTION TO APPROVE CLAY COUNTY CRUISERS INC. TO USE CHARLEY BROWN MEMORIAL PARK ON JULY 20, 2024, WITH A RAIN DATE OF JULY 27, 2024, FOR THEIR 20TH ANNUAL CAR & TRUCK SHOW WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

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

Roy Smith presented a request for a walk to raise awareness.

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE VETERANS SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK “BE THE ONE” TO BE HELD ON MAY 11, 2024, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 1, 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 MARCH 18, 2024
- APPROVE SCHEDULE OF BILLS FOR PERIOD ENDING MARCH 27, 2024
- APPROVE FLORA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO USE CHARLEY BROWN MEMORIAL PARK ON MAY 10, 2024 – RAIN DATE OF MAY 16, 2024 (ACCELERATED READING CELEBRATION)

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 Phil Wiley presented an ordinance in regards to the IMEA.

A MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 24-3338, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORA, CLAY COUNTY, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NEW POWER SALES CONTRACT AND A NEW CAPACITY PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY FOR THE DELIVERY PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2035, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; 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. 24-3339, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LED SERVICE LINE INVENTORY GRANT PROGRAM WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

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

A MOTION TO APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE CHARLEY BROWN MEMORIAL PARK CAMPING FEES TO \$75.00 PER NIGHT, DURING THE SOLAR ECLIPSE (APRIL 5, 2024, THROUGH APRIL 8, 2024) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

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

A MOTION TO APPROVE CHARGING \$30.00 PER PARKING SPOT AT CHARLEY BROWN MEMORIAL PARK ON APRIL 8, 2024 (SOLAR ECLIPSE) WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON.

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

Stanford thanked Stephen Smith for all his help with the Solar Eclipse events. The last thing Stanford addressed was informing Council that no bids were received for Surplus Property (van, truck, fleetside bed and utility bed).

Building and Zoning Official Chad Bayles presented several items for Council to consider.

A MOTION TO APPROVE POOL EMPLOYEES AND HOURLY RATES OF PAY FOR THE 2024 SEASON, AS PRESENTED, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HENDERSON; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SPICER.

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

A MOTION TO APPROVE GOING OUT FOR BIDS FOR A TRACTOR, FOR THE PARK DEPARTMENT, 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. 24-3335, AN ORDINANCE REZONING REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE ESTATE OF MARGARET M. ETCHISON AND BEING PURCHASED BY E.J. LEWIS PROPERTIES, LLC TO C-2 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (STANFORD AVE.) WAS MADE BY MAYOR SLAUGHTER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

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

Superintendent of Public Services Toby Rinehart presented several personnel changes.

A MOTION TO APPROVE TRANSFERRING DAKOTA WOODS FROM METER READER (\$32.71/HOUR) TO GAS DEPARTMENT 1ST YEAR APPRENTICE (\$32.14/HOUR) WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 25, 2024, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WILEY; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER.

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

A MOTION TO APPROVE TRANSFERRING JARRAD HILDEBRAND FROM STREET DEPARTMENT LABORER (\$27.76/HOUR) TO METER READER (\$32.71/HOUR) WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 25, 2024, 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 TRANSFERRING STEVE ROSE FROM THE GAS DEPARTMENT JOURNEYMAN (\$36.57/HOUR) TO STREET DEPARTMENT OPERATOR (\$32.71/HOUR) WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 25, 2024, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SPICER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

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

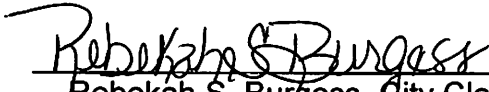
A MOTION TO APPROVE TRANSFERRING JESSE CAMPOS FROM THE PARK DEPARTMENT LABORER TO STREET DEPARTMENT LABORER (\$27.76 - NO CHANGE IN PAY) WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 25, 2024, WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FEHRENBACHER; SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILEY.

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


ADJOURN

At approximately 4:48 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.



 Rebekah S. Burgess, City Clerk



 Rick J. Slaughter, Mayor

Approved by City Council on: April 15, 2024