



City Council Meeting Agenda
West Peoria City Hall
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda
4. Motion to Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of **July 25, 2023**
5. Community Police Report
6. Mayor's Report
7. Fire Department Presentation – Firefighter John Harris regarding the Edgewood Apartments fire on Radan Court, June 20, 2023.
8. Public Comment
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met on **August 2, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **September 6, 2023** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met on **July 19, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **August 16, 2023** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met on **August 2, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **September 6, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Ruskusky: The Committee last met on **July 19, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **August 16, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
10. New Business
 - a. Motion to authorize **banking facility change**
 - b. Motion to authorize the renewal of **Dearborn National** for Life, AD&D (Accidental Death & Dismemberment) and Short-Term Disability coverage (line items: 01-11-451, 01-21-451, 01-31-451, 01-41-451)
 - c. Motion to authorize the renewal of **Blue Cross Blue Shield** for employee health insurance (line items: 01-11-451, 01-21-451, 01-31-451, 01-41-451)
 - d. Motion to sponsor the **West Peoria Golf Classic** to benefit the West Peoria Fire Department in the amount of \$2,000.00 (line item: 01-11-911)
 - e. Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Residential Redevelopment Grant (RDG)** in the amount of \$5,462.50 (line item: 01-11-503)
 - f. Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **TIF Grant** in the amount of \$2,000.00 (line item: 15-00-507)
 - g. Motion to authorize payment to a business for the **Business Improvement Program** in the amount of \$8,498.50 (line item: 01-11-504)
 - h. Motion to authorize payment to **The Economic Development Group** for TIF 1 Administrative Fee for TIF 1 in the amount of \$11,577.20 (line item: 15-00-500)

11. Motion to enter into Executive Session to Review Previous Executive Session Minutes 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 21 and for the Selection of a Person(s) to Fill a Public Office 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 3
12. Return from Executive Session
Roll Call
13. Actions Arising from Executive Session:
 - a. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the **July 11, 2023** Executive Session.
 - b. Motion to Release/Retain the Minutes of the **July 11, 2023** Executive Session
 - c. Motion to appoint Emily Huff to the Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals
14. Public Comment
15. Motion to Adjourn

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City Council Meeting Minutes
West Peoria City Hall
Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Mayor Dillon called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Members present were Mayor Dillon, Alderpersons Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke. Alderperson Silver was absent as was City Treasurer McGill. Also present were City Administrator Krider, residents Becky Burton, Marlene Carter, Bob DeSutter, Bonnie Farrell, Laura Hendrickson, Priscilla Peterson, guests John & Sherry Harris, Josh, Kara, John, Annalise & Caroline Harris, Dick & Vicki Schlicksup, Fire Chief Terry Schadt, Firefighter John Harris, Assistant Chief Bob Harris, and Clerk Barnes. City Attorney Connor and resident Susan Schlupp attended remotely.
3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. A Motion to Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of **July 25, 2023** was made by Alderperson Corbett and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Corbett, Ruskusky, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, and Menke – 7
Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried.**
5. There was no Community Police Report. Mayor Dillon informed the group that Deputy Tim Gilmore is moving up to being an Investigator on the Crime Task Force. He is to be congratulated for a job well done. A new second-shift community officer will be named.
6. Mayor's Report included that he, Administrator Krider, and Alderman Mathewson (Chair of the Finance Committee) have met with pcm + design architects who will be working up a sketch of what is needed for the new City Hall. It has not been decided whether to demolish and begin anew or renovate the old Busey Bank building.
The Mayor, Administrator Krider, Alderman Mathewson, and Finance Assistant Finan have been looking for a bank that may be interested in building in the community. Bank of Farmington approached the City to consider whether they would be a good fit for the City. Other banks were approached for comparison.
Despite the best efforts of the Street Department some of the storm drains could not keep up with the amount of water that fell so fast this past week. There were 2 trees that fell as well.
7. Fire Department Presentation – Firefighter John Harris was given an award for his first responder actions and saving lives during the Edgewood Apartments fire on Radan Court, June 20, 2023 from Fire Chief Terry Schadt, Mayor Dillon, a Proclamation from Peoria County Board, and a gift from the little girl whose life he saved.
8. Public Comment: The annual Boy Scout Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Firehouse with a \$3.00 donation asked.
Resident Laura Hendrickson is an Animal Rights Activist who wishes to help the City take care of the Feral Cat Colony in the area. Administrator Krider will meet with her to see what can be done.
There will be no Neighborhood Watch meeting this week. The next meeting will be September 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. here at City Hall.
Question as to what is going to happen at the site of the old, demolished car wash? Not sure at this time but some mention of a strip mall with a sandwich shop was made.

9. Committee Reports:

- a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met on **August 2, 2023**. The Committee did their usual housekeeping duties. They sent the items for this evening's meeting under New Business. The Audit should be coming soon. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **September 6, 2023** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- b. Transportation Committee: Alderperson Abraham in the absence of Chair Silver: The Committee last met on **July 19, 2023**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **August 16, 2023** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met on **August 2, 2023**. The Committee did their usual housekeeping duties including a review of the Code Enforcement Report. There is a long list of permits this year indicating a lot of work getting done on houses and for businesses. A motion concerning deleting Massage Businesses from our Code Book is being sent to Council for consideration, and other Adult businesses and Auto Racing will be discussed next month. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **September 6, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Ruskusky: The Committee last met on **July 19, 2023**. Chair Ruskusky wants to thank those who made the Night Out Against Crime special and those who took the time to come that evening. He also invited volunteers to Walk the Wards on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. beginning at City Hall where gloves and pickers can be gotten. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **August 16, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.

10. New Business:


- a. A Motion to authorize a **banking facility change** was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky and amended by adding the words **and to go with the Bank of Farmington**. Discussion: A handout was given to the members showing the rates for accounts at banks that were compared to the current rates at Busey Bank. Several banks were contacted but only the Bank of Farmington and the Morton Community Bank responded. The rates from the Bank of Farmington are much better, with better service available and no monthly fees. The motion was amended, and the vote taken. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Ruskusky, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, and Menke – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried as Amended.**
- b. A Motion to authorize the renewal of **Dearborn National** for Life, AD&D (Accidental Death & Dismemberment) and Short-Term Disability coverage (line items: 01-11-451, 01-21-451, 01-31-451, 01-41-451) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dohm. Discussion: "You don't see rates go down very often." Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dohm, Corbett, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried.**
- c. A Motion to authorize the renewal of **Blue Cross Blue Shield** for employee health insurance (line items: 01-11-451, 01-21-451, 01-31-451, 01-41-451) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried.**

- d. A Motion to sponsor the **West Peoria Golf Classic** to benefit the West Peoria Fire Department in the amount of \$2,000.00 (line item: 01-11-911) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dohm. Discussion: We have sponsored this in the past and it helps the Fire Department. The sponsorship level has been raised to reflect rising prices. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dohm, Corbett, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 7: Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried.**
- e. A Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Residential Redevelopment Grant (RDG)** in the amount of \$5,462.50 (line item: 01-11-503) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried.**
- f. A Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **TIF Grant** in the amount of \$2,000.00 (line item: 15-00-507) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried.**
- g. A Motion to authorize payment to a business for the **Business Improvement Program** in the amount of \$8,498.50 (line item: 01-11-504) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. Discussion: It's nice to see it working since the rework done to the grant. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried.**
- h. A Motion to authorize payment to **The Economic Development Group** for TIF 1 Administrative Fee for TIF 1 in the amount of \$11,577.20 (line item: 15-00-500) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried.**
11. A Motion to enter into Executive Session to Review previous Executive Session Minutes 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 21 and for the selection of a person(s) to fill a public office 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 3 was made by Alderperson Dohm at 7:38 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Dohm, Abraham, Corbett, Dillon, Mathewson, Ruskusky, and Menke – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried.**
12. Return from Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.
Roll Call: Members present were Mayor Dillon, Alderpersons Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke.
13. Actions Arising from Executive Session:
- a. A Motion to Approve the Minutes of the **July 11, 2023** Executive Session was made by Alderperson Corbett and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Corbett, Abraham, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Ruskusky, and Menke – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1 **Motion carried.**

- b. A Motion to Release the Minutes of the **July 11, 2023** Executive Session was made by Alderperson Abraham and seconded by Alderperson Menke. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Abraham, Menke, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, and Ruskusky – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1
Motion carried.
 - c. A Motion to appoint Emily Huff to the Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals was made by Alderperson Dohm and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Dohm, Corbett, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1
Motion carried.
 - d. A Motion to appoint Chuck (Charles) Witkowski to the Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals was made by Alderperson Dillon and seconded by Alderperson Menke. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Dillon, Menke, Corbett, Dohm, Mathewson, Abraham, and Ruskusky– 7 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: Alderperson Silver – 1
Motion carried.
14. Public Comment: Sandwich Day to benefit the Fire Department will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023. After Walking the Wards for clean-up – come to the Firehouse and clean up there!
Comment: It's rare with our hospitals so close that the Fire Department gets to deliver a baby, but it happened last week.
Question: How much was paid for the Busey Bank property? \$192,000.00.
15. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Ruskusky at 7:59 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Dillon.
Motion carried by voice.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary M. Barnes, City Clerk

