



City Council Meeting Agenda
West Peoria City Hall
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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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 **April 9, 2024**
5. Motion to Receive and File the Treasurer's Report from **February 2024**
6. Community Police Report
7. Mayor's Report
8. Public Hearing - The purpose of this Public Hearing is for the West Peoria City Council to consider the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning May 1, 2024, and ending April 30, 2025.
 - a. Motion to Open the Public Hearing
 - b. Swearing in of Witnesses
 - c. Presentation
 - d. Other Witness Testimony
 - e. Motion to Finally Close the Public Hearing
9. Public Comment
10. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met on **April 3, 2024**.
The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 1, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met on **April 17, 2024**.
The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 15, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met on **April 3, 2024**.
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 - d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Ruskusky: The Committee last met on **April 17, 2024**.
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11. New Business
 - a. Motion to pass **Ordinance 2024 – 09** Adopting the Annual Budget for the City of West Peoria for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024, and Ending April 30, 2025
 - b. Motion to pass **Ordinance 2024 – 10** Approving and Adopting the Following Grant Programs for FY2025: Residential Redevelopment Program, Residential Paint Program, Neighborhood Safety Improvement Grant Program, and the Business Improvement Program
 - c. Motion to pass **Ordinance 2024 – 11** Approving and Adopting FY2025 Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for West Peoria Tax Increment Financing District I
 - d. Motion to authorize payment to **Horowitz Concrete** for Pierson Ave. storm drain repair in the amount of \$4,500.00 (line item: 01-41-890)

12. Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Reviewing Previous Executive Session Minutes - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21), Appointment of Public Officials - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3), Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body - 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (6)
13. Return from Executive Session - Roll Call
14. Actions Arising From the Executive Session
 - a. Motion to Approve the Minutes from the **February 27, 2024** Executive Session
 - b. Motion to Release/Retain the Minutes from the **February 27, 2024** Executive Session
 - c. Motion to appoint a representative to the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District CityLink
 - d. Motion to appoint a Trustee for the West Peoria Fire Protection District
 - e. Other
15. Public Comment
16. Motion to Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the City Council is Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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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, Menke, and Silver. Also present were City Administrator Krider, City Treasurer McGill, residents Marlene Carter, Bob DeSutter, Bonnie Farrell, Chief Terry Schadt from West Peoria Fire Protection District, and Clerk Barnes. City Attorney Connor and residents Priscilla Peterson, Susan Schlupp and April Silver attended remotely.
3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. A Motion to Approve Minutes from the regular meeting of **April 9, 2024** was made by Alderperson Corbett and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Corbett, Abraham, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
5. A Motion to Receive and File the Treasurer’s Report from **February 2024** was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
6. There was no Community Police Report. Mayor Dillon did mention that the storm drain repair on Pierson Avenue has a major problem with drivers who speed through the construction area, endangering the workers. It was going to be closed to traffic on one side, but work has to be done in the middle of the street. Only local traffic is allowed through the area, but others continue to drive through – some speeding up to 40 and 50 mph. Workers want to boycott the project. The police have been called upon to have a presence there to keep the workers as safe as possible. Please take an alternative route.
7. Mayor’s Report: Groundbreaking for the new City Hall has been set for Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. At the last Public Safety meeting there was a discussion about what can be done with the burned out buildings in West Peoria. Investigating them it was found that: On Barker Avenue the owners are still fighting with insurance company. The one on Southport Road is being worked on inside while insurance company is debating with the owner. On Farmington Road a meeting has been set up with the owner for next week. This one has several considerations because it lies in a flood plain and there are restrictions about what can be done. And the one on MLK is being worked on to remove debris by the owners even as the City is getting more bids for demolition. There is a lighting issue on Downs Circle that involves having to move a street light before sidewalk construction and its replacement. The City is working on a resolution.
8. Public Hearing - The purpose of this Public Hearing is for the West Peoria City Council to consider the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 beginning May 1, 2024, and ending April 30, 2025.
 - a. A Motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Silver. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Silver, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**

- b. There were no Witnesses.
- c. Presentation by City Administrator Krider of the FY 2025 Budget. Comments by Alderperson and Finance Chair Mathewson included a bit of history about the City Hall: In the beginning of the City, meetings were held down at the City Garage, then later in the church on Kellogg. When the current building was bought 30 years ago it was to be a *temporary* building. Every year since, the Council has put money aside for a new building. It's a real tribute to the Council members and City Administration that they continued to set aside money each year and never spent what was therein to enable to present this FY 2025 Budget that is balanced and includes funds for a new City Hall without increasing taxes or raising bonds.
- d. There was no Other Witness Testimony.
- e. A Motion to Finally Close the Public Hearing was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Silver. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Silver, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**

9. Public Comment: The Scouts still have trash bags available. If interested, please contact Bob DeSutter.

10. Committee Reports:

- a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met on **April 3, 2024**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 1, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met on **April 17, 2024**. They did their regular housekeeping duties. Sidewalk projects this year are starting at Sterling that will tie into Laura Avenue. Then Avon Curve, Downs Circle, and Laura Avenue sidewalk projects continue. The Vaugh/Magnolia project area reportedly had no flooding during recent rains. There was a discussion about safety at the crosswalk at the Harold B. Dawson School. Vehicles speed, weave in and out of parking positions, and the children dart between cars. Speed tables, additional signage and even a re-routing of traffic was a part of the discussion. A review of FY2024 goals to set FY 2025 goals was briefly discussed. City Administrator and Street Department Manager Hess met with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and Terra Engineering about the safety study for the intersection of Waverly Avenue and Callender Avenue. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 15, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met on **April 3, 2024**. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 1, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Ruskusky: The Committee last met on **April 17, 2024**. The Committee did their regular housekeeping duties including a review of the Code Enforcement Report finding many permits already issued this year, especially solar permits. There was a discussion about changes that are being made to the current contract with Waste Management and the flyers to help educate residents about those changes. The start date for the new contract will be June 1, 2024. No parking on Stever Street was discussed. Plans for a draft Ordinance will be at the next meeting. Clean-up Day is slated for this Saturday, April 27, 2024 at the City Garage from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The first Walk the Wards litter program of the year will be held Saturday May 18, 2024 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall where volunteers will get bags, gloves, pickers, and directions about where to begin. A review of FY2024 goals to set FY 2025 goals was briefly discussed. There was also a discussion about

burned-out buildings needing to be demolished. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 15, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.

11. New Business:

- a. A Motion to pass **Ordinance 2024 - 09** Adopting the FY 2025 Annual Budget for the City of West Peoria for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2024, and Ending April 30, 2025 was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dillon. Comment: A big Thank You to City Administrator Krider for the huge amount of time spent working and reworking this Budget! Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dillon, Corbett, Dohm, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
- b. A Motion to pass **Ordinance 2024 - 10** Approving and Adopting the Following Grant Programs for FY2025: Residential Redevelopment Program, Residential Paint Program, Neighborhood Safety Improvement Grant Program, and the Business Improvement Program was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
- c. A Motion to pass **Ordinance 2024 - 11** Approving and Adopting FY2025 Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for West Peoria Tax Increment Financing District I was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dillon. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dillon, Corbett, Dohm, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
- d. A Motion to authorize payment to **Horowitz Concrete** for Pierson Avenue storm drain repair in the amount of \$4,500.00 (line item: 01-41-890) was made by Alderperson Silver and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Silver, Ruskusky, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, and Menke – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**

12. A Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3) (Illinois Compiled Statutes), for the selection of person(s) to fill a public office; 5 ILCS Section 120/2 (c) (6) for the setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body; and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) Reviewing Previous Minutes was made by Alderperson Silver at 7:27 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Silver, Abraham, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Ruskusky, and Menke – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**

13. Return from Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.

Roll Call: Mayor Dillon, Alderpersons: Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver

14. Actions Arising from Executive Session:

- a. A Motion to Approve the Minutes from the **February 27, 2024** Executive Session was made by Alderperson Dohm and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Dohm, Ruskusky, Corbett, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**

b. A Motion to Retain the Minutes from the **February 27, 2024** Executive Session was made by Alderperson Silver and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Silver, Abraham, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Ruskusky, and Menke – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**

c. A Motion to appoint Dan Morse as representative to the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District CityLink was made by Alderperson Dohm and seconded by Alderperson Mathewson. There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Dohm, Mathewson, Corbett, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**

d. This was not addressed.

15. Public Comment: There was a question as to when the applications for the newly revised City Grants would be available. May 1, 2024 is the first day.


The Mayor and City Administrator will be giving a State of the City Address on Thursday, May 16, 2024 here at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals need a couple of more residents to help. The meeting is scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. If interested, please contact City Administrator Krider.

16. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Corbett at 7:50 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. **Motion carried by voice.**

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Respectfully submitted,


Mary M Barnes, City Clerk

