



City Council Meeting Agenda
West Peoria City Hall
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 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 **December 12, 2023**
5. Community Police Report
6. Mayor's Report
7. Public Comment
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met **January 3, 2024**.
The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **February 7, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met **December 20, 2023**.
The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **January 17, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met **January 3, 2024**.
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 - d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Ruskusky: The Committee last met **December 20, 2023**.
The Committee next meets on Tuesday, **January 17, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
9. New Business
 - a. Motion to authorize payment to resident(s) for the **Residential Redevelopment Grant (RDG)** in the amount of \$4,000.00 (line item: 01-11-503)
 - b. Motion to authorize payment to resident(s) for the **Neighborhood Safety Grant** in the amount of \$399.60 (line item: 01-21-503)
 - c. Motion to authorize payment to **Boyer Concrete Leveling** for work on Heading Ave. in the amount of \$19,125.00 (line item: 01-41-880)
10. Public Comment
11. Motion to Adjourn

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City Council Meeting Minutes
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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, and Clerk Barnes. City Treasurer McGill, 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 **December 12, 2023** was made by Alderperson Silver and seconded by Alderperson Corbett. Discussion: There was no discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Silver, Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Menke – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
5. Community Police Report was not given. Deputy Hart will attend the next Council meeting.
6. Mayor’s Report: The Mayor and Administrator met with the owners of Haddad’s who applied for an F License – a license that is for “on-site consumption of beer and wine only” that is necessary to allow gambling in the establishment. That application has not been completed as of this meeting. In the past, Haddad’s did have a liquor license but that had lapsed. County police are still working on the scamming of credit cards at Haddad’s, the shooting at KG’s establishment, and they are still giving tickets for not stopping at stop signs, using phones while driving, etc. Just because it snows, the rules of the road do not disappear. They also met with Wil from the design group, the civil engineers, and the surveyors, and hope to meet with the group again next week. They met with the contractor that demolished the old Busey bank. The company found empty tanks underground that had to be removed. There was nothing hazardous in them. The price for their removal added \$4,812.00 to the bill for demolition – bringing it to \$102,735.00. They had a GPEDC (Greater Peoria Economic Development Council) meeting this morning at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom. The City activated the Emergency Snow Routes, and the Mayor wants to thank those residents who paid attention and got their vehicles off the street. To those who did not comply and got a “love letter” from our Code Enforcement Officer today, there have been plenty of notices and there will be follow-ups. The Library issue came back up on Facebook – which the Mayor does not read. There was a referendum several years ago to get affiliated with Alpha District – which is the cheaper of the library systems around here – to put it on the tax rolls, which failed. We are not allowed to just pull money and add it to the tax rolls. At the current rate, in the Alpha system, for a house that is worth \$150,000.00 it would cost taxpayers about \$182.39 for their library services. For a similar house in Peoria, they pay about \$227.05 – it is not free! People can pay \$157.00 a year for a library card as a non-residents. District #150 students can get a library card free. Private school children have to pay for theirs. Our property taxes – we collect only about \$220,000.00 a year in total – and it costs us over \$500,000.00 for our police protection! If it weren’t for our sales taxes from other businesses we could not survive as a City. Of the \$220,000 we’re only allowed to spend that on certain things.

With all that was posted on Facebook, there was not one person who came into City Hall to inquire about these issues, only 2 emails, and there is no one here this evening. If anyone has any questions, please contact City Hall and we will try to find the answer for you.

7. Public Comment: Thank you to the Street Department team, who is out in this weather, for all they are doing to keep the streets navigable today and what they will do in the future.
There is a Neighborhood Watch meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. here at City Hall. Deputy Hart is to be the speaker.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met on **January 3, 2024**. The Committee did their regular housekeeping duties. They reviewed the first draft of the FY2025 Budget, began a review of the City Grants including the Residential Redevelopment, Paint, and Security Programs, reviewed the Liquor License Regulations that will be coming to Council next meeting, sent to Council New Business items for this evening's meeting, and had an Executive Session to review previous Minutes. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **February 7, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met on **December 20, 2023**. The Committee did their usual housekeeping duties. The Rebuild IL project is completed or close to it. The Vaughn/Magnolia project is getting help from McKim Forestry to clear out the flat area to get to the wash-out area there. That will take place when the spring weather comes. A review of the yearly radar reports was done. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **January 17, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met on **January 3, 2024**. The Committee did their regular housekeeping duties including a review of the Code Enforcement Report. They were informed that the Code Enforcement Officer has been averaging greater than a case (violation) an hour this past year. The Enterprise Zone parcels are being surveyed in preparation for the new Amendment. The Committee members reviewed the first draft of their FY2025 Budget, and the TIF and Zoning Maps were recommended to the Planning Commission, as well as EV-Capable Parking Space Requirements. They held an Executive Session to review previous Minutes. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **February 7, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
 - d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Ruskusky: The Committee last met on **December 20, 2023**. They did their usual housekeeping duties, including the Code Enforcement report. They had a lengthy discussion about the new garbage contract with WM. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **January 17, 2024**. at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
9. New Business:
 - a. A Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Residential Redevelopment Grant (RDG)** in the amount of \$4,000.00 (line item: 01-11-503) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dillon. Discussion: 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.**
 - b. A Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Neighborhood Safety Grant** in the amount of \$399.60 (line item: 01-21-503) 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, Menke, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**


- c. A Motion to authorize Council payment to **Boyer Concrete Leveling** for work on Heading Avenue in the amount of \$19,125.00 (line item: 01-41-880) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dillon. Discussion: 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.**

10. There was no Public Comment at this time.

11. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Silver at 7:20 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Abraham. **Motion carried by voice.**

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Respectfully submitted,


Mary M. Barnes, City Clerk

