



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 March 22, 2022
5. Community Police Report
6. Mayor's Report
7. Public Comment
8. Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met April 6, 2022. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 4, 2022 at 5:30** p.m. here at City Hall.
  - b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met March 16, 2022. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
  - c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met April 6, 2022. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
  - d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Reagan: The Committee last met March 16, 2022. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
9. New Business
  - a. Motion to pass **Ordinance 2022-08** Amending Title 5, Business Regulations, Chapter 6, Itinerant Merchants, of the City Code of the City of West Peoria for Purposes of Regulating and Licensing Special Events in the City
  - b. Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Residential Redevelopment Grant (RDG)** in the amount of \$5,420.27 (line item: 01-11-503)
  - c. Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Neighborhood Safety Grant** in the amount of \$636.13 (line item: 01-21-503)
  - d. Motion to authorize payment to a resident for the **TIF Grant** in the amount of \$1,000.00 (line item: 15-00-507)
  - e. Motion to authorize payment to **Gorenz & Associates, Ltd.** for auditing services in the amount of \$28,750.00 (line item: 01-11-531)
  - f. Motion to authorize payment to **Gorenz & Associates, Ltd.** for accounting services for the Township in the amount of \$4,750.00 (line item: 04-00-531)
  - g. Motion to authorize payment to **Compass Minerals** for salt in the amount of \$3,530.12 (line item: 01-41-616)
  - h. Motion to authorize payment to **The Economic Development Group** for TIF 1 second half of the 2021 fees in the amount of \$9,322.59 (line item: 15-00-500)
  - i. Motion to authorize payment to **Phil Schindler & Sons Inc.**, for a privacy fence installation behind City Hall, in the amount of \$6,965.00 (line item: 01-11-517)

- j. Motion to authorize the purchase of **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** t-shirts at the costs shown and sell the t-shirts at the proposed prices (line item: 01-11-910)
- k. Motion to authorize the purchase of **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** handouts not exceeding \$2,000.00 (line item: 01-11-910)

10. Public Comment

11. Motion to Adjourn

**The next regular meeting of the City Council is Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

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## City Council Meeting Official Minutes

West Peoria City Hall

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 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 Dohm, Thomas, Mathewson, Reagan, Abraham, Ruskusky, and Edmonds. Alderperson Silver, City Treasurer McGill, City Attorney Connor, and resident Priscilla Peterson attended remotely. Also present were City Administrator Krider, residents Nick Baker, Marlene Carter, Bob DeSutter, Bonnie Farrell, Jason Miles, and John Siewert II, and Clerk Barnes.
3. There were No Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. A Motion to Approve the Minutes from the regular meeting of March 22, 2022 was made by Alderperson Thomas and seconded by Alderperson Reagan. Discussion: No discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Thomas, Reagan, Dohm, Mathewson, Abraham, Ruskusky, Edmonds, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
5. There was no Community Police Report as the deputies were at the scene of an incident below the hill.
6. Mayor's Report included that he's been working with Public Works Manager Hess, Illinois American Water and Hoerr Construction about the work being done on Alice. The sidewalks have been replaced and they are trying to work with a blacktop contractor to see how much they will do, then how much we can spend without having to put it out to a total bid to get the street back to prime condition as it was before the mains had to be replaced.  
There will be a zoom meeting with the Peoria Park District Board concerning the use of the Franciscan Recreation Center on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 4 p.m.  
There will be a zoom meeting with Ameren and Homefield Energy for new bids on Monday, April 18, 2022. There are questions about whether the bids will be for 18 months or 36. The bidding process goes very quickly, and only those municipalities who sign up for it during the process will enjoy the lower prices for the length of the contract. Other companies may try to sell the same product at a "better price", but that "better price" only lasts a month or a few – not the length of a contract. Senator Koehler informed the Mayor that there would be some monies coming to our Sheriff's Office for some "safety" issues. We were fortunate to be among several municipalities to be helped this way.  
This Thursday, April 14, 2022, there will be an Honors Breakfast at Calvin Coolidge Middle School. If anyone can help with this, please arrive there by 7:00 a.m. or a little later. Breakfast is to start at 7:30 a.m.
7. Public Comment: Concerning this contract with Homefield Energy. Shouldn't the public be notified first? No. They will be given the opportunity to "Opt Out" if they want to pay higher prices for their utilities.  
The Flea Market at the Speedway this past Sunday was a huge success. A large number of Vendors were there and were able to recoup the expense of the space in about an hour. There will be a similar Flea Market there every second Sunday of the month from now through October.

## 8. Committee Reports:

- a. Finance Committee: Chair Mathewson: The Committee last met April 6, 2022. They did their usual housekeeping duties and voted on all the New Business items for this evening's meeting. They reviewed and finalized the draft of the FY 2023 Budget. They decided to begin their meetings at 5:30 p.m. beginning with their next meeting. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, **May 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** here at City Hall.
- b. Transportation Committee: Chair Silver: The Committee last met March 16, 2022. The Committee next meets on **Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.** here at City Hall.
- c. Land Use Committee: Chair Dohm: The Committee last met April 6, 2022. The Committee did their usual housekeeping duties including reviewing the Code Enforcement Report. Both Solar and Wind Energy Ordinance and the Home Occupation review were tabled to next month. An Ordinance on Itinerant Merchants and Special Events was sent to the Council for this evening's meeting. A recommendation Amending Section 2-5-2:R-2, B.15 and adding a Special Use for Hospitals was sent to the Planning Commission and ZBA Board. The Nuisance Property on Waverly has been demolished. The Committee next meets on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.
- d. Public Safety Committee: Chair Reagan: The Committee last met March 16, 2022. The Committee next meets on **Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** at 6:30 p.m. here at City Hall.

## 9. New Business

- a. A Motion to pass **Ordinance 2022-08** Amending Title 5, Business Regulations, Chapter 6, Itinerant Merchants, of the City Code of the City of West Peoria for Purposes of Regulating and Licensing Special Events in the City, with corrections to Section 5-6-1 "'accessible' is changed to 'open' to the public to participate" was made by Alderperson Dohm and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky. Discussion: No discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Dohm, Ruskusky, Thomas, Mathewson, Reagan, Abraham, Edmonds, and Silver - 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
- b. A Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Residential Redevelopment Grant (RDG)** in the amount of \$5,420.27 (line item: 01-11-503) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Reagan. Discussion: Reminder that even though the amount for the RDG was raised this year, the money goes quickly, and it is given out first-come, first-served basis **starting May 1, 2022**. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Reagan, Dohm, Thomas, Abraham, Ruskusky, Edmonds, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
- c. A Motion to authorize payment to residents for the **Neighborhood Safety Grant** in the amount of \$636.13 (line item: 01-21-503) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dohm. Discussion: Reminder that this grant is for exterior, videographic cameras. The money goes quickly, and it is given out first-come, first-served basis **starting May 1, 2022**. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dohm, Thomas, Reagan, Abraham, Ruskusky, Edmonds, and Silver - 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
- d. A Motion to authorize payment to a resident for the **TIF 1 Grant** in the amount of \$1,000.00 (line item: 15-00-507) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dohm. Discussion: No discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dohm,

Thomas, Reagan, Abraham, Ruskusky, Edmonds, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0  
Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**

- e. A Motion to authorize payment to **Gorenz & Associates, Ltd.** for auditing services in the amount of \$28,750.00 (line item: 01-11-531) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky. Discussion: No discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Ruskusky, Dohm, Thomas, Reagan, Abraham, Edmonds, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
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- j. A Motion to authorize the purchase of the **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** t-shirts at the cost shown per JAM's quote and sell the t-shirts at the proposed prices presented (line item: 01-11-910) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Dohm. Discussion: There was a consensus that the design on the shirt mention "Since 1970" instead of "50 Years" so sales of shirts could continue into other years if too many are made for this year. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Dohm, Thomas, Reagan, Abraham, Ruskusky, Edmonds, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**
- k. A Motion to authorize the purchase of **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** koozie handouts not exceeding \$2,000.00 (line item: 01-11-910) was made by Alderperson Mathewson and seconded by Alderperson Ruskusky. Discussion: No discussion. Roll call votes: Ayes: Alderpersons: Mathewson, Ruskusky, Dohm, Thomas, Reagan, Abraham, Edmonds, and Silver – 8 Nays: - 0 Abstentions: - 0 Absent: - 0 **Motion carried.**

10. Public Comment: The Scouts will be delivering the trash bags next week. Neighborhood Watch is tomorrow at 6 p.m. here at City Hall. Captain James Middlemas will be the guest speaker. Clean-Up Day is Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the City Garage from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jason Miles offered to provide coffee for anyone volunteering their time that day. We still need volunteers to help with the work. Question: Do we know when Swords Hill will be closed? No. We do know that it will be closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but otherwise, they are having problems getting materials and cannot give us a date. There is a U.S. Marshall at the prison now who specializes in sexual predators. This will be good for our area to have him available. Did the City bid out the fence built behind City Hall? Yes. It looks good. How's the street sweeper doing? Good. There was a chain that was broken, and Public Manager Hess was able to repair it enough to finish the sweeping. There is someone coming from the company to check it over and replace the chain if necessary. If anyone notices leaves and debris in the storm sewer basins, please feel free not to wait for the Street Department employees to clear them. They get clogged up easily with old leaves, grass, etc.
11. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Edmonds at 8:14 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Reagan. **Motion carried by voice.**

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary M. Barnes, City Clerk

