

City of Edwardsville

Council Proceedings

September 21, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Edwardsville City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at Edwardsville City Hall, located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville, Illinois, with Mayor Risavy presiding. Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns answered present on roll call.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Mayor Risavy welcomed everyone in attendance and those viewing on Cable Channel 993 and Facebook Live to the meeting.

Mayor Risavy opened the public comment portion of the meeting. Three (3) public comments were made. The first public comment was provided by Deb Lumcamp. Ms. Lumcamp is a resident of Collinsville. She came to share her experiences on working with a group of young adults to remove the Ninian Edwards statue. She urged the council to listen to the young people in the community and remove the statue. The second public comment was provided by Jenna Desh. Ms. Desh spoke on behalf of the developer for the Bluff Falls project. She requested the council's approval to move forward with the preliminary plat for the project. She shared that the project meets all codes and ordinances. The last public comment was made by David Gerber. Mr. Gerber was representing the owners of the property on New Poag Road. He spoke about the developer had not asked for any variances or made any special requests. Mr. Gerber shared that the project had met all code requirements and that the property was never identified as non-developable land.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Risavy read Consent Agenda items as follows:

- Approval of minutes of Council Meeting on September 07, 2021
- Reports of Elected and Appointed Officials:
 - Finance Director – Monthly Financial Report (to be distributed)
 - Finance Department - Monthly Activity Report (to be distributed)
 - Police – Monthly Activity Report
 - Fire Chief – Monthly Activity Report (Fire and EMS Services)
 - Public Works Director – Building, Electrical and Plumbing Permits
- Circuit Clerk's Report
- Group Health Insurance Fund Report - \$74,081.72
- Mayor Risavy announced an addition to the consent agenda which is an Executive Session for: Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

Motion by Stack, seconded by Burns, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Alderman Farrar commented that he would like to see the full fund balances of the accounts. The request was fielded by Jeannie Wojcieszak. She will meet with Alderman Farrar to determine the inclusions for the finance reports.
Roll Call on Consent Agenda: Seven Ayes, with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried.

Petitions and Communications

None

Legislative & Executive

Motion by Krause, seconded by Stack to approve the appointment of the following to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:

- Danielle Adair
- Kyle Anderson
- Greg Brumitt
- Jo Gibson
- Clayton Hopkins
- Susan Hume
- Emily Morrison
- Stephanie Robbins
- Steve Stuart

Mayor Risavy read some information on the duties of the committee. He thanked Alderman Morrison for bringing the idea forward.

Roll Call: Six Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Alderman Morrison abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Krause to accept with regret the Resignation of Charles “Skip” Schmidt from the Recreation and Special Events Board effective immediately.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Burns to approve the Appointment of Tony Green to the Recreation and Special Events Board effective immediately with a term ending April 2022.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Farrar to approve a Liquor License, Class F (Special Use Permit), Bin-51 Inc. Location of the event: Leclair Park on October 17, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Six Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Aldermen Krause abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Morrison to approve a Liquor License, Class B for Himalayan Food Inc. d/b/a Taj Indian Cuisine located at 1039 Century Dr., Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried.

Legal & Judicial

None

City Clerk

None

Finance Committee

Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on September 02, 2021 were received for information and file.

Motion by Burns, seconded by Warren, to approve Claims - \$547,103.23 (Regular) the Library claims is \$167,553.03 for a total of \$714,656.26.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns, seconded by Warren, to Reconsider a Tourism Fund Request from the Opera Edwardsville for their 2021 Season event for an additional amount not to exceed \$3,950.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022. Discussion regarding the success of the event. The committee is working on new guidelines for distributing the funds.

Roll Call: Six Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Alderman Morrison abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns, seconded by Warren to approve a Fee Waiver for Veterans Day Parade by the American Legion Post #199 to be held November 11, 2021.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried

Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Public Safety Committee

Public Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Public Services Committee

Minutes of Public Services Committee meeting held on August 31, 2021 were received for information and file.

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Grant for Approval of a Resolution Approving the Preliminary Plat for the Bluff Falls Subdivision.

Discussion on the preliminary plat. Alderman Morrison noted that he will not support the plan. Alderman Morrison felt that the city should consider the development and the entry point to the city. Alderman Krause is not in favor of the community developing in that direction in town. Alderman Krause did point out that the developer has followed all of the city's requirements. Alderman Burns spoke about the drainage of the site. Eric Williams spoke citing that the developer will have to follow the detention area guidelines. The next step for the developer is drainage plans, street plans before going any further. Alderman Stack felt that the development is in a food desert, there is no bus service and in Zone C. She felt it was in the American Bottoms and would not be a good place for a development. Alderman Grant pointed out that the development more than met the city's minimum requirements and there is more green space than required. Eric Williams clarified the property is not within a floodplain. Homes would not be required to have flood insurance.

Roll Call: Five Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Krause, Farrar, Warren, and Burns voting aye. Aldermen Morrison and Stack voted no. Motion carried

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Krause for Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Riechmann Consulting to develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan in the amount of \$62,410.

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall

Administrative & Community Services Committee

Minutes of Administrative & Community Services Committee meeting held on September 02, 2021 were received for information and file.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Stack to approve an Ordinance Amending Appendix B of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville Regarding Short Term Rentals

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Stack to approve an Ordinance Amending Appendix B of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville Regarding Variances.

Discussion on the height limits in the variance. Alderman Farrar expressed that he would not support the ordinance to help protect his ward. The ordinance just allows someone to apply for a height variance. Eric Williams explained the approval process for the ordinance. Alderman Farrar spoke regarding changing the zoning and changing the look to downtown.

Roll Call: Six Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Alderman Farrar voted no. Motion carried.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Stack to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 82 (Peddlers and Solicitors) of the City of Edwardsville Code of Ordinances (Food Trucks).
Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Burns to approve a Parade Resolution approving IDOT temporary closure of highways for the Veteran's Day Parade.
Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Burns to approve items from Recreation, Arts & Special Events (RASE) Board Meeting held September 07, 2021:

- 1) National Night Out – Edwardsville Police Department on October 5, 2021
- 2) Fall Beer Fest – Global Brew, Inc. on October 23, 2021
- 3) Veterans Day Parade – American Legion Post 199 on November 11, 2021

Roll Call: Seven Ayes with Aldermen Grant, Morrison, Krause, Farrar, Warren, Stack and Burns voting aye. Motion carried.

The following items were received for information and file:

Recreation, Arts and Special Events Board:

- i. Recreation Report – September 2021
- ii. Program Report – September 2021

Administrative & Community Services Committee will meet on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor Risavy reminded Council of the Edwardsville Arts Fair starting on Friday and running through Sunday afternoon.

Mayor Risavy recognized Mitch McGinnis for his knowledge of history and Edwardsville. Mayor Risavy invited Mitch to conclude the Council meeting with the gavel to celebrate his upcoming birthday.

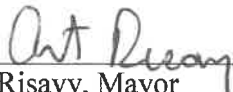
Closed Session

Discussion on Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

Action Taken on Executive Session Items

None

There being no further action required, Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m. with a motion by Stack, seconded by Burns.



Art Risavy, Mayor

Attest:



Michelle A. Boyer, City Clerk