

STATE OF ILLINOIS

MACOUPIN COUNTY

November 4, 2024

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

PRESENT: Alderman Downey, Alderman Ober, Alderman Demuzio, Alderman Link, Alderman Harber, Alderman LeVora, City Clerk Carla Brockmeier, Mayor Oswald, Chief Derek Graham, Bobbi Bates, Zoning, City Treasurer Jody Reichmann Absent: Alderman Reese, Alderman Wagstaff

Approval of Previous Minutes - Motion was made by Alderman Ober to approve minutes, seconded by LeVora, motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills - Motion was made to approve bills by Alderman Harber, seconded by Demuzio, motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence** - None

### **Public Comment**

Ed Taylor at 213 Northeast St. appeared before the council to express concern about the new owner of the senior citizens building becoming apartments and having an absentee landlord. The new owner is from Edwardsville, he would not like to see it rezoned.

The mayor informed the public that the water bill policy is changing, shut off notices will no longer be sent out. The new policy will be stated on the water bills.

### **Old Business**

New Street Light/303 W. 1<sup>st</sup> South - A resident requested a new street light at 303 W. 1<sup>st</sup> South, Aldermen Ober, Harber and Downey looked at it, and did not deem it necessary for a new light.

### **New Business**

Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers Tax – The council passed the ordinance implementing a 1% grocery tax, the state will abolish the tax in 2026 and the local municipalities can then pick up the tax as a replacement tax. A motion was made to approve by Alderman Ober, seconded by Downey, motion passed unanimously.

WWTP pump replacement purchase – A new pump is a necessity, cost of the pump with installation is \$15,865.00, it was approved after a motion was made by Alderman Demuzio, seconded by LeVora, motion passed unanimously.

Utilities code ordinance – Ordinance was passed with changes to connection fees and tap on fees, after a motion was made by Alderman Harber, seconded by Link, motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Alluvial Representative – Motion was made to appoint Sarah Oswald as the representative for Alluvial Water, by Alderman LeVora, seconded by Ober, motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to go into executive session by Aldern Ober at 6:14 p.m., for the purpose of discussing salary, seconded by Alderman LeVora, motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session – Appointment, employments, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee of the public body**

Salary Ordinance Revisions – Motion was made by Alderman LeVora to drop the city clerk salary to \$44,500.00, seconded by Ober, motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes / Executive Session – Motion to approve executive session minutes for 09/05/23 and 06/05/23 was made by Alderman Ober, seconded by Harber, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Downey at 6:30 p.m., seconded by LeVora motion passed unanimously.

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Sarah Oswald, Mayor

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Attest: Carla Brockmeier, City Clerk