

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN
 CITY OF PANA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS PANA CITY HALL
 REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2024

Mayor Nathan Pastor called the meeting of the Pana City Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call showed the following Alderpersons as being present: Christer, Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson were present. Stephens was absent. Seven aldermen were present. One was absent.

Mayor Pastor recognized the eight students and two chaperones from Worrstadt Germany who are visiting Pana for two weeks as part of the German American Partnership Program.

Scott/Smith to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items included in the consent agenda are the minutes of the February 13, 2024 regular session and closed session meeting, payrolls to be paid on February 23 and 29, 2024, disbursements to be paid March 1, 2024, and the Treasurer's Report of January 2024. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Christer, Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Beeson/Scott to approve Resolution #24-07, "A Resolution Approving Professional Services Agreement with Milano & Grunloh for Downtown Improvements through the ITEP Funding." The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson, Christer voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Milano & Grunloh Engineering gave an update on current grants.

Scott/Smith to pass Resolution #24-08, "A Resolution Accepting Roadway Dedication from Beyers to City of Pana, Illinois," in relation to the Pana Lake Water Main project. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson, Christer, Eddy voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

City Engineer Greg Holthaus informed Council that a plan for the downtown trees and lights needs to be completed before Jack Flash installs new sidewalks.

Economic Development Director Kirby Casner gave an update on the annual audit of TIF Funds and the Joint Review Board meeting with other taxing bodies. She explained that the City can apply for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant for the renovation of the downtown lot for an outdoor event venue using the CDS grant funds as the matching portion.

Beeson/Smith to approve applying for the USDA Rural Business Development Grant program. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson, Christer, Eddy, Schneider voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Scott/Eddy to approve a Special Events Application for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Kitchell Park hosted by the Elks. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Smith, Garrett, Beeson, Christer Eddy, Schneider, Scott voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Eddy/Schneider to approve the use of 20 miles as residency requirement for all officers and review at contract negotiations. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Garrett, Beeson, Christer, Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Eddy/Schneider to appoint Jeff Brown as an Auxiliary Officer for the purpose of special events. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Beeson, Christer, Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Eddy/Schneider to hire top candidate on eligibility list for Police Department. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Christer, Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Eddy/Schneider to accept resignation of Isaiah Weddle from Fire Department. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson, Christer voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Scott/Schneider to approve quote on storm sewer for Locust St. near Sparrow Bicycle Shop in the amount of \$5,715.62 using Business District Funds. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson, Christer, Eddy voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Scott/Schneider to bypass the bidding process and approve the proposal of Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC to line manhole at E 5th and Kitchell and to replace the manhole between S State and S Walnut in the amount of \$22,446 to be paid from the sewer fund. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson, Christer, Eddy, Schneider voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Scott/Schneider to hire Jim Dial to grind up approximately 800 tons of concrete into CA-6 in the amount of \$5500 to be paid from MFT funds. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Smith, Garrett, Beeson, Christer, Eddy, Schneider, Scott voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Beeson/Smith to approve Resolution #24-09, "A Resolution Approving a Façade Grant Agreement – Loving Arms Pregnancy Center." The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Garrett, Beeson, Christer, Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Crystal Waddington, on behalf of Pana Medical Group, asked Council to help with fixing their sidewalk on Locust Street. City Engineer Greg Holthaus, Alderman Steve Scott, and Street Department Foreman Chris Dressen are to look at the sidewalk. Mr. Holthaus is to speak with local contractors.

Roger Moss of Station 502 asked Council to extend the hours for the sale of liquor until 2 a.m. Community Support will discuss the matter.

Gary Henigman asked questions regarding the Waste Management recycling dumpster at the city garage.

Police Chief Daniel Bland thanked the Council for allowing Jeff Brown to be appointed as an auxiliary officer and for being open to the residency change for officers.

Scott/Beeson to enter Closed Session to discuss "*the appointment, employment, compensation discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees*", exemption C(1); to discuss "*the purchase or lease of real property for the use of a public body*", exemption C(5) and to review "*minutes of meetings lawfully closed*", exemption C(21). The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Beeson, Christer, Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Council entered Closed Session at 7:34 p.m.

Council resumed normal session at 7:41 p.m.

Roll Call showed the following Alderpersons as being present: Christer, Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson were present. Stephens was absent. Seven aldermen were present. One was absent.

Mayor Pastor reported that no action was taken during closed session.

Smith/Eddy to approve Ordinance #1964, "An Ordinance Establishing the Rate of Pay for the Deputy Clerk," with a rate set at \$24. The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Christer, Eddy, Schneider, Smith, Garrett, Beeson voting aye. Scott voting nay. One nay. Six ayes.

Scott/Eddy to approve Resolution #24-10, "A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Street, Alley, and Park Foreman 2023-2025." The motion carried on the following roll call vote: Eddy, Schneider, Scott, Smith, Garrett, Beeson, Christer voting aye. No nays. Seven ayes.

Smith/Scott to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

/s/ Kim Toberman
City Clerk

/s/ Nathan Pastor
Mayor