

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 204 SOUTH BLOOMINGTON STREET
STREATOR, IL 61364 - JANUARY 16, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Members present: Tara Bedei, Ed Brozak, Brian Crouch, Joe Scarbeary and Mayor Jimmie Lansford.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM ORDINANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

Scot Wrighton, City Manager, presented items 1 & 2. This program would assist contractors' costs, as well as they would be building more heat/cool efficient buildings in the city of Streator
Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the PACE Program; seconded by Crouch.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Crouch made a motion to close the Public Hearing regarding the PACE Program; seconded by Brozak.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

2. ORDINANCE 2019-01. ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AND AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR.

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt the ordinance to create a PACE Program in the City of Streator. Wrighton added that this would be one of the first programs in the State of Illinois.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to adopt the ordinance to create a PACE Program; seconded by Bedei.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

3. ORDINANCE 2019-02. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT RULES.

Wrighton presented this to the Council explaining there was a change in State Law regarding public comment by the Illinois General Assembly. There will be a thirty-minute time limit total for all public comment and the three-minute rule will still apply to individuals. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt the ordinance amending the City Council Public Comment Rules.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to adopt the ordinance; seconded by Scarbeary.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

4. ORDINANCE 2019-03. AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF STREATOR OWNED BY THE NORFOLK-SOUTHERN RAILROAD IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY.

Wrighton presented this item to the Council explaining the city has had a pre-annexation agreement with the Norfolk-Southern Railroad in Livingston County since 2012. All the parcels are now contiguous and they agreed to annex. Wrighton also reported we had failed to send out notifications to taxing bodies and this item will be tabled until the CC February meeting. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to

table the motion to annex parcels of property from the Norfolk-Southern Railroad until the February 2019 City Council meeting.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to table the annexation ordinance until the February CC meeting; seconded by Scarbeary.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

5. RESOLUTION 2019-02. AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SECTION 125 PLAN FOR “PRE-TAX” PAYMENTS MADE FOR MEDICAL RELATED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.

Wrighton presented this item to the Council. U.S. IRS laws allow the deduction of employee premium costs associated with group insurance benefit costs from their paychecks before state and federal taxes are calculated from their pay. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to approve the resolution for a 125 Plan for Pre-tax payments made for medical related employee benefits.

MOTION: Scarbeary made a motion to approve the above resolution; seconded by Bedei.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

6. RESOLUTION 2019-03. AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF A T.A.P. GRANT APPLICATION AND COMMITTING LOCAL FUNDING FOR THE GRANT.

Wrighton presented this item to the Council requesting supporting from the council to approve the submittal of a TAP (Tourism Grant) which the city would support 50% of the cost of the project if the grant is obtained. This grant would be used for the ongoing downtown project. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to authorize and approve the submittal and funding of a T.A.P. grant for the City of Streator.

MOTION: Crouch made a motion to approve and authorize the above resolution; seconded by Scarbeary.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

7. RESOLUTION 2019-04. AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUTH ILLINOIS STREET.

Palm presented this item to the Council reporting Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. was low bidder for the Storm Sewer Project to begin this spring on S. Illinois Street from Bridge to Lundy Street. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to approve the resolution awarding the contract for the storm Sewer project to Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc., LaSalle, Il.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to approve the contract above; seconded by Scarbeary.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

8. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE STREATOR HARDCRABBLE LIONS CLUB FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE JAMES STREET DOG PARK.

Wrighton presented this item to the Council explaining the Streator Hardscrabble Lions Club initiated this Memo of Understanding to help maintain the James Street Dog Park. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to authorize the resolution between the Streator Hardscrabble Lions Club and the City of Streator to maintain the dog park on James Street.

MOTION: Bedei made a motion to authorize the above resolution; seconded by Crouch.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

9. MOTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING A NEW THREE-YEAR IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY PARK, AND RELATED PARK USE POLICIES.

Wrighton presented this item to the Council and reported the Streator Parks and Open Spaces Board recommended the Council approve the updated 3-year City Park Plan and the Streator Plumb Pavilion Use Policy. Mayor Lansford requested a motion to accept the recommendation and adopt both plans.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to adopt both parks plans; seconded by Crouch.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Lansford presented the Consent Agenda to the Council reporting an amended fund warrant total of \$634,851.80. He requested a motion and second to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Scarbeary made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Bedei.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

A The fund warrant totals are \$618,307.04 a copy is on file in the City Clerk's office.

B Payroll totals for the periods ending:

- December 16, 2018 are \$187,264.33.
- December 30, 2018 are \$207,584.59.

C. Minutes of meetings of the City Council.

- Minutes of the City Council Committee of the Whole on December 11, 2018.
- Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting on December 19, 2018.

D. Financial reports for the month of December 2018.

11. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Brozak – Reported he is working on submitting award applications for a number of volunteer groups we have in our city and he would like to thank all our volunteers that make events happen in Streator.

Scarbeary – Thanked everybody for coming to the Council meeting and their interest in the city.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 5ILCS 120/2 (1) & (5) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING:

a) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Personnel.

b) The Sale, Lease or Purchase of Real Estate.

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adjourn to Executive Session.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session; seconded by Crouch.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: 7:32 P.M.

RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION: 8:18 P.M.

With no further items for discussion Mayor Lansford requested a motion and a second to reconvene to Open Session.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to reconvene to Open Session; seconded by Bedei.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 P.M.

With no further items for discussion Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Scarbeary made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bedei.

ROLL: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.



Patricia L. Henderson, City Clerk