

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
204 SOUTH BLOOMINGTON STREET - STREATOR, IL 61364  
DECEMBER 19, 2018 - 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, Joe Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.  
Member absent: Brian Crouch.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** City Manager, Scot Wrighton, reported there was a replacement agenda sent out on Monday, December 17, 2019 and one item was added to the Consent Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Steve Wargo, 211 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Streator, IL, commented on the Rental Program the city is working on implementing. As a tenant, he has a right to refuse people entering his residence. The inspection should be done after the tenant moves out.

**PRESENTATION: VERMILION VALLEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY**

Randy Wittenberg, Director of Communications for VVECA and Jim Woolford, Pontiac Police Chief were present for the presentation. Randy Wittenberg updated the Council on 2018 year and shared projects and goals for the 2019 year.

**PRESENTATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF AT-YOUR-DOOR SERVICE PROGRAM (WASTE MANAGEMENT)**

Dave Schaab, Municipal Marketing Manager for Waste Management presented a grant to Streator Unlimited for \$500.00 He also reported to the Council that the door-to-door recycling program has been very successful in Streator, as well as reporting the cost of garbage service has tripled this year in the Streator area and requested a meeting in 2019 to discuss this issue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. ORDINANCE 2018-58. AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS.** Scot Wrighton, City Manager, reported on agenda items 1-8 regarding the City of Streator to the Council. He recommended that the Council approve to amend the 2018 budget in order to close it out for the year. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and a second to approve the ordinance amending the 2018 budget.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to pass the ordinance amending the 2018 budget; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

- 2. ORDINANCE 2018-59. ADOPTING AND APPROVING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, STREATOR, ILLINOIS.** Wrighton reported to the Council that the FY2019 budget is ready to approve. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and a second to adopt the ordinance approving the FY2019 budget.

**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion to pass the ordinance adopting the 2019 budget; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

- 3. ORDINANCE 2018-57. FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY FOR ALL PURPOSES FOR DEFRAYING EXPENSES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2019.**  
Wrighton reported to the Council that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row for keeping property taxes flat for citizens. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adopt the above ordinance.  
**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion to pass the ordinance; seconded by Bedei.  
**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.  
Absent: Councilman Crouch.
- 4. ORDINANCE 2018- 52. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2018 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$3,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2015, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS (City Hall Renovation).**  
Mayor Lansford presented the ordinance and requested a motion and second to abate the tax on \$3,200,000 General Obligation bonds.  
**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to pass the ordinance; seconded by Bedei.  
**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.  
Absent: Councilman Crouch.
- 5. ORDINANCE 2018-53. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2018 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$2,340,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2016B, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS (TIF Northpoint Plaza).**  
Mayor Lansford presented the ordinance and requested a motion and second to abate the tax on the \$2,340,000 Series 2016B bond.  
**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion to pass the ordinance; seconded by Brozak.  
**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.  
Absent: Councilman Crouch.
- 6. ORDINANCE 2018-54. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2018 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$1,485,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017A, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS (2006 Park Improvements).**  
Mayor Lansford presented the ordinance and requested a motion and second to abate the tax on the \$1,485,000 Series 2017A bond.  
**MOTION:** Bedei made a motion to pass the ordinance; seconded by Brozak.  
**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.  
Absent: Councilman Crouch.
- 7. ORDINANCE 2018-55. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2018 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$1,325,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017B, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS (The Projects).**  
Mayor Lansford presented the ordinance and requested a motion and second to abate the tax on the \$1,325,000 Series 2017B bond.  
**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion to pass the ordinance; seconded by Brozak.  
**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.  
Absent: Councilman Crouch.
- 8. ORDINANCE 2018-56. ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETO LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2018 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON \$585,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017C, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS (Library Expansion).**  
Mayor Lansford presented the ordinance and requested a motion and second to abate the tax on the

\$585,000 Series 2017C bond.

**MOTION:** Bedei made a motion to pass the ordinance; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

**9. MOTION – APPROVING A CITY OF STREATOR OFFICIAL 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE.**

Wrighton presented this item to the Council and Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to accept the 2019 City of Streator meeting schedule. Brozak asked that the time for the Library Advisory Board be changed to 4:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion to accept the meeting schedule pending the time change for the Library Advisory Board; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

**10. RESOLUTION 2018- 48. AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT FOR THE STREATOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Fire Chief, Gary Bird, reported on this item to the Council requesting permission to go with the high bid on the cardiac equipment for the Streator Fire Dept. rather than the low bidder. After discussion, Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second on the revised motion that the City Council finds that the providers as recommended by Fire Chief Bird should be selected even though they are not the low bidders due to the superior performance of the cardiac equipment as described by the Fire Chief to the City Council.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to pass the resolution as revised; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

**11. RESOLUTION 2018-50. APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE.**

Wrighton explained to the City Council that the contract language is in process before the final draft will be voted on. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to pass the resolution approving the City Manager and the Mayor to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police when complete.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to pass the resolution; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

**12. RESOLUTION 2018-51. APPROPRIATING \$135,000 OF MFT FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH ROADWAY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS FOR FY 2019 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY THE CITY OF STREATOR UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE.**

Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, explained to the Council that this procedure must be followed to appropriate funds for roadway maintenance for 2019 for IDOT. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to pass the resolution to appropriate MFT funds for road maintenance in FY 2019.

**MOTION:** Bedei made a motion to pass the resolution; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

**13. RESOLUTION 2018-52. SELECTING AN ENGINEER TO DESIGN TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS IN DOWNTOWN STREATOR.**

Palm reported to the Council the grant allocated money to re-design the traffic signals. Chamlin & Associates have been selected to re-design the traffic signals downtown upon approval from IDOT. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to approve and authorize this resolution.

**MOTION:** Bedei made a motion to pass the resolution; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

**14. RESOLUTION 2018-53. RESOLUTION TO PERMIT ENTRANCE FROM ILLINOIS ROUTE 23 TO NORTH BLOOMINGTON STREET, STREATOR COMMONS DEVELOPMENT (2401 &**

**2403 N. Bloomington Street).**

Palm reported to the Council on this item and explained that a permit must be issued by IDOT to approve and entrance into the Streator Commons Development at 2401 & 2403 N. Bloomington Street. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to approve this resolution.

**MOTION:** Scarbeary made a motion to pass the resolution; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

**15. RESOLUTION 2018-54. TRANSFERRING ALL AGREEMENTS WITH THE LAW FIRM OF MYERS, BERRY, O'CONNOR AND CHURNEY TO KLEIN, THORPE AND JENKINS.**

Sheryl Churney, City Attorney, reported on this item to the Council and explained that she will be a non-equity partner in the firm Klein, Thorpe, and Jenkins Law Firm. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to pass the resolution transferring all agreement with Myers, Berry, O'Connor and Churney to the new firm.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to pass the resolution; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

**16. RESOLUTION 2018-55. APPROVING A PROGRAM PLAN FOR STREATOR FOR A STREATOR PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM.**

Wrighton reported on this item to the Council this is the next step in establishing a PACE program for the City of Streator. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to pass the resolution.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to pass the resolution; seconded by Bedei.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

**17. MOTION – ENACTING A CITY COUNCIL POLICY GOVERNING THE USE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER.**

Chief Bird reported to the Council on this item asking the Council, to approve the fees and policy he wrote for this facility. A waiver of liability will need to be signed by each person participating in training at this facility. Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to pass the fee and council policy for the new Fire Dept. training center.

**MOTION:** Bedei made a motion to pass fees and the city policy; seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

**18. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Lansford presented the consent agenda to the Council reporting an amended fund warrant total of \$1,662,724.59. He also noted the ordinance to authorize the conveyance of property to Richard & Gayle Huffines on the north edge of 220-224 East Main Street. 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:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

- A. The fund warrant totals are \$1,480,583.86, a copy is on file in the City Clerk's office.
- B. Payroll totals for the periods ending:
  - November 4, 2018 are \$211,444.52.
  - November 18, 2018 are \$188,946.30.
  - December 2, 2018 are \$292,068.35.
- C. Minutes of the meeting of the City Council.
  - Minutes of the City Council Special Committee of the Whole meeting on November 1, 2018.
  - Minutes of the City Council meeting on November 15, 2018.
  - Minutes of the City Council meeting on July, 18, 2018.

D. ORDINANCE 2018-60. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY, OWNERS, RICHARD & GAYLE HUFFINES, THE NORTH EDGE OF 220-224 EAST MAIN STREET, CITY OF STREATOR, ILLINOIS.

E. Financial reports for the month of November 2018.

F. Mayoral Appointments:  
Vermilion Valley Emergency Communications Joint Authority  
Appointments are effective January 1, 2019.

- Naming Gary Bird to a regular seat as Board Member.
- Naming Scot Wrighton as an alternate Board Member.

**18. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS**

**Bedei** – Tara wished Happy Holidays to everyone.

**Brozak** – He commented that Streator had a good year in 2018 and many successful events.

**Scarbeary** – Thanked everyone for coming and wished them a Merry Christmas!

**Mayor Lansford** – The mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.

**19. ADJOURNMENT 7:55 P.M.**

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

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

**ROLL:** Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

Absent: Councilman Crouch.

  
Patricia L. Henderson, City Clerk