

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Beardstown, Illinois

April 8, 2025

Roll Call The City Council of the City of Beardstown, Cass County, Illinois, met in regular session Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at Beardstown City Hall, 105 West Third Street at 6:15 p.m. At the above time and place, the following members were present: Mayor Tim Harris, City Clerk Brian Ruch, Alderpersons Ron Culves, Mary Davis, Eric Harbin, Keith Schramm, Dawn Seward and Shawn Taylor. Absent: Lisa Buhlig and Chris Baer. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

Public Comment Eric Snellgrove discussed his concerns on the use of the shelter at Schmoldt Park for a dog kennel by the Cass County Animal Rescue. Jack Cassidy from the Cass County Animal Rescue discussed the plans for the use of the shelter at Schmoldt Park for a dog kennel.

Minutes Approved Motion by Seward, seconded by Davis "That the reading of the minutes from the meeting held March 18, 2025 be dispensed with, that the minutes be approved as published." passed unanimously by voice vote.

Consent Agenda Filed Motion by Harbin, seconded by Seward "That the Consent Agenda be approved." passed unanimously by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

<u>Water Superintendent Report</u>	<u>March 2025</u>	<u>May 1-April 30</u>
Gallons Pumped	15,480,334	167,476,535
<u>Police Chief's Report</u>	<u>March 2025</u>	<u>May 1-April 30</u>
Calls Answered	N/A	5,907
Criminal Arrests	N/A	56
Traffic Arrests	N/A	252
Traffic Stops	N/A	316
Warrants Served	N/A	34
City Ordinance Citations	N/A	8
Criminal Damage Reports	N/A	50
Thefts, Felony	N/A	27
Thefts, Misdemeanor	N/A	48
Burglaries	N/A	25
Batteries	N/A	24
Disorderly Conduct	N/A	8
Accidents	N/A	172

<u>Fire Chief's Report</u>	<u>February 2025</u>	<u>May 1-April 30</u>
City Fires	84	290
Rural Fires	9	53
Mutual Aid	0	0
Rescue Calls	0	2
Structure Fires	3	4
Total	93	343

Mutual Aid, Rescue Calls & Structure Fires are included in the City Fires & Rural Fires Totals. Structure Fires Total Since January 1, 2025.

Code Enforcement Report- March 2025

Attached to the Minutes

Zoning Officer Report- March 2025

Attached to the Minutes.

Disbursements for the period ending April 8, 2025.

Pay Resolution#9- USDA Sanitary Sewer Project	Motion by Seward, seconded by Harbin "That Payment Resolution No 9 in the amount of \$253,434.48 for the USDA Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project be approved." passed by 6-0 roll call vote. Yea: Culves, Davis, Harbin, Schramm, Seward and Taylor. No: none. Absent: Buhlig & Baer. (Pay Resolution breakdown is Key Equipment & Supply Company \$219,900.00 to purchase a 2019 Vactor Truck and Benton & Associates, \$33,534.48 for engineering services.)
Lease Agreement- Bobcat Excavator	Motion by Davis, seconded by Schramm "That a lease agreement with Bobcat of Springfield for an E60 R2-Series Bobcat Compact Excavator for the Public Works Department be approved." passed by 6-0 roll call vote. Yea: Culves, Davis, Harbin, Schramm, Seward and Taylor. No: none. Absent: Buhlig and Baer. (Terms are 36 months, \$1,700.00 per month)
Purchase-TORO Mower	Motion by Schramm, seconded by Taylor "That the purchase of a TORO 72921 Mower in the amount of \$7,385.00 from Beard Implement Company for the Public Works Department be approved." passed by 6-0 roll call vote. Yea: Culves, Davis, Harbin, Schramm, Seward and Taylor. No: none. Absent: Buhlig & Baer.
Shriners Carnival City Square	Motion by Seward, seconded by Davis "That a request from the Shriners to have Connors Family Amusements Carnival on the City Square from April 25-27, 2025 be approved." passed unanimously by voice vote.

Solicit Street
Corners-Cass
County Hope &
Recovery Center

Motion by Seward, seconded by Harbin "That the request from the Cass County Hope & Recovery Center to solicit on the street corners on Friday, May 23, 2025 be approved." passed unanimously by voice vote.

Solicit Street
Corners-Cass
County Animal
Rescue

Motion by Harbin, seconded by Taylor "That the request from the Cass County Animal Rescue to solicit on the street corners on Friday, April 18 & Saturday, April 19, 2025 be approved." passed unanimously by voice vote.

City Parking
Lot-Gifts from
Maggie

Motion by Davis, seconded by Harbin "That a request from the "Gifts from Maggie Group" to use the City Parking Lot at Second/Washington Street on Saturday, May 10, 2025 be approved." passed unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M. on the motion of Seward, seconded by Davis.

Submitted by,

B. J. Ruck
City Clerk