## Sine Di City Council Meeting

May 14, 2024 6:00 P.M.

Invocation this month was given by Jason Meyer.

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order with a roll call. Dwayne Cupp: present, Justin Lawson: present, Jason Meyer: present, Warren Myers: present, Darlene Taylor: present, Brenda Cupp: present. Ward Three council seat is currently vacant and absent from the meeting was Judy Martin.

Also attending was Clint Worley ( Police Chief ), Carze Brown ( Public Works Director ), Will Cline ( City Administrator ) and Kaylee Nash ( City Clerk ) taking minutes.

Mayor Griffin made an addition to the agenda; the Fire Department had requested to expand the hours of the Road Closure Permit on June 29. Brenda Cupp made the motion to accept the agenda with the addition, Darlene Taylor seconded. 6 yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent and 1 Vacant. **Motion carried**.

Mayor Griffin and Brenda Cupp noted errors on the April Minutes:

- -Mayor Griffin noted that the date at the top of the minutes was not the correct date.
- -Brenda Cupp wanted a correction made to the minutes drafted by previous City Clerk Debora Cornell stating that she had not voted yes or no on the Mayor's Appointment of Kaylee Nash as the new City Clerk, but rather that she had abstained from voting.

Both issues will be addressed and corrected. Warren Myers made the motion to accept the April 2024 Minutes with correction, Darlene Taylor seconded. 6 yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent and 1 Vacant. **Motion carried.** 

The results of the Special Run-off Election were read to the council; the official count of 33 total votes cast, 18 in favor of Devin Keeling and 15 in favor of Darlene Taylor. With a 55% vote Devin Keeling will be the new Council Person for Ward 1. Brenda Cupp made a motion to accept the Special Run-off Election results, Warren Myers seconded. 5 yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent and 1 Vacant. **Motion carried.** 

Warren Myers made the motion to adjourn the current City Council, Jason Meyer seconded the motion. 6 yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent and 1 Vacant. **Motion carried.** 

Meeting Closed 06:23 pm.

Kaylee Nash gave the Oath of Office to Devin Keeling swearing him in as Ward One Council Person.

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New Business: Vote to Rezone 801 East Main Street (Lot# 15501630001012000) Mr. Sanders informed the council of his intent to place a digital billboard on the southern corner by the highway exchange and then move on to placing a business on the lot, he is unsure what business but needs it to be commercial first.

- -Brenda Cupp questions if the city will have any kind of say in what businesses can go there if it is rezoned.
- -Justin Lawson asked the Mr. Sanders what kind of time frame there would be for him to get the lot cleaned up.
- Mr. Sanders does not have an exact time frame but he is wanting to get the lot cleaned and cleared as soon as possible.
- -Jason Meyer posed concerns to Mr. Sanders on entry and egress points, Mr. Sanders intended to use the 2 points on Jefferson and was unsure if he would use the Casey's drive or how it will even lay out at this point.
- -John Henkle (Chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission) was seated in the audience so Jason Meyer questioned Mr. Henkle on the commissions thoughts of the rezoning; John Henkle informed the board the Planning and Zoning Commission did approve the rezoning and send it to council.
- -Brenda Cupp questioned why he would want to put another billboard when there is one currently at the south end of Pine Street, Mr. Sanders thinks it's a good investment and would like to promote some human-interest topics, he mentioned posting missing persons reports and possibly a welcome to Carterville or even helping the city to promote town events.

After some discussion and thought Warren Myers made a motion to rezone from Residential to Commercial, Jason Meyer seconded the motion. 6 yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent and 1 Vacant. **Motion carried.** 

New Business: Approve Preliminary Platt for North Pine Street Subdivision – Mr. Sanders intends to build affordable housing roughly 1,000 to 1,800 square-foot homes built by reputable local builders. He will be building a retention pond at the northern end of Garrett Park to collect the run off water from the subdivision and give a nice place for the residents of Carterville to picknick or walk or possibly even fish in the future. He is intending to donate a section of the land he purchased back to the city in order to allow Gum Road to become a through street connecting Tennessee Street and Pine Street.

- David Fort (Resident) believes that Gum Road dead ends in front of his home and is currently having his property surveyed because he believes that the road will encroach on his property. He believes that his property runs all the way to the center of Gum Road.
- -Warren Myers wonders how quickly Mr. Sanders will begin construction and if he has a plan. Mr. Snaders is working with engineers on the final infrastructure and intends to use reputable companies to get the infrastructure done as quickly as possible.

After some discussion and thought Justin Lawson made a motion to approve the preliminary plat, Dwayne Cupp seconded the motion. 6 yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent and 1 Vacant. **Motion carried.** 

New Business: Resolution 24-02 CBDG Round 2 of Funding – Will Cline informed the board that the CBDG Road Paving Grant is happening again this year and asked the Board if they would like for him to apply for a second round. Justin Lawson made a motion to allow Will Cline to accept Resolution 24-02, Warren Myers seconded the motion. Roll Call Dwyane Cupp: Yes, Justin Lawson: Yes, Jason Meyer: Yes, Warren Myers: Yes, Devin Keeling: Yes, Judy Marin: Absent, Ward Three: Vacant, and Brend Cupp: Yes. **Motion carried.** 

Committee Report: Road Closure for Summer Fun Day 2024 – Cindy Myers told the council what she currently has planned for the summer fun day and what day she is hosting it. She has requested for safety reasons that Main Street be closed by the park. Dwayne Cupp made a motion to close a section of Main Street for the event, Jason Meyer seconded the motion. 6 yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent and 1 Vacant. **Motion carried.** 

Committee Reports: Alley Vacate off Fifth Street – the council discussed thoughts of the public hearing surrounding the alley vacate and agreed with the Planning and Zoning Commission assessment that the best course of action is to take no action.

Department Reports: C.O.P.S Grants Application – Chief Worley brough an opportunity to the council to apply for a grant through the State to help cover the cost of hiring a new officer. Devin Keeling made a motion to allow Chief Worley to apply for the grant, Warren Myers seconded the motion. Roll Call Dwyane Cupp: Yes, Justin Lawson: Yes, Jason Meyer: Yes, Warren Myers: Yes, Devin Keeling: Yes, Judy Marin: Absent, Ward Three: Vacant, and Brend Cupp: Yes. **Motion carried.** 

Department Reports: Justin Lawson asked Carze Brown if he has checked out the intersection that was brought up at Finance, Carze Brown has and is looking into options. Carze Brown brought a new purchase to the board, he needs to buy about 200 feet of culvert valued at around \$13,600 based off previous prices. There is a ditch placed by the EPA that runs through a customer property on South Pine Street, said customer wants to fill in the culvert so he can use both sides of his property, for drainage reasons Public Works would like to put a culvert in before he fills it in so water will still run to the retention pond. Larry Wald Sr. brings up concerns that by putting in a culvert it could cause flooding and property erosion to the property he owns where the retention pond actually sits. The board discussed what to do and want to reach out to the property owner who is intending to fill in the ditch and see if there is an alternative that suits both land owners. Mayor Griffin would like to move this to next month before making any decisions.

The Fire Department request for road closure hour expansion was discussed, Warren Myers made a motion to accept the new hours if they can get additional signatures from the residents, Justin Lawson seconded. 6 yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent and 1 Vacant. **Motion carried.** 

Mayor Griffin read his 2024 commission and committee appointments.

Visitors: Michelle Wald – Mrs. Wald did attend the public hearing prior to council but did not stay through the meeting. She was not in attendance at the time to speak.

Meeting Closed 07:33 pm.

Mayor Alan Griffin

City Clerk Kaylee Nash