

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a Planning meeting in the Lone Elm Room – Depot, 1718 Broadway Avenue on June 22, 2021. Mayor Hall presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Jim Closson, YEA Commissioner Dave Cox, YEA Commissioner Sandra Graven, YEA Commissioner David Phipps, and YEA Mayor Rick Hall.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Kyle Gill, Finance Director/Treasurer Beth Wright, Public Works Director Dean Barber, Arts & Tourism Director Angelia Burgett, Fire Chief Jeff Hilligoss, Police Chief Sam Gaines, Technology Director Brian Johanpeter, WWTP Superintendent Ethan Ervin, Park/Lakes/Cemetery Superintendent Kurt Stretch and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

This portion of the City Council meeting is reserved for persons who desire to address the Council. The Illinois Open Meetings Act mandates that the City Council may NOT take action on comments received on matters that have not been identified on this agenda, but the Council may direct staff to address the topic or refer the matter for action on the agenda for another meeting. Persons addressing the Council are requested to limit their presentations to three minutes and to avoid repetitious comments. We would ask you to state your name for the record as well as stand when speaking.

Mayor Hall explained the meeting process of the long-term planning goals for the City. Administrator Gill provided progress of the goals and objectives of the 2011 Comprehensive Plan. The audience participation of Kurt Swenson, Diana Michaels, Rex Barnes, Rosalee Myers, Henry Unkraut, David Schilling, Jonathan Kaye, Keith Summers, Tom Graven and Ed Dowd presented issues to the Council for consideration. The Department Heads provided ideas for the Council's consideration. Council members provided issues they wanted to address within the next four years.

The Mayor asked Council to choose the top five items by importance. The top seven items were as follows: 1. Economic Development/Marketing Director; 2. Residential Subdivision; 3. More Police Officers; 4. Reframe Tourism; 5. Liquor License Update; 6. City Manager form of government; 7. Grant Writer. Council would review and research the items to determine attainability and would consider at a future meeting. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions/comments. Mr. Ed Dowd noted collaboration with the City and Chamber for marketing. Commissioner Cox noted several projects already in the works. Commissioner Phipps thanked everyone in attendance. Mayor Hall noted a good meeting.

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Phipps moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-3147, approving the continuance of a Local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID – 19).

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3147

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Pursuant to the authority vested in the office of Mayor by the Illinois Municipal Code Section 5/11-1-6, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act Section 3305/11 and Ordinance No. 2020-5430 of the City of Mattoon, I, Rick Hall, Mayor of the City of Mattoon do hereby declare that a Local State of Emergency exists as of this date, June 22, 2021, and shall continue until such time as provided in Ordinance No. 2020-5430.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a public health emergency of international concern and on March 11, 2020 declared a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster proclamation on March 9, 2020 due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus and has activated the State Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Management Agency has declared a public health emergency due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has coordinated its response with other Coles County governmental entities.

The nature of the emergency is related to the COVID-19 virus which is causing or anticipated to cause widespread impacts on the health of members of the community.

During the existence of the Local State of Emergency, the Mayor shall execute such authority as provided under the Illinois Municipal Code, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and Ordinance No. 2020-5430.

This Declaration of Local State of Emergency shall be filed with the City Clerk as soon as practicable.

I, Rick Hall, whose name is signed to this instrument, being first duly sworn, signed and executed the instrument as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency, and that I signed willingly, and that I executed it as my free and voluntary act for the purposes therein expressed.

/s/Rick Hall
Rick Hall, Mayor
City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois

Mayor Hall declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Closson, YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Phipps, YEA Mayor Gover.

Commissioner Cox seconded by Commissioner Phipps moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Hall declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Closson, YEA Commissioner Cox, NAY Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Phipps, YEA Mayor Hall.

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk