

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a Regular City Council meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on September 7, 2021. Mayor Hall presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also physically present in person were City personnel: City Administrator Kyle Gill, Finance Director/Treasurer Beth Wright, Public Works Director Dean Barber, Fire Chief Jeff Hilligoss, Police Chief Sam Gaines, Information Technology Director Brian Johanpeter (audio) and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Phipps moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2021, bills and payrolls for the last half of August, 2021.

Bills and payrolls for the last half of August, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	535,013.25
Bills		\$	<u>84,946.93</u>
	Total	\$	619,960.18
	<u>Hotel Tax Administration</u>		
Payroll		\$	6,167.53
Bills		\$	<u>1,086.43</u>
	Total	\$	7,253.96
	<u>Festival Management Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>4,144.12</u>
	Total	\$	4,144.12
	<u>Mobile Equipment Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>46,781.59</u>
	Total	\$	46,781.59
	<u>Insurance & Tort Jdgmnt</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>550.00</u>
	Total	\$	550.00
	<u>Midtown TIF Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>43,245.62</u>
	Total	\$	43,245.62
	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>112,329.47</u>
	Total	\$	112,329.47

	<u>I-57 East TIF District</u>		
Bills		\$	1,300.29
		Total	\$ 1,300.29
	<u>Water Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	90,234.44
Bills		\$	72,178.78
		Total	\$ 162,413.22
	<u>Sewer Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	82,393.08
Bills		\$	46,562.04
		Total	\$ 128,955.12
	<u>Health Insurance Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	169,955.59
		Total	\$ 169,955.59
	<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	55,787.84
		Total	\$ 55,787.84

Mayor Hall declared the motion to approve the consent agenda carried by the following vote:
 YEA Commissioner Closson, YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA
 Commissioner Phipps, YEA Mayor Hall.

PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Hall opened the floor for Public comments. Mr. Alex Walker, 1000 Piatt, questioned the closed street at 12th & Shelby and concern for playground equipment close to the road, and Interchange access changes. Administrator Gill explained the situation with the 30 plus years closure of the road with no estimate of time for re-opening the road; and stated the City’s negative opinion on IDOT’s initial changes around raising the overpass and access roads. Mayor Hall explained the concerns made to IDOT at a meeting with IDOT which requested additional comments on the project. Commissioner Graven added the deadline for Public comments on the project was September 24, 2021. Mayor Hall called for additional comments/questions with no response.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Cox seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to approve Council Decision Request 2021-2173, approving the re-appointments of Matthew Burns, Bernie deBuhr, Janet Snow and Hans Warner to the Mattoon Arts Council with terms ending 09/30/2023.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for discussion/comments with no response.

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

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Closson moved to approve Council Decision Request 2021-2174, approving the appointment of Officer Rolando Monte de Oca to regular employment status with the Mattoon Police Department after successful completion of his probationary period effective 09/13/2021.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for discussion/comments. Chief Gaines provided compliments for Officer Monte de Oca.

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

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved approve Council Decision Request 2021-2175, ratifying the appointment of Laura Huddleston to the Mattoon Public Library Board for an unexpired term ending 06/30/23.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for discussion/comments. Mayor Hall provided accolades for Mrs. Huddleston.

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

Commissioner Closson seconded by Commissioner Phipps moved to approve Council Decision Request 2021-2176, authorizing the waiver of formal bidding requirements; and approving the price quote in the amount of \$29,430 from Earl Walker Company for the Oil & Chip at Dodge Grove Cemetery.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments. Director Barber explained the price quotes instead of bidding due to one bidder every year on oil and chip projects.

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

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to approve Council Decision Request 2021-2177, approving the renewal of an Enterprise Software Agreement with Microsoft Licensing, GP; and authorizing the mayor to sign the Microsoft Volume Licensing signature form.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments. Director Johanpeter explained the coverage of all computers and ability to access software.

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

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-3153, approving the continuance of a Local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID – 19).

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3153

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, September 07, 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 noted the routine resolution during COVID.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT recalled the meeting with IDOT and request to Mattoon Chamber Director Ed Dowd and Chamber members for their comments on the Interchange project; commented on nuisance properties and code enforcement of some properties; answered developers' requests; and work on processing the Governor's new orders regarding COVID mandates. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions. Commissioner Phipps requested identification of those in attendance of the IDOT meeting with Administrator Gill noting Mayor Hall, Director Barber, Charleston Manager Scott Smith, Charleston Public Works Director Curt Buescher, Coles County Engineer Richard Johnson, and 4-5 IDOT employees. Commissioner Cox inquired as to the deadline with Administrator Gill noting the Public comments deadline. Mayor Hall requested an extension of the comment period for additional schematic comments to be voiced, and the height of and repairs to the overpass; and noted the need for better options for the overpass. Commissioner Phipps noted the \$30 million project with a small percentage from City funds. Director Barber explained the cost share with the City portion of \$40,000 for the bike connection portion of the project.

CITY ATTORNEY noted research projects for Administrator Gill and business as usual. Administrator Gill inquired as to the Judge's decision on the Quakenbush property with Attorney Jones noting next week.

CITY CLERK noted preparing items for the audit, a meeting with the Insurance Broker regarding an alternative health insurance proposal, and various nuisance calls; otherwise, business as usual. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

FINANCE announced the Ladder Truck had been paid off resulting in no bank debt, notification of \$2.4 million ARPA approved funds, lost revenue calculation, publication of the FY21 Treasurer's Report; and reviewed revenues, unrestricted cash with no revenue sharing from the State for the month of September. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

PUBLIC WORKS updated Council on the Streetscaping Project, End Zone completion, patching around movie theatre, Lanman Oil and Carle Clinic by Kinney Construction, and Ameren's transmission line project through town. Mayor Hall inquired as to the lighting on Broadway with Director Barber explaining the manufacturing delays; and updated Council on the Stark CSO piping project. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

FIRE updated Council on calls for service, inspections and follow-ups, training, submission of small equipment grant, and structure fire in the 2100 block of Marion. Mayor Hall inquired as to the grant funding with Chief Hilligoss reporting the request of \$26,000.

POLICE reported on calls for service with 34 arrests and 27 applicants for new hire testing. Mayor Hall announced a meeting with the new Scouting District Director who was interested in establishing an explorer police and fire group and would be contacting the chiefs. Commissioner Graven stated the explorer group had been a function years ago. Commissioner Closson inquired as to motorized bike registration with Chief Gaines noting several bikers had registered.

Chief Hilligoss announced this Saturday's 9/11 memorial at Peterson Park. Mayor Hall added additional information on the memorial and speakers.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Commissioner Closson reported on the 2022 campground lease agreement distribution. Commissioner Cox reported on the inspection he observed with Fire Engineer Ronnie Spurgeon and intentions of keeping people safe. Commissioner Graven had no additional comments for the group. Commissioner Phipps reported on a meeting with State-level trench training, an easement and right-of-way processing with Director Barber, a speech at the Exchange Club, and a presentation to the American Legion by Ms. Connie Jones on her experiences with 9/11 and her presentation at the 9/11 memorial. Mayor Hall encouraged attendance at the 9/11 ceremony; and reported the Interstate 57/Route 16 interchange as an important part of Mattoon's future which would take four to five years to complete and last 30 years, and his membership on the Legislative Committee of the IML.

Commissioner Phipps seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

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

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk