

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a Special City Council meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on September 28, 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 in person: YEA Commissioner Jim Closson, YEA Commissioner Sandra Graven, and YEA Mayor Rick Hall. Commissioner David Phipps attended the meeting by audio means. Commissioner Dave Cox was absent.

Also physically present in person were City personnel: City Administrator Kyle Gill, City Attorney Dan C. Jones, Public Works Director Dean Barber 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 also ask you to state your name and address for the record as well as stand when speaking.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for Public comments. Mr. Bob Handshy, 10 Western Avenue Heights, and Mr. Todd Krost, 3 Western Avenue Heights, spoke on the issues of no sidewalk access to a crosswalk in the Riddle Elementary School area causing children to walk on the edge of the roadway; and voiced support for the Riddle Elementary School Sidewalk Project. Director Barber opened the Public Meeting on the Illinois Safe Routes to School/Riddle Elementary School Sidewalk Project at 5:38 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 208 N. 19th Street, Mattoon, Illinois; and requested the previous Public comments to be included with the Public Meeting. Director Barber discussed the overall cost of \$125,000 including \$25,000 matching funds from the City, explained the sidewalk location, project to include construction of handicap ramps and extensions of the sidewalk, grant application due September 30, 2021, proposed two sidewalk projects with the grant, timeline for construction as Summer of 2022 with a successful receipt of the grant and other community outreach to the School District and neighborhood residents. Mr. Chad Arnold, principal of Riddle Elementary, thanked everyone and described the School's collaboration with Upchurch including survey data for grant interviews; and noted 163 students, many who otherwise had been driven to the School, would benefit from the sidewalk. Director Barber called for questions from Webex attendees with no response. Mr. Terry Brotherton, 2920 Western Avenue, inquired as to the sidewalk east of the grant plan with Director Barber stated only if the City received the grant and if the costs allowed for an extension could an extension be possible at this time. Commissioner Phipps commented with a great plan and applauded everyone jumping on the issue. Director Barber further noted the target of the grant application could open an opportunity to extend the sidewalk and stated the grant application would be submitted on Wednesday or Thursday with an unknown date of award. With no additional questions from Council, Director Barber closed the Public Meeting on the Illinois Safe Routes to School Grant at 5:49 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Phipps seconded by Commissioner Closson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-3156, pledging support for an “Illinois Safe Routes to School” Grant Application and authorizing City funds.

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 3156

**A RESOLUTION PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR AN “ILLINOIS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL”
GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING CITY FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation administers a grant program known as Illinois Safe Routes to School which provides funding for sidewalk projects located near public schools serving Kindergarten thru 8th grade; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon wishes to extend and/or improve the existing sidewalks on the north side of Western Avenue near Riddle Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated construction cost for said sidewalk project is \$125,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Safe Routes to School Grant, if awarded, would cover 80% of said cost which is \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon’s share of the construction cost would be \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, said matching funds from the City of Mattoon would be appropriated from the Capital Projects Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, that the City Council hereby pledges support for an Illinois Safe Routes to School Grant Application for sidewalk improvements on the north side of Western Avenue near Riddle Elementary School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, that \$25,000.00 in matching funds be authorized for the project from the City’s Capital Projects Funds.

Upon motion by Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Closson, adopted this 28th day of September, 2021, by a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES (Names): Commissioner Closson, Commissioner Graven,
Commissioner Phipps, Mayor Hall

NAYS (Names): None

ABSENT (Names): Commissioner Cox

Approved this 28th day of September, 2021.

/s/Rick Hall
Rick Hall, Mayor

City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
Susan J. O'Brien, City Clerk

/s/Daniel C. Jones
Daniel C. Jones, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on September 28, 2021.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for discussion with no response.

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

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-3157, approving the continuance of a Local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-3157

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 28, 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, Absent Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Phipps, YEA Mayor Hall.

Commissioner Closson seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk