

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a Special City Council meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on July 8, 2022. Mayor Hall presided and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.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 were City personnel: City Administrator Kyle Gill, City Attorney Daniel C. Jones, Finance Director/Treasurer Beth Wright, Public Works Director Dean Barber, Arts &-Tourism Director Angelia Burgett, Fire Chief Jeff Hilligoss, Police Chief Sam Gaines 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 announced the primary purpose of the meeting was to have the Sports Complex questions addressed for the Council; the meeting was opened to the Public and online; and opened the floor for questions of the Public which were not Sports Complex related. Questions on the Sports Complex by the Public would be addressed at the July 19th meeting at the Burgess Osborne Auditorium which had more room for Public attendance. There were no questions from the Public.

Presentation: Sports Complex – Blake Pierce of Rural King & John Hansen of I.R.R. Mayor Hall turned the presentation to Mr. Blake Pierce, Director of Finance for Rural King. Mr. Pierce introduced Mr. John Hansen of the I.R.R. Corp and Rhonda Thomas of Thompson, Coburn (audio). Mr. Pierce provided a comprehensive briefing to the Council in a Public setting including the history of the project, additional parties involved, highlights of development, the project, sports assets of the project, commercial development and Public infrastructure. Mr. John Hansen provided his background and the project area, budget, overall sources and uses, Public finance and Businesses District. Commissioner Phipps inquired as to outdated data with Mr. Hansen noting the information would be updated when proposal nears finalization. Mayor Hall inquired as to new development with Mr. Hansen answering affirmatively and explained excluded sales items. Commissioner Graven noted a business district would level the playing field with other business in other business districts. Commissioner Closson questioned the effect on current sales with Mr. Hansen explained the effects on newly constructed areas. Mr. Hansen reviewed the Project Sources of Funding, Project Timeline, Project Areas, Economic Impacts, Tax Revenue Impacts, Financial Summary, and recommended next steps while answering questions posed by the Council. Mr. Pierce provided a summary of recommendations. Council inquired about infrastructure data used, debt service and accurate number of visitors with Mr. Pierce and Mr. Hansen responding; and expressed the opportunity presented, the due diligence by Council, potential increase of police and fire, and positive outcomes with project. Mayor Hall opened the floor for further questions with response.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Phipps moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-3199, approving the continuance of a Local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID – 19).

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3199

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, July 08, 2022, 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 Hall.

Commissioner Closson seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourned at 12:20 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