

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a Regular City Council meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on October 18, 2022. 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 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 (audio), Fire Chief Jeff Hilligoss, Police Chief Sam Gaines, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox move to approve the consent agenda consisting of Regular Meeting minutes of October 4, 2022; bills and payroll for the first half of October, 2022; Home Rehab Payments; Resolution No. 2022-3215; and approving the continuance of a Local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID – 19).

Bills and payroll for the first half of October, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	280,198.99
Bills		\$	458,064.16
	Total	\$	738,263.15
	<u>Hotel Tax Administration</u>		
Payroll		\$	4,126.21
Bills		\$	1,881.43
	Total	\$	6,007.64
	<u>Festival Mgmt Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	2,058.87
	Total	\$	2,058.87
	<u>Midtown TIF Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	1,113.19
	Total	\$	1,113.19
	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	1,191.00
	Total	\$	1,191.00
	<u>Insurance & Tort Jdgmnt</u>		
Bills		\$	6,940.57
	Total	\$	6,940.57
	<u>Water Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	43,910.75
Bills		\$	62,374.75
	Total	\$	106,285.50

	<u>Sewer Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	43,277.85
Bills		<u>\$</u>	<u>70,530.38</u>
	Total	\$	113,808.23

	<u>Health Insurance Fund</u>		
Bills		<u>\$</u>	<u>181,352.61</u>
	Total	\$	181,352.61

	<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</u>		
Bills		<u>\$</u>	<u>5,609.29</u>
	Total	\$	5,609.29

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3215

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

State of Illinois
County of Coles
City of Mattoon

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, October 18, 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

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/questions, both in person and online, with no response.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adopt Special Ordinance No. 2022-1834, declaring personal property owned by the municipality surplus; and authorizing the sale or disposal of the property.

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1834

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF THE PROPERTY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MATTOON, COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Supplies and equipment identified on Exhibit A to this ordinance are no longer necessary or useful to, or for the best interest of, the City of Mattoon, and are hereby declared surplus to the needs of the City of Mattoon.

Section 2. The City of Mattoon, Illinois does not express any warranty or imply any statement of condition of this surplus property. The Department Heads are hereby authorized to administratively sell

by the most advantageous means and to negotiate the conditions for the sale, recycle, or other disposition of the property without further formal consideration or approval by the City Council. The City of Mattoon shall reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all offers for this property.

Section 3. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to complete the sale or disposal of the property.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be effective upon its approval as provided by law.

Upon motion by Mayor Hall, seconded by Commissioner Cox, adopted this 18th day of October, 2022, by a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES (Names): Commissioner Closson, Commissioner Cox
Commissioner Graven, Commissioner Phipps,
Mayor Hall
NAYS (Names): None
ABSENT (Names): None

Approved this 18th day of October, 2022.

/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 October 18, 2022.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments. Mayor Hall noted there were two squad cars on the list.

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 adopt Special Ordinance No. 2022-1835, authorizing the sale of real estate owned by the municipality located at 2017 Western Avenue to Carl W. Bartels and Kelsa J. Bartels for payment in the amount of \$5,800.00; and authorizing the mayor to sign all necessary documents to complete the transaction. 07-2-11099-000

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1835

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT 2017 WESTERN AVENUE

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon owns certain real estate at 2017 Western Avenue, also known as Lot 7 of Block 111 of Noyes Addition to the City of Mattoon; and

WHEREAS, State Statute 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.1 enables corporate authorities to accept any contract proposal determined by them to be in the best interest of the municipality by a vote of two-thirds of the corporate authorities then holding office, but in no event at a price less than 80% of the appraised value; and

WHEREAS, the City Council declared said real estate surplus and authorized management staff to sell said real estate by public auction with a minimum acceptable bid of \$5,750.00 in Special Ordinance No. 2022-1823 approved on August 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, said public auction was conducted by Bauer Auction Company on Monday, September 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Carl and Kelsa Bartels were the highest bidders at \$5,800.00, and

WHEREAS, the appraised value of said real estate was \$5,750.00; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the municipality to sell said real estate to Carl and Kelsa Bartels for the bid amount of \$5,800.00, and

WHEREAS, said real estate is further described in the sketch attached as Exhibit 'X' and the warranty deed attached as Exhibit 'Y'.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MATTOON, COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. The City Attorney is authorized to prepare closing documents in the standard form for real estate transactions and the mayor and city clerk are authorized to sign documents conveying by a Municipal Corporation Deed the real estate described in Section 3. of this ordinance to Carl W. Bartels and Kelsa J. Bartels, subject to a payment in the amount of \$5,800.00.

Section 3. The real estate to be conveyed pursuant to this ordinance is legally described as:

LOT 7 BLOCK 111 of Noyes Addition to the Original Town of Mattoon

PIN No. 07-2-11099-000;

Commonly known as: 2017 Western Avenue.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be effective upon its approval as provided by law.

Upon motion by Commissioner Closson seconded by Commissioner Phipps adopted this 18th day of October, 2022, by a roll call vote, as follows:

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

NAYS (Names): None

ABSENT (Names): None

Approved this 18th day of October, 2022.

/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/Dan C. Jones
Dan C. Jones, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on October 18, 2022.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments. Director Barber explained the first sale of real estate through online auction performed by Bauer Auction. Commissioner Graven inquired as to the cost with Director Barber noting \$500 to list and the buyer pays five percent to Bauer Auction. Mayor Hall stated the bids could be higher rather than sealed bids. Commissioner Graven noted the percentage of appraisal.

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 Phipps moved to adopt Special Ordinance No. 2022-1836, granting a special use located at 1021 N. 33rd Street for the purpose of constructing a solar farm. Serenity Solar, LLC and Marilyn Degler McClean – Petitioners

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1836

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE AT 1021 N. 33RD STREET TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLAR FARM.

WHEREAS, there has been filed a written Petition for Serenity Solar L.L.C. requesting a Special Use of the parcel legally described as:

43 1/2 acres of even width off the North side of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10; and the South 36.5 acres of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10; and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10; All situated in Township 12 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Coles County, Illinois,

EXCEPT from all of the above the following 8 tracts of land:

Tract 1: The South 58 1/2 rods of the East 28 rods and 6 inches of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 10;

Tract 2: Beginning at a point 780 feet West and 30 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Section 10; thence North 325 feet with the East line of Section 10; thence West 300 feet with the South line of Section 10; thence South 325 feet with the East line of Section 10; thence East 300 feet to the point of beginning.

Tract 3: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 10, measure North along the East side of section 10, a distance of 30.0 feet; thence measure West, a distance of 462.7 feet parallel to the South line of said section 10 to a point for a place of beginning; thence West parallel to the South line of said Section 10, a distance of 150.00 feet; thence North parallel to the East line of said Section, a distance of 117.0 feet; thence deflecting 32°44' right, a distance of 68.6 feet; thence East parallel to the South line of said section 10, a distance of 110.2 feet; thence South, a distance of 175.3 feet to the place of beginning.

Tract 4: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 10; thence North 355 feet; thence East 240 feet; thence South 355 feet; thence West 240 feet to the place of beginning.

Tract 5: Beginning at a point 355 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 10; thence North 150 feet; thence East 170 feet; thence South 150 feet; thence West 170 feet to the place of beginning.

Tract 6: Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 12 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a concrete nail and id disk marking the Southeast corner of Section 10, Township 12 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian; thence azimuth 271°57'52" along the South line of said section 10, a distance of 1,079.47 feet to an existing survey marker; thence azimuth 359°58'05", a distance of 354.89 feet to an existing survey marker and the point of beginning; thence azimuth 271°57'52", a distance of 71.21 feet to an existing survey marker; thence azimuth 0°04'28", a distance of 150.36 feet to an existing survey marker; thence azimuth 91°57'52', a distance of 70.93 feet to a survey marker set; thence azimuth 179°58'05", a distance of 150.36 feet to the point of beginning, situated in Mattoon Township, Coles County, Illinois.

Tract 7: Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 12 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Coles County, Illinois, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10; thence along the East line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, North 00°00'42" East, 965.06 feet to the Northeast corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by J.D. McDowell and the point of beginning; thence along the North line of the said tract and the extension thereof, North 88°23'333" West, 481.10 feet; thence North 0°00'42" East, 142.00 feet; thence South 88°23'33" East, 481.10 feet to the East line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, South 0°00'42", 142.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Tract 8: That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 12 North, Range 7 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Coles County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of the Southeast Quarter of said section 10 lying 1107.06 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Section 10; thence North 88°26'22" West, 482.20 feet; thence North 0°23'46" East, 170.00 feet; thence South 88°26'22" East, 483.20 feet to a point on the East line of the Southeast

Quarter of said Section 10; thence South 0°23'46" West, 170.00 feet along said East line to the point of beginning.

WHEREAS, said site is zoned C-3, commercial, which does allow the construction of said development with a special use; and

WHEREAS, the property is well suited for a solar farm; and

WHEREAS, the property had previously been granted the same special use twice before; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, and has recommended that the request be granted; and

WHEREAS the City Council for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, deems that it would be in the public interest to approve the special use to allow the construction of said solar farm, and specifically finds that the solar farm is consistent with existing uses and zoning of nearby properties, does not diminish property values, promotes the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the public, provides significant gain the public with no hardship imposed on neighboring property owners, is suitable for the zoned purposes of the project site, and is consistent with the land development in the vicinity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MATTOON, COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to enabling authority provided at Section §159.05 of the Mattoon Code of Ordinances, the property legally described as follows:

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be and the same is granted Special Use for said Solar Farm allowing for lawful right to operate a solar farm with a condition of a decommissioning bond provided by the operator, and updated every 5 years.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective upon its approval as provided by law.

Upon motion by Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Phipps adopted this 18th day of October 2022, by a roll call vote, as follows:

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

NAYS (Names): None

ABSENT (Names): None

Approved this 18th day of October, 2022.

/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/Dan C. Jones
Dan C. Jones, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on October 18, 2022.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for discussion. Administrator Gill noted the property had a special use twice in the past, because they were waiting on the State to accept applications; and explained the changes over the years and request from two to five megawatts.

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 Cox seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to approve Council Decision Request 2022-2302, approving the appointment of Scott Carter to the Mattoon Arts Council (MAC) for a term ending September 30, 2024.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments/questions 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.

Commissioner Phipps seconded by Commissioner Closson moved to approve Council Decision Request 2022-2303, authorizing the employment of Shawn Wernsing to the Public Works Department Labor Pool as a Maintenance Worker III position effective October 24, 2022, pending drug testing and background checks.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions/comments. Director Barber noted a better year for hiring, provided Mr. Wernsing's background, and had one more candidate to hire. Mayor Hall inquired if the hire was budgeted with Director Barber answering affirmatively.

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 approve Council Decision Request 2022-2304, awarding the November 2022-April 2023 Water Treatment Plant chemical bids to:

USALCO	for	Alum	@	28.7¢ /pound
Hawkins, Inc.	for	Ammonium Sulfate	@	68.5¢/pound
Airgas Mid-America	for	Carbon Dioxide	@	10.5¢ /pound
Polydyne, Inc.	for	Cationic Polymer	@	89¢ /pound
Hawkins, Inc.	for	Chlorine	@	\$1.29/pound
Water Solutions Unlimited	for	Fluoride	@	39¢/pound
Water Solutions Unlimited	for	Sodium Permanganate	@	\$1.32 /pound; and

Water Solutions Unlimited for Phosphate Blend @ \$1.06/pound.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for 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.

Commissioner Cox seconded by Commissioner Closson moved to approve Council Decision Request 2022-2305, approving a \$500 grant by the Tourism Advisory Committee from FY22/23 hotel/motel tax funds to the Omega Nu Chapter of Sigma Alpha in support of the Witches Walk and Ball to be held on October 29, 2022; and authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for 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, ABSTAIN Mayor Hall.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT updated Council on the Inspections permits, researched different departments and upcoming arbitration comparables for the attorneys, and responded to business and citizen complaints. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY ATTORNEY explained the Judge's hearing on Quakenbush property, asked pictures of progress, reset telephone conference before City Court, and would be speaking with Administrator Gill and Chief Gaines; and would be requesting to make his fines permanent. Commissioner Cox inquired if the property was cleaned. Attorney Jones stated the fines were in excess of \$6,000, the judge was giving Mr. Quakenbush one more chance and gave the pictures to Administrator Gill and Inspector Sudkamp to review. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY CLERK noted the processing of various reports, had discussions with the broker, preparing for benefits renewals of health insurance, FSAs, IMRF life insurance, insurance elections, creditable coverage notices, and upcoming agenda items. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

FINANCE distributed and reviewed the September Financial Report including the general fund revenues and expenditures, cash position, revenue tracking changes and unrestricted cash; and updated Council on the filing of unclaimed property to the State, 2022 tax levy and pension reports. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

PUBLIC WORKS announced live cameras in the Depot, our crews were replacing the sanitary sewer at Buxton Subdivision. Mayor Hall inquired if the cameras resolution was better with Director Barber answering affirmatively. Chief Gaines stated the dispatchers are able to view and call officers as needed. Commissioner Graven inquired as to outside cameras with Director Barber noting outdoor cameras were currently on hold. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

FIRE updated Council on calls for service, inspections & follow-ups, EMS and ARP training, elementary schools' show-and-tell, fire drills and extinguisher demos, additional ambulance ready for

service next week, and day spent with the OSHA agent, who would send the mayor a report on the inspection. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

POLICE updated Council on calls for service, arrests and a successful Pork Chop Dinner. Mayor Hall noted the Dinner was paid for through donations and volunteers.

ARTS AND TOURISM announced 15 new Lightworks sponsors, 40 vendors for the upcoming Arts Council Holiday Sale at the Mall, preparing for Bagelfest 2023 including a music series called Bagel Bites. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions. Mayor Hall noted the upcoming Veterans Day Parade at 11:00 a.m. Director Burgett announced the Lightworks walkthrough event on November 17 with the vehicle opening on the 18th.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for a citizen who wanted to address the Council. Mr. Mike Strack addressed the Council concerning the electrical panel on his home; and requested the City approve his panel as in compliance with the City rules and let him take the matter up with Ameren, who wanted a more expensive panel on his home. Mayor Hall appreciated Mr. Strack bringing up his concern and stated the City would follow-up.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Commissioner Closson noted the successful open ceremony for the Dog Park on October 8th and his meeting with WWTP Superintendent Ethan Ervin and Administrator Gill regarding the need for upgrades at the Waste Water Treatment Plant or a new plant. Mayor Hall noted the long-term plan for step-by-step improvements needed to be complete before moving forward. Commissioner Cox had nothing further. Commissioner Graven thanked Director Barber for the Depot elevator lights. Commissioner Phipps thanked Superintendent Ervin for the tour of the sewer plant and appreciated the tour of the Water Treatment Plant. Mayor Hall updated Council on the sports complex with a name of Emerald Lakes; noted an analysis for revenue projections through an independent study hired by the Mattoon Sports Complex, which was necessary for the bonding process.

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to Recess to close session at 7:11 p.m. pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of the discussion of the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the City or legal counsel for the City under (5ILCS 120 (2)(C)(1)).

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.

Council reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

Commissioner Cox seconded by Commissioner Closson moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

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.

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk