

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a Regular City Council meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall on December 19, 2023. 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, Arts & Tourism Director Angelia Burgett (6:32 p.m.), Public Works Director Dean Barber, Fire Chief Jeff Hilligoss, Code Enforcement Alex Benishek and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of Regular Meeting minutes of December 5, 2023; bills and payroll for the first half of December 2023.

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<b><u>Bills and payroll for the first half of December, 2023</u></b>			
<b><u>General Fund</u></b>			
Payroll		\$	283,159.96
Bills		\$	<u>279,690.46</u>
	Total	\$	562,850.42
<b><u>Hotel Tax Administration</u></b>			
Payroll		\$	4,493.12
Bills		\$	<u>25,481.47</u>
	Total	\$	29,974.59
<b><u>Festival Mgmt Fund</u></b>			
Bills		\$	<u>4,058.10</u>
	Total	\$	4,058.10
<b><u>Mobile Equipment Fund</u></b>			
Bills		\$	<u>665,675.10</u>
	Total	\$	665,675.10
<b><u>Insurance and Tort Jdgmnt</u></b>			
Bills		\$	<u>19,549.00</u>
	Total	\$	19,549.00
<b><u>Capital Project Fund</u></b>			
Bills		\$	<u>8,600.00</u>
	Total	\$	8,600.00
<b><u>Broadway East Bus. Dist.</u></b>			
Bills		\$	<u>2,405.40</u>
	Total	\$	2,405.40
<b><u>Remington Rd &amp; I-57 Bus.</u></b>			
Bills		\$	<u>111,431.74</u>
	Total	\$	111,431.74
<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>			
Payroll		\$	85,083.81
Bills		\$	<u>178,929.20</u>

	Total	\$	264,013.01
	<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>		
Payroll		\$	43,608.52
Bills		\$	159,588.10
	Total	\$	203,196.62
	<b><u>Health Insurance Fund</u></b>		
Bills		\$	140,812.13
	Total	\$	140,812.13
	<b><u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</u></b>		
Bills		\$	6,480.57
	Total	\$	6,480.57

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

**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 from those in attendance with no response.

Mayor Hall acknowledged the retirement of Rick Easton with more than 19 years of service with the Public Works Department on December 30, 2023. Administrator Gill noted Mr. Easton worked mostly at the Police Department providing maintenance.

Mayor Hall acknowledged this meeting was the last Council meeting for Director Barber with his upcoming retirement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Hall seconded by Commissioner Phipps moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-3268, approving an update to the City’s Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP).

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**CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-3268**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY’S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan is to insure full and equal participation of men and women regardless of sex, race, creed, age, disability, sexual orientation, nature of discharge from the armed services, or national origin in the workforce of an agency that receives federal grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now necessary for the City Council to update its Equal Employment Opportunity Plan to maintain continued eligibility for federal grants.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MATTOON, COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS** that the Mayor is authorized to sign a document indicating the Council’s approval of an update to the City of Mattoon’s “Equal Employment Opportunity Plan”, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Upon motion by Mayor Hall, seconded by Commissioner Phipps, adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, by a roll call vote, as follows:

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

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

/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 12-19, 2023.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions. Administrator Gill explained the update of the EEOP every two years.

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 adopt Special Ordinance No. 2023-1885, establishing paid leave for all City of Mattoon employees including temporary employees for compliance with the Paid Leave for All Workers Act, mandated by the State of Illinois.

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ILLINOIS PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS  
ACT FOR THE CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1, provides that the corporate authorities of each municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fines or penalties as may be deemed proper; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mattoon is a non-home rule Illinois municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 12, 2023, Governor JB Pritzker signed into law the Paid Leave for All Workers Act (820 ILCS 192/1 *et seq.*) (the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois did not make the necessary appropriations or include statutory language exempting the Act from the Illinois State Mandates Act (30 ILCS 805/1 *et seq.*); and

**WHEREAS**, effective January 1, 2024, the Act requires an employer to provide certain paid leave to their employees, unless the employer is subject to an existing municipal or county ordinance that requires the employer to provide any form of paid leave to their employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mattoon recognizes the importance of paid leave and currently provides reasonable paid leave benefits to its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mattoon has determined that applying the Act to its own employees will negatively impact the City and place an undue financial and operational burden on the City of Mattoon’s ability to provide uninterrupted services to its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mattoon believes and hereby declares that it is in the best interests of the City to clearly define the paid leave benefits that City employees shall receive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Mattoon as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** Pursuant to Section 15(p) of the Act, the City of Mattoon hereby adopts its current paid leave policy for all City employees as set forth in the City’s Code of Ordinances, Employee Handbook, Annual Salary Ordinances, any collective bargaining agreements to which the City of Mattoon is a party and all other binding legislative actions governing paid leave adopted by the City Council of the City of Mattoon, as the same may be amended from time to time. However, in no event shall the City, as an employer, provide less than one (1) hour of paid leave per every 40 hours worked to any City employee.

**Section 3.** Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. All ordinances, resolutions, and policies or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of the conflict, expressly repealed on the effective date of this Ordinance.

**Section 4.** Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other

provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

**Section 5.** The clerk is directed by the corporate authorities to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/1-2-4.

**Section 6.** This ordinance shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council.

Upon motion by Mayor Hall, seconded by Commissioner Graven, adopted this this 19th day of December, 2023, by a roll call vote, as follows:

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

Approved this 19th day of December, 2023.

/s/Rick Hall  
Rick Hall, Mayor  
City of Mattoon, 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 12-19, 2023.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for discussion. Administrator Gill noted compliance with the new State of Illinois Act providing for all part-time employees to have some paid leave.

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 adopt Special Ordinance No. 2023-1886, authorizing the employment of David Clark as Public Works Director with an annual compensation of \$125,000, effective January 08, 2024, pending a successful drug testing and background check.

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1886**

**AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF DAVID CLARK FOR THE POSITION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works Director position is will become vacant with the retirement of the Dean Barber on December 29, 2023 and City wishes to fill the vacancy; and,

**WHEREAS**, City of Mattoon advertised and interviewed candidates forth the Public Works Director position; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mattoon enters into employment agreements with member of its managements team; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City is naming David Clark as the Public Works Director, effective January 8, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to memorialize the terms of David Clark’s employment with the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MATTOON, COLES COUNTY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, as follows:**

**Section 1.** David Clark is hereby named the Public Works Director, effective January 8, 2024.

**Section 2.** The City Council hereby approves an Employment Agreement with David Clark for the position of Public Works Director, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall be effective upon its approval as provided by law.

Upon motion by Commissioner Phipps, seconded by Commissioner Closson, adopted this this 19th day of December, 2023, 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 19th day of December, 2023.

/s/Rick Hall  
Rick Hall, Mayor  
City of Mattoon, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 12-19, 2023.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments. Mr. Clark thanked the Council for the opportunity and looked forward to it.

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 Cox moved to approve Council Decision Request 2023-2432, awarding the bid in the amount of \$1,166,982.70 to and Change Order #1 in the amount of \$710 from Fuller-Wente for the Broadway Avenue Streetscaping Project from 16<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street; and authorizing the public works director to sign Change Order #1. 13-00254-03-SW

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments. Director Barber noted the good bid, the extent of the Streetscaping timeframe since he was employed with a completion date of 2027.

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 2023-2433, approving the plans and specifications for the Riddle Elementary School Sidewalk Project including sidewalk and ramp construction on the north side of Western Avenue between 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to the west entrance of Country Gardens and Westview Drive to Noyes Court. 21-00333-00-SW

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments/questions. Director Barber noted the plans were in line to be bid by IDOT, using Federal Funds, and all work scheduled to be completed by next summer.

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 2023-2434, approving the plans and specifications for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Primary Pump Replacement Project.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments. Director Barber noted both WWTP bids would be out to bidders with a bid opening at the end of January and bid award at the first meeting in February.

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 2023-2435, approving the plans and specifications for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Primary Clarifier Rehab Project.

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 Phipps moved to approve Council Decision Request 2023-2436, approving the emergency purchase of a 2023 E-One Fire Rescue Pumper Truck from Banner Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$739,639; and authorizing the mayor to sign all documents necessary for the purchase.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments. Chief Hilligoss explained the desperate need, rented truck to get by, and increase of cost of trucks just in months. Administrator Gill stated two engines were older than 20 years. Commissioner Graven inquired how far out was the order until receipt of the truck with Chief Hilligoss stating mid-January, because Banner was already assembling it.

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 Graven seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adopt Special Ordinance No. 2023-1887, approving the interest rate and terms for a \$739,639 loan from the Revolving Loan Fund to the City of Mattoon to finance the purchase of a 2023 E-One Fire Rescue Pumper Truck.

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## CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

### SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1887

#### AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTEREST RATE AND TERMS FOR \$739,639 LOAN FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO THE CITY OF MATTOON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF AN E-ONE FIRE RESCUE PUMPER

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mattoon has a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, The City of Mattoon Fire Department has submitted a Revolving Loan Application for RLF funds in the amount of Seven Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-Nine dollars (\$739,639) for an emergency purchase of an E-One Fire Rescue Pumper; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department's current fleet has two fire engines over 20 years old and are continually in need of repairs or failing tests; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mattoon Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Committee has reviewed said RLF Application and recommends City Council approval in accordance with the applicable guidelines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Mattoon as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby approves the Mattoon Fire Department RLF loan request in the amount of seven hundred thirty-nine thousand six hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$739,639.00) for a fixed annual interest rate of 3% for a term of fifteen (15) years for the purchase a E-One Fire Rescue Pumper.

**Section 2.** The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance in the City Revolving Loan File.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council.

Upon motion by Commissioner Graven, seconded by Commissioner Cox, adopted this this 19th day of December, 2023, 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 19th day of December, 2023.

/s/Rick Hall  
Rick Hall, Mayor  
City of Mattoon, 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 12-19, 2023.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for an explanation. Administrator Gill stated the Revolving Loan Fund had a better rate of a \$62,000 payment a year with hope that the City would pay it off sooner to allow for the RLF to help others. Chief Hilligoss explained the other loan opportunities at 5 - 5 ¾% interest.

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 Graven seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adopt Special Ordinance No. 2023-1888, approving the interest rate and terms for a \$35,000 loan from the Revolving Loan Fund to Pizzarena, Ltd. Jonathon Arena, President to make renovations at the Villa Pizza restaurant located at 2100 Broadway Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois.

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**CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1888**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTEREST RATE AND TERMS FOR \$35,000 LOAN FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO PIZZARENA, LTD JONATHON ARENA, PRESIDENT FOR RENOVATIONS FOR VILLA PIZZA AT 2100 BROADWAY AVENUE, MATTOON**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mattoon has a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, PIZZARENA, LTD, Jonathon Arena, President has submitted a Revolving Loan Application for RLF funds in the amount of thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) for renovations at 2100 Broadway Avenue; and,

**WHEREAS**, Villa Pizza is expanding to provide dine-in and buffet style restaurant again in Mattoon at a new location, 2100 Broadway Avenue ; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mattoon Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Committee has reviewed said RLF Application and recommends City Council approval in accordance with the applicable guidelines.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Mattoon as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby approves the PIZZARENA, LTD, Jonathon Arena RLF loan request in the amount of thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) for a fixed annual interest rate of 3% for a term of five (5) years for renovations at 2100 Broadway Avenue.

**Section 2.** The Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance in the City Revolving Loan File.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council.

Upon motion by Commissioner Graven, seconded by Commissioner Cox, adopted this this 19th day of December, 2023, 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 19th day of December, 2023.

/s/ Rick Hall  
Rick Hall, Mayor  
City of Mattoon, 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 12-19, 2023.

Mayor Hall opened the floor for comments. Administrator Gill stated the \$35,000 loan was at 3% over 5 years. Mayor Hall noted the new location.

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 noted preparation of agenda items and Council Chamber audio issues; otherwise, business as usual. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY ATTORNEY noted business as usual with the Quakenbush hearing being continued reset for mid-January. Commissioner Graven inquired about the Perry lawsuit with Attorney Jones noting Mr. Perry had filed an appeal, so we were waiting for a date set for a hearing.

CITY CLERK noted finalization of the BCBS insurance enrollments and FSA enrollments; and announced the next Council meeting was on January 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

FINANCE distributed and reviewed November Financial Report, cash position, major sources of revenue and unrestricted cash. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

PUBLIC WORKS updated Council on the water at Lake Paradise, finished preparing the bids of the Street Sweeper with a bid opening January 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Graven inquired when the water would taste better with Director Barber stating the crews would be working diligently working on it. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

FIRE reported on calls for service, training, switching to digital last week, rental truck had more transmission issues, reserve engine is operational and waiting on parts from Pierce for Engine 23. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

ARTS AND TOURISM noted work on end-of-year things, preparation of 2024 calendars, grant letters of intent for budgeting purposes, finished the year with 220 events promoted; thanked Mr. Ed Dowd of the Mattoon Chamber with his part of helping with the promotion of the 1,600 email blasts including seven different Facebook, City website and share within breakrooms; and announced the Lightworks' car count and donations were up and expected to finish strong. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT noted attendance at the hearing at the Chambers Board meeting, Housing stock survey 90% complete, partnership with the Illinois Housing Authority in March for townhalls to see data collected and input for planning over the next five to ten years, an invitation to serve with the Illinois Strategic Planning program, Land Bank next steps, meeting with Attorney Jones regarding the former Brown Shoe Factory to see if the Illinois Authority can help, Park grants PARC could help fund a brand new Marina next year, and working with CCRP-DC to create interactive maps. Mayor Hall opened the floor for questions with no response.

### **COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL**

The Council thanked Director Barber for his service, welcomed Mr. Clark; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Commissioner Closson noted one more interview for the WTP Superintendent and the Council was two and a half years in. Commissioners Cox and Graven had no further comments. Commissioner Phipps elaborated on Director Barber's work with the City and wished him the best. Director Barber gave credit to the 35 people who work at Public Works. Mayor Hall shared a story with Shop with a Cop and the 100 children it served.

Commissioner Cox seconded by Commissioner Closson adjourn at 7:04 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