

OFFICIALS MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF HENRY

01) The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Henry was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Mayor, Doug Wilson, September 18, 2017 at the Municipal Building. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was directed by the Clerk.

Present: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith
Administrative: Treasurer Young

Also Present: Henry News-Republican, Cortney Ziegler, Peoria Journal Star, Gary L. Smith, Chief of Police, Steve Maurer, Supt. of Public Works, Tom Maubach, Sewer Operator, Bill Lester, Joyce Wood, Lisa Friedrich, Ione Glatz, Bing Wilson, Marian Shurts, Henry Chamber of Commerce, Hofer's Pub, Brandon Pyles, The Meeting Place, Lucilla Knuckey, Cynthia Nighsonger, Tom Davis, City Engineer, Judd Giffin,

02) Mayor Wilson welcomed everyone to the September 18, 2017 council meeting. The Mayor stated that there were approximately 200 people that attended the Ozinga Open House on Saturday, September 9th. Mayor commented on "Found Treasurers" painting on the side of the building. Thanked Joyce Wood's for the nice art work.

03) Regular Minutes for August 21, 2017 were presented, dispensing with the reading, all members had previously received copies of the minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Schrowang and seconded by Alderman Keith to approve the Regular Minutes as presented. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

04) Accounts Payable were presented, dispensing with the reading as all members had previously received copies. A motion to authorize payment of the accounts as presented was made by Alderman Keith and seconded by Alderman Friedrich. (For itemization see Accounts Payable for Sept., 2017). Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

05) Treasurers report for the Month of August, 2017 was presented, dispensing with the reading as all members had previously received copies. A motion was made by Alderman Friedrich and seconded by Alderman Karls to accept the reports as presented. (a copy to be place on file.) Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

06) Mayor Wilson acknowledged the visitors: Marion Shurts representing the Henry Chamber of Commerce requesting closure of Edward Street from Williams Street to Front Street for the Santa Parade from 10:00 am to 1pm., Saturday, December 2nd. Also the Chamber is requesting a donation to help offset the expenses of bringing this event to our Henry Community. Alderman Karls made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Keith to approve closure of Edward Street from Williams Street to Front Street for the Santa Parade, Saturday, December 2nd. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Keith, Karls, Friedrich, Bergfeld, Schrowang, Fountain

Nays: None

Motion carried

Alderman Karls made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Schrowang to approve a donation of \$150.00 to Henry Chamber of Commerce Holiday Event in December. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

The Meeting Place, Lucille Knuckey, Cynthia Nighsonger and Hofer's Pub, Brandon Pyles attended the council meeting in regards of an Oktoberfest Downtown Henry on October 14, 2017 from 3-7 pm. There will be vendors down both sides of the sidewalks on Edward Street, Second Street on both sides will be a classic car show, live music and Hofer's will have a fenced in beer garden in the back. Both businesses are requesting street closure from the alley way on Edward Street to the corner of Edward and Second, Second Street to West Park Row. There was discussion about wine tasting at The Meeting Place but that was not approved because of needing a liquor license. Alderman Karls made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Friedrich to approve street closure on Edward Street and Second Street for the Oktoberfest Downtown Henry on October 14th from 3-7 pm. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Present: Alderman Fountain

Nays: None

Motion carried

07) Finance and Insurance Chairman Keith made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Schrowang to transfer \$2,000 from the General Fund over to the Pool Fund. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

08) Building & Grounds Chairman Friedrich presented the Tree Commission Board recommendation on 2017 Ash Tree Removal proposal on removing 8 trees. The bids were opened by the tree board on Thursday, September 7, 2017. The following bids are: DK Tree Service, \$3,525, Yarger Tree Services, \$3,725, Poignant Tree Service, \$4,500.

Alderman Freidrich made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Keith to approve DK Tree Service 2017 Ash Tree bid in the amount of \$3,525. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Keith, Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfled, Friedrich, Karls

Nays: None

Motion carried

It was stated that there are approximately 85 Ash Trees that will need to be removed because of the ash disease. Out of the 85 trees 25 of them are in our City Parks.

Alderman Friedrich made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Schrowang to approve Smith Ecological Systems Company for Chemical Feed for the Henry Swimming Pool in the amount of \$1,416.34. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

Supt of Public Works, Bill Lester stated the 2017 Summer Tree Removal bid has been completed. The Pavilion in Central Park has been refinished, painted, roofed, and new lattice.

09) Police & ESDA Chairman Karls had nothing to report.

Update from Chief of Police Steve Maurer stated getting ready for fall and winter clean-up. Chief Maurer and Sergeant Williamson will be gone for two days in October for training.

10) Streets & Lights Chairman Bergfeld reported on the 3 Ton Sterling and 1 Ton Ford truck repairs. The 3 Ton Sterling had replaced a fuel pump, fuel filter and check valve at a cost of \$6,651.95. The 1 Ton Ford had replaced fuel filters, #4 Injector, cracked valve cover gasket, front shock absorbers and rebuilt the steering column at a cost of \$1,337.49. Alderman Friedrich made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Schrowang to approve repairs on 3 Ton Sterling of \$6,651.95 and the 1 Ton Ford at \$1,337.49. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

Alderman Bergfeld reported on the recommendation from the Streets & Lights committee meeting on Infrastructure Improvements. Jeff went over in detail the preliminary estimated costs of each project. After some discussion was decided on costs of the following:

- 600 block Second Street.....\$11,000
- M-P Farm Bureau Alleyway \$11,000
- 500 Block Second \$ 8,500
- Second Street & Third Street Sidewalk....\$ 3,500

It was mentioned that a TIF meeting will be scheduled for discussion on possibly allocating some of the TIF Funds towards the cost of the projected projects on the

Infrastructure Improvements. Alderman Bergfeld made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Karls to approve allocating \$34,000 on the Infrastructure Improvements projects. Roll call

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

Alderman Bergfeld stated the Railroad Crossings on Richard Street by United Suppliers, Ozinga Materials and Poly-One Chemical Plant repairs are completed and ready for the asphalt on the approaches. Alderman Friedrich made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Karls to approve up to \$22,000 on Asphalt on the Richard Street Railroad Improvements to be paid out of Road Maintenance. Roll call

Yeas: Alderman Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith, Fountain

Nays: None

Motion carried

11) Zoning and Planning Chairman Fountain reported on the committee meeting that was held August 30th on several issues. Discussion on amending the Farm Animal Ordinance that would allow farm animals in the city limits. Recommendation was made to allow one domestic pig and two chickens. Somebody has approached the council of perhaps buying a home in Henry and has a pot belly pig for a pet. Mayor Wilson stated that like many small towns, it's been steadily losing population and recognizing a beloved pig as a pet rather than livestock might help to bring in new residents. If pigs were to be allowed, city officials felt perhaps poultry should be reconsidered as well. Ione Glatz was recognized to speak: City of Lacon has an Ordinance allowing chickens but no roosters, have to collect signatures of approval from the surrounding neighbors and approve by the council. Also, a permit has to be renewed every year, if no complaints the permit is reissued for another year. That would be a good approach, stated by Glatz. Everything was taken to the city attorney for an ordinance to be drafted. No further discussion and everything was tabled for rescheduling a committee meeting for further information.

Discussion on proceeding legal action on junk yard and/or condemning demolition of houses was tabled. Also, amending an ordinance on adding a fine on not applying for permits was tabled and will be turned over to Miller, Hall & Triggs.

12) Water and Sewer Chairman Schrowang stated the approval on maintenance program on the back hoe at Martin Equipment was tabled.

Alderman Schrowang presented a proposal from Pavement Maintenance Services, Inc. on the Nitrate Building driveway at Waterworks Park. The driveway will be paved from the nitrate building south down to pole and then across to restrooms and south to city street. They will pave the 1st lift with 2" State Approved Asphalt Binder at a cost of \$5,880 and Pave the 2nd lift with 2" State Approved Asphalt Surface at a cost of \$6,440. Alderman Schrowang made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Bergfeld to approve

Pavement Maintenance Nitrate Building Driveway in Waterworks parks at a cost of \$12,320. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

Alderman Schrowang announced that Deputy Clerk, Suzie Fansler will be retiring at the end of the year. Discussion followed on advertising for deputy clerk listing the qualification and job description. Alderman Schrowang made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Karls to advertise in Henry News-Republican, News-Tribune and Peoria Journal Star and not exceed \$500. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

Update from Supt. of Public Works, Bill Lester stated moving the power out of the Waterworks Building to the new building on the hill which will be out of the flood plain with a stand by generator.

13) Economic Development: Alderman Keith inquired about having any response on the lease that was mention last council meeting.

14) TIF Committee Chairman Bergfeld nothing to report

Motion carried

15) Communication – Perdeu Association Board Meeting/6:00 pm Wed., 21th

Perdeu House

- Henry Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting/Thurs., Oct.

5th 5:30 pm River Park Center

16) Old Business: Alderman Keith asked if there was any respond on proposed lease for the developers. Mayor replied and said no.

17) New Business: Alderman Friedrich made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Fountain to approve the Henry Chamber of Commerce after school tricks or treats for the entire business district on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

Before the closing of the council meeting Mayor Wilson requested for Tom Maubach to come up to the front of the room. Mayor Wilson thanked Tom for his service and wish him a long and enjoyable retirement. Doug stated “Tom’s a turn-key guy.” “He does everything. All you have to do is give him the key.” Doug presented a plaque to Tom as Supt. of Public Works retiring after 34 years. Alderman Bergfeld had the lights turned

off for what he had elaborately pretended would be a slide presentation on future street and sidewalk projects. It turned out to consist mostly of sometime comically photos of Tom at various points in his career. The best part, Tom brought the projector for Jeff to use for his presentation. As the presentation was being presented numerous family members, past city officials and employees that had assembled outside the council chambers enter the room. It was quite a surprise because Tom was not aware of other people being here. The clerk planned the surprise and keeping the honoree in the dark. Tom made the comment that he could hear talking out in the hallway, but couldn't figure out why Jeff was saying all those things about me. Tom stated, "There's a lot of people I have to thank, without my family, I wouldn't have been able to do this." Also, thanks to all the alderman and employees. You just have to get along with people. You have to have a thick skin. I guess I'm getting a little thin-skinned. Tom stated he has worked with 7 mayors, 4 city clerks, 49 council members, and 8 police chiefs. Those that attended and surprised Tom that were waiting in the hallway were, Janice (Tom's wife) Judd Griffin, Tod Berger, Kevin & Jackie Maubach, Suzie & Rick Fancier, Donald Griffin, Karl Villager, Courtney, Britton, Zachary Barnes, Sergeant John Williamson, Jay McCracken.

18) At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Alderman Friedrich and seconded by Alderman Karls to adjourn the meeting. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Fountain, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Karls, Keith

Nays: None

Motion carried

Clerk, Jean Goldner

Mayor Doug Wilson