

RESOLUTION NO. 01-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HENRY, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ADOPTING A "POLICY REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS"**

WHEREAS, the City of Henry, Marshall County, Illinois is a duly organized and existing municipal corporation created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code of the State of Illinois and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06(g)) guarantees members of the public the right to address the City Council, subject to rules established by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Henry finds that it is necessary to impose reasonable rules governing public comments during regular and special meetings of the City Council in order to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the City Council in a fair, efficient, and orderly manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HENRY, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The findings and recitations hereinabove set forth are adopted and found to be true.

Section 2. The Policy Regarding Public Comments attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is adopted by the City of Henry in its entirety.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to make a copy of the Policy Regarding Public Comments available to members of the public by posting the same on the City's website and maintaining copies of the Policy in the office of the City Clerk.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HENRY, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN SPECIAL AND PUBLIC SESSION, THIS 4th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.

APPROVED:

CITY OF HENRY



Douglas Wilson, Its Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherry Klein, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

City of Henry

Policy Regarding Public Comments

Any person wishing to address the City Council at any regular or special meeting of the Council shall comply with the following procedures:

1. Members of the public may address the Council during times designated on the agenda for public comments.
 - a. Persons wishing to address the Council regarding action items on the agenda will be given an opportunity to speak prior to the consideration of any agenda action items by the Council.
 - b. Persons who wish to address the Council regarding matters unrelated to any agenda items will be asked to reserve their comments until the end of the meeting after all other action items have been addressed by the Council.
2. Any person addressing the Council during this time will be required to state their name.
3. Each person wishing to address the Council will be given 3 minutes to make their comments. The Mayor, in his discretion, may grant a speaker additional time upon the speaker's request or upon request of any member of the Council. Speakers may not "borrow" time from another speaker to increase their own speaking time.
4. No vulgar, abusive, disruptive, threatening, or harassing comments or behavior will be tolerated and an individual who makes such comments or engages in such behavior may be required to stop speaking immediately or may be removed from the meeting, at the Mayor's direction.
5. Council members are not required to respond to any public comments or answer questions from members of the public.
6. Any person, entity, or group wishing to speak to the Council to request donation of funds, use of City property, or other matter upon which the Council is asked to take action must notify the Clerk and request to be placed on the meeting agenda by no later than noon on the Friday before the meeting at which such person, entity, or group wishes to be heard.