

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS

Journal of Proceedings

Regular Meeting, Monday, April 12, 2021

City Hall Council Chambers

Mayor Gregory Jury called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Jim Puckett opened the meeting with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Gregory Jury

Aldermen John Jacobson (via zoom), Jim Puckett, Clint Little, John Pruitt, Charles Frykman, Mark Peterson, A. Marie Holmes, Robert Schlensker, Doug Allton, Nancy Warden

Also Present: City Clerk Bob Burden
City Attorney Gino Galluzzo

1. Approve Minutes 04/05/21 The Journal of Proceedings for the regular meeting of April 5, 2021 was approved as submitted by the city clerk on a motion by Alderman Little. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Jacobson, Puckett, Little, Pruitt, Frykman, Peterson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden)
2. SEP/Hidden Treasures Mall Antique Market Request Received a Special Event Permit application from Hidden Treasures Mall and Antiques, 6329 N. Second Street, to hold an outdoor antique market on June 26, July 24, and August 21, 2021 in the Meadow Mart parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Referred to Alderman Peterson of the Codes and Regulations Committee.
3. SEP/Hidden Treasures Mall Antique Market Approved Alderman Peterson of the Codes and Regulations Committee moved to approve a Special Event Permit application from Hidden Treasures Mall and Antiques, 6329 N. Second Street, to hold an outdoor antique market on June 26, July 24, and August 21, 2021 in the Meadow Mart parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Jacobson, Puckett, Little, Pruitt, Frykman, Peterson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden)
4. General Fund Bills Alderman Jacobson presented the General Fund and all other bills dated April 5, 2021 in the amount of \$61,582.59, and moved that they be paid. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Jacobson, Puckett, Little, Pruitt, Frykman, Peterson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden)
5. Water Department Bills Alderman Jacobson presented the Water Department bills dated April 5, 2021 in the amount of \$849.92, and moved that they be paid. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Jacobson, Puckett, Little, Pruitt, Frykman, Peterson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden)
6. Public Safety Report Alderman Allton presented the Police Department Report dated April 12, 2021; presented the Fire Department Report dated April 7, 2021, to be placed on file.
7. Public Works Report Alderman Schlensker presented the Street Department Report dated April 12, 2021; presented the Water Department Report for April 12, 2021, to be placed on file.
8. Finance and Administration Committee Alderman Jacobson of the Finance and Administration Committee presented the General Fund and all other bills dated April 12, 2021, in the amount of \$382,951.84, for consideration at next week's city council meeting; presented the minutes from the committee meeting held April 5, 2021, to be placed on file.

9. Public Works Committee Alderman Schlensker of the Public Works Committee presented the Water Department list of bills dated April 12, 2021, in the amount of \$29,470.60, for consideration at next week's city council meeting.
10. Code & Regulations Alderman Peterson of the Codes and Regulations Committee presented the minutes from the committee meeting held March 22, 2021, to be placed on file.
11. SEP/Mi Gordito Car Show Approved Alderman Peterson moved to approve a Special Event Permit application from Carlos Rosario of Mi Gordito to hold a car show April 23, May 21, June 18, July 23, August 20, and September 24, 2021 with amplified music at 5518 N. Second Street from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Jacobson, Puckett, Little, Pruitt, Frykman, Peterson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden)
12. SEP/Mi Gordito Flea Market Approved Alderman Peterson moved to approve a Special Event Permit application from Laura Rosario of Mi Gordito to hold a flea market on May 22 & 23, 2021 at 5518 N. Second Street from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with parking at Grace Lutheran Church. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Jacobson, Puckett, Little, Pruitt, Frykman, Peterson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden)
13. Seek Bids For Municipal Electric Aggregation Program Alderman Jacobson presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption: **RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, that **WHEREAS**, the current municipal electric aggregation program to all residential and qualified small businesses will expire in September 2021, and **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Loves Park, Illinois has determined that it is desirable to continue the municipal electric aggregation program so long as the City can secure a supply rate lower than the known ComEd supply rate; and **NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Mayor is authorized and directed to seek bids from responsible low bidders in order to negotiate and enter into a wholesale electricity supply contract for the City on terms as deemed appropriate and with said contract to be in the best interest of the city. This process and potential contract shall include residents, qualified small businesses, water department pumping power and for city street lighting. Said pricing shall not exceed three (3) years in length and the Mayor will report to the City Council the outcome of the solicitation as soon as is reasonable possible. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Jacobson, Puckett, Little, Pruitt, Frykman, Peterson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden)
RESOLUTION NO. 21-024
14. Opposing House Bill 1727/ Elimination Of Qualified Immunity For Police Officers Alderman Jacobson presented the following resolution opposing House Bill 1727 regarding the elimination of qualified immunity for Police Officers. **WHEREAS**, the Illinois legislature is considering House Bill 1727 which would remove all immunity protections for police officers of our State if it becomes law; and **WHEREAS**, the City agrees that thoughtful and well-reasoned reform of the criminal justice system is both beneficial and necessary, but believes that the changes represented in House Bill 1727 are not provisions that would lead to positive reform; and **WHEREAS**, well-intentioned as the drafters may have been, they have failed to recognize the split-second decision making required of our law enforcement personnel and the devastating effect that a change to the law such as this may have on the recruitment and retention of officers in our already short-staffed police departments in Illinois; and **WHEREAS**, the City supports the legislature undertaking a thoughtful and measured process for reform that involves all stakeholders and results in positive changes to our criminal justice system to right inequities that exist therein while protecting the community as a whole and not villainizing our police officers who are performing their duties with honor in the face of situations not experienced by the general public.

15. Opposing House Bill 1727/
Elimination Of Qualified Immunity For Police Officers
(Continued)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Loves Park, County of Winnebago and County of Boone, Illinois, that by the adoption of this Resolution, that the Mayor and the City Council hereby agree as follows:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as if fully stated herein.
2. The City again commends the professionalism of the Loves Park Police Department and its officers in their work to both protect the City and for acting in a responsible manner in interacting with our citizens.
3. The City calls upon the legislature to reject House Bill 1727 and calls upon the legislature to instead take-up a process for thoughtful and studied reform of our criminal justice system allowing for meaningful input from all stakeholders rather than continuing a process of piecemeal legislation that creates unintended consequences harmful to public safety and to the functioning of the system.
4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Second by Alderman Allton. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Jacobson, Puckett, Little, Pruitt, Frykman, Peterson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden)

RESOLUTION NO. 21-025

16. Adjourn

Alderman Jacobson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

Robert J. Burden, City Clerk

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Community Development:	Following Council Meeting 6:15 p.m.
Finance and Administration:	Prior to Council Meeting 5:40 p.m.
Public Works:	Prior to Council Meeting 5:15 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals:	3 rd Thursday of the Month 5:30 p.m.