

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS

Journal of Proceedings

Regular Meeting, Monday, May 3, 2021

City Hall Council Chambers

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

Alderman John Pruitt opened the meeting with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Gregory Jury

Aldermen John Pruitt, Jim Thompson, A. Marie Holmes, Robert Schlensker, Doug Allton, Nancy Warden, John Jacobson, Jim Puckett, Dan Jacobson

Absent: Alderman Mark Peterson

Also Present: City Clerk Bob Burden
City Attorney Gino Galluzzo

1. Approve Minutes 04/26/21 The Journal of Proceedings for the regular meeting of April 26, 2021 was approved as submitted by the city clerk on a motion by Alderman Schlensker. Second by Alderman Allton. Motion carried. 7 Ayes (Aldermen Pruitt, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett) 2 Present (Aldermen Thompson, Dan Jacobson) 1 Absent (Alderman Peterson)
2. Commerce Commission Hearing Received a notice from the Illinois Commerce Commission of a hearing regarding Commonwealth Edison, to be held May 12, 2021, in the offices of the Commission, Chicago, IL. Placed on file.
3. VFW Police Officers Of The Year Mayor Jury welcomed Police Chief Chuck Lynde to the council meeting, and he announced the VFW 2020 Police Officer of the Year recipients. Police Officers Kaitlin Werle, Brady Bailey and Cody Polizzi were honored for their heroic actions in response to the December 26, 2020 shooting at Don Carter Lanes.
4. General Fund Bills Alderman Jacobson presented the General Fund and all other bills dated April 26, 2021 in the amount of \$356,002.91, and moved that they be paid. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Pruitt, Thompson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson) 1 Absent (Alderman Peterson)
5. Water Department Bills Alderman Jacobson presented the Water Department bills dated April 26, 2021 in the amount of \$109,131.67, and moved that they be paid. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Pruitt, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson) 1 Absent (Alderman Peterson)
6. Public Safety Report Alderman Allton presented the Police Department Report dated May 3, 2021; presented the Fire Department Report dated April 28, 2021, to be placed on file.
7. Public Works Report Alderman Schlensker presented the Street Department Report dated May 3, 2021; presented the Water Department Report for May 3, 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 May 3, 2021, in the amount of \$110,677.62, for consideration at next week's city council meeting; presented the minutes from the committee meeting held April 26, 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 May 3, 2021, in the amount of \$243,935.39, for consideration at next week's city council meeting.
10. Community Development Alderman Pruitt of the Community Development Committee presented the minutes of the committee meeting held April 26, 2021, to be placed on file.
11. Opposing LGDF Revenue Reduction Alderman Jacobson presented a Resolution by the City of Loves Park, Illinois Opposing reductions to the Local Government Distributive Fund by the State of Illinois and authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter to the Governor on behalf of the City requesting the State maintain or increase that funding. **WHEREAS**, Municipalities provide fundamental and important services to their residents including, but not limited to, public safety services, transportation infrastructure, community health services, human services, parks and recreation opportunities and election administration; and **WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has a long-standing tradition of helping to support these local services through the collection and distribution of tax revenues on behalf of Municipalities; and **WHEREAS**, Municipalities rely on these shared revenues in order to invest in services that residents cannot, and should not, do without; and **WHEREAS**, these shared revenues are the result of a good faith historical partnership between the state and county governments in Illinois; and **WHEREAS**, since the State Income Tax was adopted in 1969, the state has shared a percentage of total income tax collections through the Local Government Distributive Fund ("LGDF") with Municipalities and municipalities in recognition that local governments are essential service providers for Illinois residents who live, work and play at the local level; and **WHEREAS**, Governor JB Pritzker has proposed that the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 State Budget include a 10% reduction in the amount of LGDF revenue distributed to Municipalities; and **WHEREAS**, this revenue reduction is being proposed at a time when Municipalities are already expending additional funds on the COVID-19 emergency response. **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 City urges the General Assembly and the Governor to protect and preserve existing levels of LGDF revenue and any other state-collected local government revenues that are shared with counties to provide appropriate levels of service to their residents.
 2. The City authorizes the Mayor to sign, on the City's behalf, the letter to Governor Pritzker attached hereto as Exhibit A, asking for revisions to the State of Illinois budget that will maintain or increase LGDF to Municipalities.
- Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Pruitt, Thompson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson) 1 Absent (Alderman Peterson)
- RESOLUTION NO. 21-036**
12. 1st Reading
SUP For 8185
Commerce Drive Alderman Pruitt presented for first reading an ordinance providing for a Special Use Permit for an indoor baseball and softball academy with batting cages for the property known as 8185 Commerce Drive, and moved to waive the reading of the ordinance as all aldermen have been provided copies. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Pruitt, Thompson, Holmes, Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson) 1 Absent (Alderman Peterson) Laid over
13. Adjourn Alderman Jacobson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Allton. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 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.