

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS**  
Journal of Proceedings  
Regular Meeting, Monday, May 24, 2021  
City Hall Council Chambers

In the absence of Mayor Gregory Jury, City Clerk Bob Burden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman John Jacobson moved to appoint Alderman John Pruitt as Temporary Chairman. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried. 8 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Present (Alderman Pruitt) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton)

Temporary Chairman Pruitt was seated.

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

Present: Aldermen A. Marie Holmes, Robert Schlensker, Nancy Warden, John Jacobson, Jim Puckett, Dan Jacobson, John Pruitt, Jim Thompson, Mark Peterson

Absent: Alderman Doug Allton

Also Present: City Clerk Bob Burden  
City Attorney Gino Galluzzo

1. Approve Minutes 05/17/21 The Journal of Proceedings for the regular meeting of May 17, 2021 was approved as submitted by the city clerk on a motion by Alderman Schlensker. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton)
2. General Fund Bills Alderman Jacobson presented the General Fund and all other bills dated May 17, 2021 in the amount of \$108,406.71, and moved that they be paid. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton)
3. Water Department Bills Alderman Jacobson presented the Water Department bills dated May 17, 2021 in the amount of \$222,737.84, and moved that they be paid. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton)
4. Public Safety Report Alderman Puckett presented the Police Department Report dated May 24, 2021; presented the Fire Department Report dated May 18, 2021, to be placed on file.
5. Public Works Report Alderman Schlensker presented the Street Department Report dated May 24, 2021; presented the Water Department Report for May 24, 2021, to be placed on file.
6. Finance and Administration Committee Alderman Jacobson of the Finance and Administration Committee presented the General Fund and all other bills dated May 24, 2021 in the amount of \$424,549.57, for consideration at next week's city council meeting; presented the minutes from the committee meeting held May 17, 2021, to be placed on file.
7. Public Works Committee Alderman Schlensker of the Public Works Committee presented the Water Department list of bills dated May 24, 2021 in the amount of \$14,723.68, for consideration at next week's city council meeting.

8. Codes & Regulations Alderman Warden of the Codes and Regulations Committee presented the minutes from the committee meeting held May 17, 2021, to be placed on file.
9. Public Works Department To Hire Peter Brackett Alderman Jacobson presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption: **RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, that based on the results of the most recent examination as conducted by the Civil Service Commission, the Street Department Manager is hereby authorized to hire Peter Brackett as a full time employee within the Department of Public Works. Employment shall be effective beginning May 25, 2021 and shall be in accordance with terms of the current agreement between the Operator's Local 150 bargaining unit and the City of Loves Park. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton)  
**RESOLUTION NO. 21-044**
10. Public Works Department To Hire Eric Brockway Alderman Jacobson presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption: **RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, that based on the results of the most recent examination as conducted by the Civil Service Commission, the Street Department Manager is hereby authorized to hire Eric Brockway as a full time employee within the Department of Public Works. Employment shall be effective beginning June 1, 2021 and shall be in accordance with terms of the current agreement between the Operator's Local 150 bargaining unit and the City of Loves Park. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton)  
**RESOLUTION NO. 21-045**
11. IML 2021 Conference & Hotel Reservations Alderman Jacobson presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption: **RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the Illinois Municipal League for conference and hotel reservations for interested Loves Park city officials to attend the 2021 Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago, IL, September 23-25, 2021. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton)  
**RESOLUTION NO. 21-046**
12. Purchase/Lease Agreement For 2022 International Plow Trucks & Equipment Alderman Jacobson presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption: **RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, that the City Treasurer is authorized to sign a purchase/lease agreement with US Bancorp Government Leasing & Finance at a cost of \$104,376.71 annually for three years for the purpose of financing the two 2022 International Plow Trucks and plow equipment authorized by Resolution 21-014. The first payment is due in May 2022 and the interest rate is 1.32%. Funds for this agreement will be expended from Account No. 01-01-6497 (Debt Service/Principal) and Account No. 01-01-6498 (Debt Service/Interest). Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton)  
**RESOLUTION NO. 21-047**

13. Natural Gas Franchise Agreement Renewal

Alderman Jacobson presented the following resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Loves Park, Illinois to execute a Natural Gas Franchise Agreement renewal with Nicor Gas Company. WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1 et seq., other statutory provisions, the City of Loves Park, an Illinois municipal corporation ("City") is authorized and empowered to adopt and enforce the provisions of this Resolution; and WHEREAS, on June 7, 1971 the City entered into a natural gas franchise agreement ("Franchise Agreement") with Northern Illinois Gas Company ("NICOR") to permit the construction, operation and maintenance of a gas distributing system in, on over and under public ways to serve the residents of the City; and WHEREAS, the Franchise Agreement expires on June 7, 2021; and WHEREAS, NICOR has requested a renewal of its Franchise Agreement with the City; and WHEREAS, the City has determined that NICOR has the financial, legal, and technical ability to provide gas services to users located in the City; and WHEREAS, the City has determined that the public interest would be served by renewing the present Franchise Agreement with NICOR. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOVES PARK, BOONE AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference herein and made a part hereof.
2. The Mayor and the City Council do hereby grant and approve the renewal of a natural gas franchise agreement with NICOR for a period of thirty (30) years from June 8, 2021 through June 7, 2051, which franchise agreement shall be in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A"
3. The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and attest to said franchise agreement.
4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage approval and publication as required by law.
5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this resolution in pamphlet form.
6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions thereof.
7. This resolution supersedes all prior resolution or parts thereof adopted prior hereto which are in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict.

Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton)

RESOLUTION NO. 21-048

14. Ordinances First Reading

Alderman Warden presented for first reading Agenda Items 1-4, from Ordinances First Reading.

15. 1st Reading Liquor License For 6217 N. Second Street

Alderman Warden presented for first reading an ordinance providing for a Class B Liquor License for 6217 North Second Street, and moved to waive the reading of the ordinance as all aldermen have been provided copies. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton) Laid over

16. 1st Reading Liquor License For 4291 Perryville Road

Alderman Warden presented for first reading an ordinance providing for a Class B Liquor License for 4291 Perryville Road, and moved to waive the reading of the ordinance as all aldermen have been provided copies. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton) Laid over

17. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Liquor License  
For 411 E.  
Riverside Blvd. Alderman Warden presented for first reading an ordinance providing for a Class D Liquor License for 411 E. Riverside Blvd., and moved to waive the reading of the ordinance as all aldermen have been provided copies. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton) Laid over
18. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Liquor License  
For 5905 N.  
Second Street Alderman Warden presented for first reading an ordinance providing for a Class D Liquor License for 5905 North Second Street, and moved to waive the reading of the ordinance as all aldermen have been provided copies. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried. 9 Ayes (Aldermen Holmes, Schlensker, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson) 1 Absent (Alderman Allton) Laid over
19. City Offices  
Closed Temporary Chairman Pruitt announced that city offices will be closed Friday, May 28 and Monday May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day.
20. Adjourn Alderman Jacobson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month 5:30 p.m.