

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LOVES PARK, ILLINOIS**

Journal of Proceedings

Regular Meeting, Monday, August 2, 2021

City Hall Council Chambers

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

Associate Pastor Joanna Patterson of Grace Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Gregory Jury

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

Also Present: City Clerk Bob Burden  
City Attorney Gino Galluzzo

1. Approve Minutes 07/26/21 The Journal of Proceedings for the regular meeting of July 26, 2021 was approved as submitted by the city clerk on a motion by Alderman Schlensker. Second by Alderman Pruitt. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes)
2. Comcast Service Reductions Received a notice from Comcast of service reductions, effective August 2, 2021. Placed on file.
3. SEP/Glow In The Dark 5K Race Request Received a Special Event Permit application from Lyndi Toohill of the Nicholas Conservatory, for the Glow in the Dark 5K Race, to be held Friday, September 17, 2021, on a portion of Loves Park streets, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Referred to Alderman Warden of the Codes and Regulations Committee.
4. SEP/Glow In The Dark 5K Approved Alderman Warden of the Codes and Regulations Committee moved to approve a Special Event Permit for the Glow in the Dark 5K Race, to be held Friday, September 17, 2021, on a portion of Loves Park streets, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. National Night Out Mayor Jury reminded everyone of National Night Out that will be held Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the Strong House on Marie Avenue and at Harlem Junior High School from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mayor also thanked Costco for providing the food for the event.
6. General Fund Bills Alderman John Jacobson presented the General Fund and all other bills dated July 26, 2021 in the amount of \$233,069.68, and moved that they be paid. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes)
7. Water Department Bills Alderman John Jacobson presented the Water Department bills dated July 26, 2021 in the amount of \$57,361.61, and moved that they be paid. Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes)
8. Public Safety Report Alderman Allton presented the Police Department Report dated August 2, 2021, to be placed on file.
9. Public Works Report Alderman Schlensker presented the Street Department Report dated August 2, 2021; presented the Water Department Report for August 2, 2021, to be placed on file.

10. Finance and Administration Committee  
Alderman John Jacobson of the Finance and Administration Committee presented the General Fund and all other bills dated August 2, 2021 in the amount of \$177,716.66, for consideration at next week's city council meeting; presented the minutes from the committee meeting held July 26, 2021, to be placed on file.
11. Public Works Committee  
Alderman Schlensker of the Public Works Committee presented the Water Department list of bills dated August 2, 2021 in the amount of \$58,432.16, for consideration at next week's city council meeting.
12. Community Development  
Alderman Pruitt of the Community Development Committee presented the minutes from the committee meeting held June 28, 2021, to be placed on file.
13. Agreement For Bond Counsel Services  
Alderman John Jacobson presented the following resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for Bond Counsel Services between the City of Loves Park, Illinois, Winnebago and Boone Counties, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, and Schiff Hardin, LLP, an Illinois Limited Liability Practice. **WHEREAS**, the City is a duly organized and existing municipality of the State of Illinois, and is not operating under and pursuant to the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 et seq., as amended (the "Municipal Code"), and is a "governmental unit" within the meaning of the Local Government Debt Reform Act, 30 ILCS 350/1 et seq., as amended (the "Debt Reform Act"). **WHEREAS**, the City has determined it is in the best interest of the health and welfare of the citizens of Loves Park to take steps towards upgrading and improving various aspects of the City's water department, including the rehabilitation of Water Tower No. 1 and the construction of new Well No. 7 ("Water Department Improvements"); and **WHEREAS**, the City has determined certain costs related to the Water Department Improvements will require the issuance of debt certificates; and **WHEREAS**, the City requires the assistance of a professional services firm to act as bond counsel in obtaining the debt certificate financing; and **WHEREAS**, Schiff Hardin has presented a letter agreement to the City, dated July 27, 2021 to provide the requested bond counsel services; and, **WHEREAS**, the City has previously used the firm of Schiff Hardin, LLP to provide bond counsel services and wishes to do so again for the purposes of issuing the debt certificates. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Loves Park, Illinois, that by the adoption of this resolution that the City hereby agrees:
1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as if fully stated herein.
  2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to execute that professional services agreement with Schiff Hardin, LLP in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
  3. This Resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.
- Second by Alderman Peterson. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes)  
**RESOLUTION NO. 21-073**
14. Police Department To Hire two Police Officers  
Alderman John Jacobson presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption: **RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this Resolution, that the Mayor is authorized to hire two police officers to fill vacant positions within the Loves Park Police Department. Both individuals are the next two eligible candidates on the current Civil Service roster. 1. Austin S. Gusewelle; 2. Ian A. Nance. Be it further resolved that the official start date will be Sunday, August 8, 2021, when they report to the basic law enforcement academy. Wages are set by current Fraternal Order of Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. Second by Alderman Allton. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes)  
**RESOLUTION NO. 21-074**

15. ORD 4426-21  
Disposal Of  
Surplus  
Personal  
Property      Alderman John Jacobson presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing the disposal of surplus personal property owned by the City of Loves Park, and moved for passage of the ordinance. Second by Alderman Pruitt. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes)  
**ORDINANCE NO. 4426-21**
16. Ordinances First  
Reading      Alderman Pruitt presented for first reading Agenda Items 1-4, from Ordinances First Reading.
17. 1st Reading  
Liquor License  
For 5919 N.  
Second Street      Alderman Pruitt presented for first reading an ordinance approving the issuance of a Class A Liquor License for the property known as 5919 North Second Street, and moved to waive the reading of the ordinance as all aldermen have been provided copies. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes) Laid over
18. 1st Reading  
Amending  
Chapter 94,  
Vegetation      Alderman Pruitt presented for first reading an ordinance amending Chapter 94 of the Loves Park Code of Ordinances, regarding vegetation, and moved to waive the reading of the ordinance as all aldermen have been provided copies. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes) Laid over
19. 1st Reading  
Variance For  
5319 Bennett  
Street      Alderman Pruitt presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing a Variance to widen an existing gravel driveway for the property known as 5319 Bennett Street, and moved to waive the reading of the ordinance as all aldermen have been provided copies. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes) Laid over
20. 1st Reading  
Amend Chapter  
102, Article 1,  
General  
Definitions      Alderman Pruitt presented for first reading an ordinance amending Chapter 102, Article 1, In General, Definitions, Section 102-9 of the Loves Park Code of Ordinances, and moved to waive the reading of the ordinance as all aldermen have been provided copies. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes) Laid over
21. Suspend Rules      Alderman Pruitt moved to suspend any and all rules to bring the ordinance authorizing a Variance For 5319 Bennett Street in for second reading. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes)
22. ORD 4427-21  
Variance For  
5319 Bennett  
Street      Alderman Pruitt presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing a Variance to widen an existing gravel driveway for the property known as 5319 Bennett Street, and moved for passage of the ordinance. Second by Alderman Warden. Motion carried. 10 Ayes (Aldermen Schlensker, Allton, Warden, John Jacobson, Puckett, Dan Jacobson, Pruitt, Thompson, Peterson, Holmes)  
**ORDINANCE NO. 4427-21**
23. Adjourn      Alderman Jacobson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Second by Alderman Schlensker. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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**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.