

Official proceedings of the City Council of the City of Marseilles of the meeting of August 16, 2023.

The City Council of the City of Marseilles met in the City Chamber of City Hall at the hour of 6:00 P.M. on August 16, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Hollenbeck, Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, and Buckingham. Absent: none

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the minutes from the Council meeting of August 2, 2023 be approved as displayed and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the accounts payable for the first half of August in the amount of \$170,902.56 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for the said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the payroll for the first half of August in the amount of \$77,995.50 be approved and a warrant be drawn on the City Treasury for said amount. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the monthly department reports for July be approved and placed on file. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Commissioner Mike Scheib presented adopt a planter program that he would like to see volunteers/groups take care of planters on Main Street.

Moved by Commissioner Small seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that the Special Event Permit for the Blast from the Past Car Show held on October 1, 2023 at Terry Bentz parking lot be approved and the permit fee be waived. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Kaminski seconded by Commissioner Small that the financial audit for fiscal year 2022-2023 performed by Hopkins and Associates be approved. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Discussion of the negotiations on purchasing 200 Riverfront Drive. Cheryl O'Brien asked if the council would table the motion to purchase the building. She asked for a

referendum at the next election, would like to see transparency on the remodel if the City does purchase the building. Larry Cowie asked what TIF money was used for since they are in a TIF district. Jeff Hettrick with Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce stated it would be favorable for the City of Marseilles to purchase to give a better perception to developers. Denise Parini asked why the City wouldn't be interested in buying other vacant buildings in town to move City Hall. City Engineer Mike Etscheid stated to remodel the current City Hall and Police Department it would cost \$1,220,000.00 when the city received estimates a few year ago. Brad Miller asked if the City will be getting professional inspections on the building before purchasing.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that resolution 2023-22, a resolution authorizing Mayor and Commissioner of accounts and finance to negotiate real property be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: Commissioner Scheib and Commissioner Buckingham.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Small that Resolution 2023-23, a resolution appointing Angela Paxton to the Marseilles Recreation Board be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Scheib seconded by Commissioner Buckingham that Resolution 2023-24, a resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code for Commercial Street be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Scheib seconded by Commissioner Small that Resolution 2023-25, a resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Moved by Mayor Hollenbeck seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that Ordinance 1849, an ordinance 1849, an ordinance granting a zoning map amendment for property of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Marseilles, and Pleasant View Lutheran Home, Inc. be adopted. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

Commissioner Small reminded the public Marseilles Elementary School starts August 17, 2023 please watch for students walking to school and school bus signals.

Moved by Commissioner Buckingham seconded by Commissioner Kaminski that the City Council adjourns. Ayes: Commissioner Kaminski, Small, Scheib, Buckingham, and Mayor Hollenbeck. Nays: None.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Lesley Hart
CITY CLERK