

THE CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, January 2, 2024

Monday, January 1, 2024, being a legal holiday, the regular meeting of the City Council was held this day at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Michael A. Troup presiding.

The following members were physically present: Ald. Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Mays, Farha, Sassen, Rein, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Uzelac, Holtschlag. 13.

Vacancy: 1.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held December 26, 2023, were approved on a motion of Ald. Entrup. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel: Corporation Counsel Lonnie Dunn.

The City Clerk presented and read the following.

QUINCY POLICE SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES

Quincy Police Chief Adam Yates swore in new Officers: Elijah Kurfman #151, Jordan Haag #162, and Devin Neally #181 and gave promotional recognition to Det. Jessica Hollensteiner to Sergeant effective January 1, 2024.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

By Mayor Michael A. Troup making the appointment of Ken Hultz as the 3rd Ward Alderman.

Ald. Reis moved the appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF THIRD WARD ALDERMAN

The City Clerk gave the oath of office to Ken Hultz as Third Ward Alderman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Callaway stated that the Plan Commission denied the request to have a Night Club at 428 Maine Street and would like the recommendation tabled for further consideration.

Nancy Callaway stated that she would like to have a Night Club at 428 Maine Street and feels the denial is discriminating against her.

Mark Pettenger stated he is friends with the Callaway's and is asking the application for a Night Club at 428 Maine Street be approved.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The monthly reports of the City Clerk, the City Treasurer, the City Comptroller, the Forestry Department, the Street Cleaning Department, the Recycling Division and the Sign & Paint Department for the month of December, 2023, were ordered received and filed on a motion of Ald. Uzelac. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE QUINCY PLAN COMMISSION

Recommending DENIAL of a Special Permit to allow for the operation of a Night Club at 428 Maine Street with hours of operation as permitted by ordinance.

Ald. Holtschlag moved the report be tabled for two weeks, seconded by Ald. Uzelac. Motion carried.

Recommending DENIAL of the vacation of the southern-most portion (approximately 1,725 square feet) of the public north/south alley bounded by South 14th Street, Jersey Street, South 16th Street, and Kentucky Street.

Ald. Farha moved the report be tabled indefinitely, seconded by Ald. Sassen. Motion carried.

Recommending APPROVAL of a request to rezone a 6.52-acre parcel without an address that is located immediately east of Lake Ridge Drive and immediately north of North 52nd Street from multi-family residential (R3) to neighborhood residential (NR1) to allow for the construction of cluster homes.

Ald. Mays moved the report be received and concurred in and an ordinance drafted. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT

By Mayor Michael A. Troup making the appointment of Alderman Ken Hultz to the Utilities Committee for a three-year term ending January 31, 2027.

Ald. Reis moved the appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to the provisions of Section 6, Article VII (Local Government) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to such authority, on September 18, 2017, the City adopted Ordinance 9315, which re-affirmed and re-adopted the City’s Home Rule Purchase Tax rate of one and a half percent (1.5%) which was set forth by Ordinance 9058 on September 13, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Ordinance 9315 requires said rates to be reviewed and if decided by appropriate City Council action, revised annually beginning in January of 2018, and every subsequent January of every year prior to budget review process; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Home Rule Purchase Tax rate according to the Ordinance 9315 and desires to make no change to the Home Rule Purchase Tax rate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council have affirmed the review of the current Home Rule Purchase Tax rate and will maintain the city’s current Home Rule Purchase Tax rate of one and a half percent (1.5%).

Sheri Ray
City Comptroller

Ald. Rein moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Reis, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to the provisions of Section 6, Article VII (Local Government) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to such authority, on September 18, 2017, the City adopted Ordinance 9314, which re-affirmed and re-adopted the City’s Hotel Tax rate of eight percent (8%) which was set forth by Ordinance 8849 on October 25, 1999, and,

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Ordinance 9314 requires said rates to be reviewed and if decided by appropriate City Council action, revised annually beginning in January of 2018, and every subsequent January of every year prior to budget review process; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Hotel Tax rate according to the Ordinance 9314 and desires to make no change to the Hotel Tax rate;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and City Council have affirmed the review of the current Hotel Tax rate and will maintain the current Hotel Tax rate of eight percent (8%).

Sheri Ray
City Comptroller

Ald. Rein moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Sassen, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities and Engineering recently requested bids for the Adams Street, South 14th to 16th Reconstruction Project which includes the removal and replacement of asphalt paving, curb and gutter, driveways, sidewalk, and retaining walls; and,

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Rees Construction	
Quincy, Illinois	\$ 917,045.10
Laverdiere Construction	
Macomb, Illinois	\$ 904,821.10
D&L Excavating	
Liberty, Illinois	\$ 887,506.00
Hood Construction Group	
Rushville, Illinois	\$ 801,567.29
Engineer’s Estimate	\$1,088,306.00

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Engineering Manager and found to be acceptable for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this project is available in the 2023/2024 Capital Ward Fund and Water Fund fiscal year budgets; and,

WHEREAS, to allow for the uninterrupted progression of these projects in the event that changes or modifications are required, an additional 10% over the amount of the bid shall be included in the encumbrance for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Engineering Manager and Director of Public Works recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the bid from Hood Construction Group of Rushville, Illinois in the amount of \$801,567.29 be accepted and the Mayor be authorized to sign necessary contract documents.

Steve Bange, P.E.
Engineering Manager

Ald. Reis moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Reed and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to remain in compliance with the conditions of the City's landfill permit and groundwater monitoring program for the closed Municipal Landfill #4; and,

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2017, the Quincy City Council awarded a contract to Weaver Consultants Group of Collinsville, Illinois for consulting, permit compliance, and reporting services; and,

WHEREAS, Weaver Consultants has met all the requirements of the contract and has a good working relationship with the City of Quincy, and both parties desire to extend the contract through December 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, Weaver Consultants Group submitted a proposal in the amount of \$10,944.00 for the consulting services; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this service is available in the 2023/2024 General Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Engineering Manager and Director of Public Works recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the proposal from Weaver Consultants Group of Collinsville, Illinois in the amount of \$10,944.00 be accepted, and the contract for Landfill consulting services be extended for the period of one year (1) beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024.

Steve Bange, P.E.
Engineering Manager

Ald. Entrup moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy desires to utilize an unused trench at the closed Municipal Landfill #4 for the disposal of clean construction debris that results from the maintenance and repair of the City's streets, sidewalks, and underground water and sewer infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) permit requires the installation of fencing around the trench; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities and Engineering advertised for bids for the supplying and installation of approximately two-thousand (2,000) feet of eight (8) foot tall fencing and two (2) gates around the unused trench; and,

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Taza Construction LLC	
South Holland, Illinois	\$148,978.00
American Fence Company	
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	\$102,775.00
Right Way Traffic Control, Inc	
Freeburg, Illinois	\$ 62,782.00
Heneghan Construction Services, LLC	
Jerseyville, Illinois	\$ 39,365.68
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$ 74,240.00</i>

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Engineering Manager and found to be acceptable for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this project is available in the 2023/2024 General Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Engineering Manager and Director of Public Works recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the low bid in the amount of \$39,365.68 from Heneghan Construction Services, LLC of Jerseyville, Illinois be accepted, and the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract documents.

Steve Bange, P.E.
Engineering Manager

Ald. Entrup moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

Second presentation of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For A Planned Development. (Allow construction of a two-family residential dwelling at 1736 Adams Street.)

Ald. Reis moved the requirements of Section 32.31 of the City Code of the City of Quincy be waived and the ordinance adopted, seconded by Ald. Reed, and on the roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas: Ald. Mays, Sassen, Rein, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Uzelac, Holtschlag, Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Hultz. 13. Nay: Ald. Farha. 1.

The Chair, Mayor Michael A. Troup, declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Quincy, Illinois, January 2, 2024

	Transfers	Expenditures	Payroll
City Hall.....		877.54	
General Fund to Transit Loan.....	7,500.00		
Building Maintenance.....		1,075.33	
Comptroller.....		2,033.00	
Commissions.....		500.00	
IT Department.....		38,154.73	
Police Department.....		5,333.37	
Fire Department.....		622.43	
Public Works.....		701.99	
Engineering.....		1,772.26	
Tax Distribution/Subsidies.....		2,245.23	
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	7,500.00	53,315.88	0.00
Planning and Development.....		930.85	
911 Surcharge Fund.....		268,310.66	
Econ Dev Growth Fund.....		50,000.00	
Transit Fund.....		1,813.67	
Capital Projects Fund.....		9,249.88	
Special Capital Funds.....		139.57	
Water Fund.....		41,212.77	
Sewer Fund.....		72,928.30	
Quincy Regional Airport Fund.....		681.61	
Regional Training Facility.....		90.50	
Central Garage.....		11,626.89	
Self Insurance.....		1,190.23	
Health Insurance Fund.....		86,027.76	
Econ Dev Revolv Loan Fund.....		4,204.55	
Lincoln Bicentennial Comm.....		336.56	
BANK 01 TOTALS	7,500.00	602,059.68	0.00
ALL FUNDS TOTAL	7,500.00	602,059.68	0.00

Mike Rein
Jack Holtschlag
Anthony E. Sassen
Eric Entrup
Richie C. Reis
Finance Committee

Ald. Rein, seconded by Ald. Sassen, moved the report be received and vouchers be issued for the various amounts and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

MOTION

Ald. Holtschlag moved to extend the street closing at State Street, 7th to 8th, till January 10th. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ald. Holtschlag moved the City Council adjourn and sit in Closed/Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining Negotiations, seconded by Ald. Fletcher, and on a roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED

After sitting in Closed/Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining Negotiations, Ald. Farha moved the City Council reconvene and sit in regular session at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ALLOWING WAIVER OF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR IT DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy has an employee handbook, and

WHEREAS, the current employee handbook in Section 208 requires “every employee or officer of the City of Quincy, other than an elected official or an employee covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)” to maintain their residence within the boundaries of Adams County, Illinois, and

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy has found a qualified candidate for IT Director, Jerry Lafferty, however it is not feasible for him to change his residence to Adams County, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Jerry Lafferty has agreed he will travel to the City of Quincy every workday and be present during work hours.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Section 208 of the Employee Handbook of 2020 is waived with regard to Jerry Lafferty provided he takes the IT Director job with the City of Quincy.

Michael A. Troup, Mayor

Laura Oakman, City Clerk

Ald. Holtschlag moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Uzelac and on the roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas: Ald. Hultz, Sassen, Rein, Ebbing, Reed, Uzelac, Holtschlag. 7. Nays: Ald. Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Mays, Farha, Reis. 7. The Mayor cast the vote of yea. Motion carried.

The City Council adjourned at 8:32 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

LAURA OAKMAN

City Clerk