

# THE CITY COUNCIL

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

### REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, August 19, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council was held this day at 7:00 p.m. at the Quincy Public Library, 526 Jersey, with Mayor Michael A. Troup presiding.

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

Absent: Ald. Farha. 1.

Ald. Uzelac moved Ald. Farha be excused and allowed the usual compensation for this meeting. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held August 12, 2024, were approved on a motion of Ald. Entrup. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel: Assistant Corporation Counsel Bruce Alford.

### QUINCY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITIONS

Deputy Chief Steven Salrin - 20-Year  
and Lieutenant Justin Twaddle - 20-Year

Fire Chief Bernie Vahlkamp recognized Deputy Chief Steven Salrin and Lieutenant Justin Twaddle for their 20 years of service.

Mayor Troup presented them with a gift.

### QUINCY FIRE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN

Curtis Nichols #167, Conner Kelle #168, Blake Williams #169 Fire Chief Bernie Vahlkamp swore in firefighters Curtis Nichols #167, Conner Kelle #168, and Blake Williams #169.

### CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE BY JEFFREY CONTE AND JERRY MAAS

Jerry Maas of Maas Construction gave an update on the city hall construction project and spoke on misconceptions about the project. He answered questions from the Aldermen.

**The City Clerk presented and read the following:**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brianna Rivera, director of The District, gave an update on the Maine Street America survey. A full report will be forthcoming.

Wills Nixon stated that there needs to be more accountability.

Alexander Hannan stated that there is a parking problem at Woodlawn Road before and after school.

Steve Homan stated that there is a panhandling problem in Quincy.

### PETITIONS

Special Event Application from Quincy Early Tin Dusters for the "Fall Color Run" on Friday, October 18th through Saturday, October 19th. Closure of the following streets and parking lots from 5:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19th and barricades for the closures is requested: Maine Street, 4th to 8th Streets; Hampshire Street, 4th to 8th Streets; 5th Street, Vermont Street to the alley south of Maine Street; 6th Street, Hampshire Street to the alley south of Maine Street; 7th Street, Hampshire Street to the alley south of Maine Street; Municipal Parking Lots G and I. "No parking" signs are requested on the affected streets and parking lots on the afternoon of Friday, October 18th. The applicant has submitted all required documentation, and the Department of Utilities & Engineering presents this request for approval.

Ald. Uzelac moved the prayer of the petition be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

Special Event Application from The District for the "Feast in the Heart of Quincy" on Sunday, September 15th from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. They request Maine Street between 6th and 7th Streets be closed from 3:00 p.m. through 9:30 p.m.

and the City provide barricades. The applicant has submitted all required documentation and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

Ald. Uzelac moved to amend the petition to show the hours to be noon to 10:30 p.m., seconded by Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

Ald. Uzelac moved the prayer of the petition be granted, as amended, and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

Recommending the request for the installation of a traffic control sign at the intersection of Harrison Plaza and Hampton Lane be denied.

Ald. Rein moved the report be received and concurred in. Motion carried.

Recommending the speed limit be reduced to 25 miles per hour in the Stone Crest Subdivision, Tuscany Fields Subdivision, and Cadbury Ridge Subdivision.

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

Recommending the request for the installation of a "Stop" sign on Tennyson Lane east of South 43rd Street be denied.

Ald. Rein moved the report be received and concurred in. Motion carried.

Recommending the request for the installation of "Yield" signs at the intersection of 43rd and Harrington Drive be denied.

Ald. Rein moved the report be received and concurred in. Motion carried.

Recommending the extension of a "No Parking Zone" on the north and south sides of Maine Street beginning at the center of 24th Street and extending east a distance of three hundred ninety feet (390) feet.

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

Recommending the implementation of a "No Parking Zone" on the north side of State Street from South 18th Street west to the alley entrance.

Ald. Sassen 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 Jim Citro to the City's Plan Commission effective immediately.

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

### **CITY OF QUINCY**

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEMOLITION-FIX-OR-FLATTEN PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is committed to improving the quality of life of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the City has received orders authorizing demolition of structures located at 615 Maple St., 919 N. 5th St., and 123-125 N. 14th St. through the Fix or Flatten program; and

WHEREAS, the public safety and health is threatened by the continued existence of these derelict and unsafe buildings; and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited for the demolition of the structures and work associated therewith, and

WHEREAS, R.D. Shaffer Trucking, Inc. of Quincy, IL, submitted the low bid of \$49,600 to demolish the structures and fill and grade the lots; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to hire R.D. Shaffer Trucking, Inc. to demolish and remove the buildings and demolition debris, and

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy received a grant through the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Communities Program for funding demolition projects within the City,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that R.D. Shaffer Trucking, Inc. be engaged to perform the demolitions of structures at 615 Maple St., 919 N. 5th St., and 123-125 N. 14th St. for the bid amount of \$49,600.

Ald. Bergman moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Fletcher, and on the roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department is responsible for the negotiation of labor agreements between the City of Quincy and the six (6) union labor bargaining units that represent its employees; and,

WHEREAS, the City required the services of a law firm that specializes in collective bargaining negotiations to assist

with the labor agreement between the City of Quincy and the Quincy Firefighters, Local 63 and International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) that represents employees of the Quincy Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, the law firm of Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth of Peoria, Illinois, was qualified and available to provide the legal services in a satisfactory and timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, the City has received an invoice from Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth in the amount of \$8,932.50 for legal services rendered for the labor agreement; and,

WHEREAS, funding for these services is available in the 2024/2025 General Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Human Resources Director recommends to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the invoice for collective bargaining negotiations from Hasselberg Grebe Snodgrass Urban & Wentworth of Peoria, Illinois, in the amount of \$8,932.50 be approved for payment.

Kelly Japcon  
Director of Human Resources  
& Risk Management

Ald. Holtschlag moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Uzelac, and on the roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy has employees who are not affiliated with a union; and,

WHEREAS, it had been the customary past practice to give the City's non-union employees an annual wage increase equal or similar to that which is negotiated Union employees; and,

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director, the Comptroller, and Director of Administrative Services recommend to the Mayor and City Council that non-union city employees be granted a similar wage increase this fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council that annual raises be given similar increases to all non-union employees in the amount of 4.5% effective May 1, 2024.

Ald. Holtschlag moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Entrup, and on the roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas: Ald. Uzelac, Holtschlag, Entrup, Bergman, Hultz, Mays, Sassen, Rein, Ebbing, Reis, Reed. 11. Nays: Ald. Fletcher, Bauer. 2. Absent: Ald. Farha. 1. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTON**

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is the owner and operator of the Quincy Regional Airport; and,

WHEREAS, the Quincy Regional Airport has two (2) Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) trucks that meet the standards for an Index A airport; and,

WHEREAS, the Airport's secondary ARFF truck, a 2004 E-One Fire Truck, is in poor mechanical condition and requires significant repair; and,

WHEREAS, the secondary ARFF truck is no longer utilized by the Airport and the City desires to sell the piece of equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the City has received a tentative offer from Company Two Fire of Varnille, South Carolina, to purchase the 2004 E-One Fire Truck from the City of Quincy for the purchase price of \$20,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the offer is dependent on a site visit from Company Two Fire of Varnille, South Carolina verifying the ARFF truck's condition; and,

WHEREAS, the interim Airport Director has reviewed the offer and finds it to be acceptable for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the Airport Fund revenue account.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Interim Airport Director and Aeronautics Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the City accept the offer from Company Two Fire of Varnille, South Carolina for the sale of a 2004 E-One Fire Truck at the purchase price of \$20,000.00 and that the Mayor be authorized to sign necessary sale documents.

Tairu Zong  
Interim Airport Director

Ald. Bauer moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Entrup, and on the roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities and Engineering recently requested bids for the MR-689 North 30th Street, Maine to Chestnut Project which includes new asphalt pavement, the replacement of water main, and spot replacement and

repair of curbs and sidewalks along North 30th Street; and,

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Laverdiere Construction    |                       |
| Macomb, Illinois           | \$2,185,741.11        |
| Rees Construction          |                       |
| Quincy, Illinois           | \$2,012,798.15        |
| <i>Engineer's Estimate</i> | <i>\$2,274,953.00</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 2024/2025 Capital 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, Director of Public Works, and Central Services Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the low bid in the amount of \$2,012,798.15 from Rees Construction of Quincy, Illinois be accepted, and the Mayor be authorized to sign necessary construction contract documents.

Steve Bange, P.E.  
Engineering Manager

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Mays, and on the roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

#### **ORDINANCE**

Adoption of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending The District Map Which Is Made A Part Of Section 162.002 Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy Of 2015. (Rezone 2251 North 5th Street from R1C (single-family residential) to C2 (general commercial) and 2301 North 5th Street from R1A (single-family residential) to C2 (general commercial), to allow for further commercial use

Ald. Bergman moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Fletcher and on a roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent.

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

#### **ORDINANCE**

Adoption of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Granting A Special Use Permit For A Planned Development. (To allow for outdoor storage at 330 South 5th Street, 419 Kentucky Street and 421 Kentucky Street.)

Ald. Uzelac moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag and on a roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent.

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

#### **ORDINANCE**

Adoption of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$21,000,000 General Obligation Bonds Of The City Of Quincy, Adams, County, Illinois, For The Purpose Of Financing Water And Sewer Projects, Providing For The Levy And Collection Of A Direct Annual Tax Sufficient To Pay The Principal And Interest On Said Bonds, And Authorizing The Sale Of Said Bonds To The Purchaser Thereof.

Ald. Uzelac moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag and on a roll the following vote resulted: Yeas: Ald. Mays, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Uzelac, Holtschlag, Fletcher, Entrup, Bauer, Hultz. 10. Nays: Ald. Sassen, Rein, Bergman. 3. Absent: Ald. Farha. 1. The Chair, Mayor Michael A. Troup, declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

#### **ORDINANCE**

Adoption of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Title VII (Traffic Code) Of Chapter 72 (Rules Of The Road) And Title I (Rules Of Construction; General Penalty) Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy Of 2015. (Amend Seat Belt violations to a notice of violation (NOV) with the fine set at \$75.)

Ald. Rein moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Sassen and on a roll call each of the 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent.

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

**ORDINANCE**

Second presentation of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Of The City Of Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, To Set A Date For A Public Hearing On The Proposed Quincy 54th street Business District.

**ORDINANCE**

First presentation of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Of The City Of Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, To Set A Date For A Public Hearing On The Proposed Quincy 54th street Business District.

**REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Quincy, Illinois, August 19, 2024

|                                   | Transfers        | Expenditures      | Payroll           |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| City Hall.....                    |                  | 436.86            | 34,998.65         |
| 9-1-1.....                        | 35,500.00        |                   |                   |
| Garbage.....                      | 22,000.00        |                   |                   |
| Building Maintenance.....         |                  | 911.51            |                   |
| Comptroller.....                  |                  | 547.80            | 13,638.46         |
| Legal Department.....             |                  | -                 | 9,425.40          |
| Commissions.....                  |                  | 1,729.50          | 858.38            |
| IT Department.....                |                  | 20,651.47         | 18,351.33         |
| Police Department.....            |                  | 42,785.39         | 275,303.17        |
| Fire Department.....              |                  | 13,645.92         | 211,564.92        |
| Public Works.....                 |                  | 47,112.26         | 52,952.80         |
| Engineering.....                  |                  | 164.78            | 19,483.40         |
| Tax Distribution/Subsidies.....   |                  | -                 |                   |
| <b>GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL</b>      | <b>57,500.00</b> | <b>127,985.49</b> | <b>636,576.51</b> |
| Planning and Development.....     |                  | 250.00            | 20,264.26         |
| 911 System.....                   |                  | -                 | 49,352.59         |
| 911 Surcharge Fund.....           |                  | 7,982.21          |                   |
| Traffic Signal Fund.....          |                  | 25.98             |                   |
| Econ Dev Growth Fund.....         |                  | 16,000.00         |                   |
| Police Dept. Grants.....          |                  | 1,272.92          |                   |
| Federal Forfeiture Fund.....      |                  | 2,058.50          |                   |
| Crime Lab Fund.....               |                  | 129.45            |                   |
| Police Criminal Reg Fee.....      |                  | 2,557.00          |                   |
| Transit Fund.....                 |                  | 4,873.03          | 95,473.17         |
| Capital Projects Fund.....        |                  | 4,564.65          |                   |
| Special Capital Funds.....        |                  | 66.63             |                   |
| Sewer EPA 2019 Proj Fund.....     |                  | 250,748.47        | Water Fund        |
| .....                             | 95,333.44        | 94,312.86         |                   |
| Sewer Fund.....                   |                  | 46,762.79         | 24,587.40         |
| Quincy Regional Airport Fund..... |                  | 146.28            | 18,953.82         |
| Regional Training Facility.....   |                  | 247.18            |                   |
| Garbage Fund.....                 |                  | -                 | 17,911.40         |
| Central Garage.....               |                  | 32,482.57         | 30,929.80         |
| Self Insurance.....               |                  | 6,364.80          | 8,533.96          |
| Econ Dev Revolv Loan Fund.....    |                  | 1,950.00          |                   |
| <b>BANK 01 TOTALS</b> .....       | <b>57,500.00</b> | <b>601,801.39</b> | <b>996,895.77</b> |
| IHDA Grant Fund.....              |                  | 8,980.00          |                   |
| <b>ALL FUNDS TOTAL</b> .....      | <b>57,500.00</b> | <b>610,781.39</b> | <b>996,895.77</b> |

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 13 Aldermen voted yea, with 1 absent. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ald. Rein asked to schedule a Police Aldermanic Committee meeting next Monday afternoon or evening. Motion carried.

Ald. Rein referred to the Traffic Commission a street light out at 29th & Kingsridge Drive. Motion carried.

Ald. Reis moved to close 9th Street, Jackson to Van Buren for a QND Soccer Booster Club dinner on August 22nd from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Ald. Holtschlag referred to Traffic Commission a street light out at 7th & Jefferson on the south/west corner. Motion carried.

Ald. Holtschlag referred to Traffic Commission a street light flickering at 12th & Kentucky, first one to the south. Motion carried.

The City Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

**LAURA OAKMAN**  
City Clerk