

CITY OF HIGHWOOD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Tuesday August 04, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

As the City of Highwood continues to follow social distancing requirements the City Council meeting on Tuesday August 04, 2020 will be held on the front lawn of City Hall beginning at 6:00 PM weather permitting. In the case of inclement weather the meeting will be held in the Council Chambers while following social distancing guidelines and safety precautions.

The City of Highwood remains united in ensuring the safety and health of our community and our employees.

CALL TO ORDER by Alderman Falberg, Mayor Pro-Tem at 6:06 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Present: Aldermen Falberg, Hospodarsky, Fiore and Peterson

A motion was made by Alderman Hospodarsky and seconded by Alderman Peterson to appoint Alderman Falberg as Mayor Pro-Tem. All present voting aye, by voice vote, motion carried.

Absent: Alderman Slavin

Late Arrival: Alderman Levi arrived at 6:18 P.M.

Also Present: City Manager Coren, City Attorney Jablecki and Administrative Assistant Litjens.

2. Public Hearing - None

3. Review of Minutes to be Approved

3.1. City Council: July 21, 2020

Minutes will be approved at the Regular City Council Meeting.

3.2. Committee of the Whole: July 21, 2020

Minutes will be approved at the Regular City Council Meeting.

4. Appointments (Mayor Pecaro)

5. Review of Bill Warrant List

5.1. 08/04/2020 AP Warrant List

The Warrant List will be approved for payment as presented at the Regular City Council Meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

7.1 A Discussion on the May 2020 Treasurer's Report.

City Manager Coren briefed the Council on the May 2020 Treasurer's report and will update Council at the August 18, 2020 meeting.

7.2 Consideration of a Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Engagement Letter with Bernardi Securities to Underwrite General Obligation Refunding Bonds to Save the City an Expected \$200,000 or More in Interest Payments.

Bob Vail presented the interest savings at the July 21, 2020 meeting. Option 2 is still favored with a high end savings of \$300,000.

- 7.3 Consideration of a Motion Authorizing the City Manager to Sign an Agreement with Ice Miller LLP to serve as the Bond Counsel for the City of Highwood for the 2020 Refunding Bonds.
Staff updated the Council on the agreement and it will be considered for approval at the Regular City Council meeting.
- 7.4 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program-Everts Park Acquisition.
Assistant City Manager Martin presented the grant program at the July 21, 2020 meeting. This grant will award \$160,000 towards land acquisition for Everts Park.
- 7.5 Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Highwood City Code with Regard to the Mayor's Authority to Declare a State of Emergency Pursuant to 65 IL CS 5/11-1-6.
This ordinance will enable the Mayor to respond to emergencies such as tornados, disasters and pandemics.
- 7.6 Consideration of an Ordinance Amending 4-1-7: Classification of Licenses in the Highwood City Code to Limit Bar and Restaurant Hours to 11:00 PM.
Staff discussed the current methods of enforcing social distancing and mask wearing in the businesses downtown. The Lake County Health Department has only closed 1 bar and cited 10 others for capacity related issues in the entire county. An ordinance will be presented at the August 18, 2020 meeting.
- 7.7 A Discussion on Hosting Special Events for the Remainder of 2020.
It was discussed to allow events while following CDC guidelines and social distancing according to the size of the venue and whether indoor or outdoor. Staff will update Council as applications are received.

8. Executive Session (If Necessary)

Moved by Alderman Fiore and seconded by Alderman Levi to move into Executive Session. Alderman Falberg, Mayor Pro Tem called Executive Session to order at 6:43 P.M. and adjourned Executive Session at 6:57 P.M., moved by Alderman Hospodarsky and seconded by Alderman Fiore.

9. Any Action Necessary Coming Out of Executive Session

10. Adjournment

Moved by Alderman Fiore and seconded by Hospodarsky to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, by voice vote, motion carried. Alderman Falberg, Mayor Pro-Tem, adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.