

**CITY OF BYRON  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022, 6:30 PM  
BYRON CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rickard called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Mayor Rickard
3. **ROLL CALL** – **Aldermen present:** Todd Isaacs, Emily Gerdes, Mittzi Fulrath, Michael Gyorkos. Four members present. **Quorum established with the addition of Mayor Rickard.**  
**Aldermen Absent:** Cheryl Metz, Zeke Hobbie, Jessica Nehring, Christy Hanlin

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Mayor</b>	John Rickard
	<b>City Clerk</b>	Caryn Huber
	<b>City Attorney</b>	Aaron Szeto
	<b>Police Chief</b>	Todd Murray
	<b>Dir. of Econ. Dev.</b>	Larry Hewitt
	<b>Dir. of Public Works</b>	Aaron Vincer
	<b>City Engineer</b>	Jason Stoll
	<b>Citizens</b>	Pam Kultgen
		Derek Humphrey (Midwest Disposal)

4. **REVERENCE PERIOD** – Mayor Rickard led the Council in prayer.
5. **APPROVAL/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** – Motion by Alderman Gyorkos to approve, as presented, the June 15, 2022, agenda. Seconded by Alderman Isaacs. Roll call vote: Gerdes, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Isaacs, AYE; Rickard, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 5; NAY, 0; ABS 0.
6. **MINUTES** –
  - a. June 1, 2022 - City Council Regular Meeting Minutes - Motion by Alderman Fulrath to approve, as presented, the June 1, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Alderman Gerdes. Roll call vote: Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Rickard, AYE; Isaacs, AYE; Gerdes, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 5; NAY, 0; ABS 0.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
8. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Huber reported that the Treasurer's Report for the month of May is in Dropbox. The income tax collected for May was over \$120,000, which is an approximately 90% increase over last year. Five CD's are maturing in the next week. She and Alderman Isaacs will discuss how to proceed.
9. **LIST OF BILLS** – Alderman Gerdes asked about the charge of \$400 from Valu Pros for the market update on the Sunshine Park appraisal. The report found that the market value remained the same as the August 2021 appraisal. Director Hewitt explained that the report still involved research, market comparisons, etc., but he will speak with Ken Mrozek for more information as to what was involved in the process of producing the new report. Alderman Gerdes asked about the zoning of the property as well. It is currently zoned residential. Will zoning it Commercial change the value of the appraisal? Director Hewitt will

ask Ken Mrozek to speak to council at the next meeting. Alderman Isaacs asked about the charge from BP Roofing Solutions. Director Vincer explained that the roof needed replacing on Well 3. The charges from Econo Signs were for misc. street, yield, and other replacement signs. **Alderman Gerdes motioned to approve the List of Bills dated 6/15/22 in the amount of \$134,752.48, but asked to hold the bill for Valu Pros for \$400.00. Motion seconded by Alderman Isaacs. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Isaacs, AYE; Gerdes, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Rickard, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 5; NAY, 0; ABS 0.**

10. **MAYOR'S REPORT** – IML membership and IML conference attendance resolutions are due. We will take action at the next meeting. • The outsourcing of payroll has been a challenge. We will be determining in the coming weeks if we want to continue with it.
11. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT** – No report. All items are on the agenda.
12. **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT** – No report. All items are on the agenda.
13. **DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT** – No report. All items are on the agenda.
14. **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Director Vincer reported that he has hired two summer part time employees. • Repairs on the sewer jetter total \$15,000. Since a new machine will cost \$100,000, he will proceed with the repair. He will rent a jetter next week. • Sludge hauling costs are \$.22/gal. They were \$.12/gal. last year. The increase can be attributed to rising fuel costs. \$40,000 is budgeted, and he may go over as a result of the increase. He has done comparison pricing. Director Vincer has identified sites for land application. An EPA permit is required. Benesh has six sites.
15. **POLICE CHIEF REPORT** – Chief Murray reported that 85 UTV permits have been issued. • One new squad car is on the road. He is waiting for equipment to be installed on a second squad.
16. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - a. **Community Services** – No report.
  - b. **Public Safety** – No report.
  - c. **Administrative** – No report.
17. **CONTINUING BUSINESS**
  - a. **Mill Road Rec Path** – Engineer Stoll reported that construction is expected to begin next week. They have been doing underground exploration to find a gas main.
  - b. **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – Engineer Stoll stated that minutes from the kick-off meeting are in Dropbox.
  - c. **City Hall Parking Lot** – Engineer Stoll reported that contracts have been signed and work will begin after ByronFest.
  - d. **UTV Ordinance** – Attorney Szeto reported that an amendment to the UTV Ordinance is in Dropbox. The amendment specifies the location of the registration sticker on the rear of the vehicle, lower right hand side. **Alderman Gerdes motioned to approve Ordinance 2022-04, specifying location of the UTV sticker. Motion seconded by Alderman Fulrath. Roll call vote: Isaacs, AYE; Gerdes, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Rickard, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 5; NAY, 0; ABS 0.**
  - e. **Sunshine Park Purchase** – Attorney Szeto reported that once the sale is under contract, there is a due diligence period during which the redevelopment agreement will be

negotiated. If the redevelopment agreement can't be agreed upon, either party can terminate the contract.

f. **TARP Grant-Colfax St.** – Engineer Stoll reported that Fehr Graham will be taking cores on Colfax St. as plans continue for construction next year.

g. **Constellation Sewer Extension**—Engineer Stoll reported that a meeting was held with Constellation, and Clerk Huber is in the process of making the city an approved vendor. Engineer Stoll is revising their proposal based on their conversation. This will be a city project with Constellation financing. Engineering will be in two phases. One to identify routes to the plant. And the second to finalized detailed plans. It should be completed by the end of next year.

h. **Resolution Appointing IMRF Agent – Alderman Isaacs motioned to approve the Resolution naming Caryn Huber as IMRF Agent. Motion seconded by Alderman Gerdes. Roll call vote: Gerdes, AYE; Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Isaacs, AYE; Rickard, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 5; NAY, 0; ABS 0.**

**18. NEW BUSINESS** - None

**19. COUNCIL TALK** – Alderman Gerdes will not be at the meetings on July 6.

**20. COMMUNICATION** –

a. Regular City Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 6:30 pm.

**21. ADJOURN** – Alderman Fulrath motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Alderman Isaacs. Roll call vote: Fulrath, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Isaacs, AYE; Gerdes, AYE; Rickard, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 5; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

Mayor Rickard adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Caryn A. Huber*

City Clerk of Byron, Illinois

<b>MAYOR JOHN RICKARD</b>	<b>CITY CLERK CARYN A. HUBER</b>
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