



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Pledge was led by Mayor Bearrows. Prayer was said by Pastor Katherine Paisley.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Present Councilmembers T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. A quorum of seven were present. Also present were City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Thompson.
- III. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:** Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month
- IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
 1. Mayor's Report – Thanked all those who worked on the garbage conversion, mentioned there is still recycling stickers on hand.
 2. Council Members – Councilman Hayes thanked Jessica Cash Executive Director from Shining Star for all they do and the importance it is for the community.
Councilwoman Arteaga – reminds and invites all to participate in the 5 de Mayo Committee, Wednesday, March 30 in Council Chambers 6-7PM.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Brad Fritts for State Representative 74th District
- VI. BUSINESS ITEMS:**
 1. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE** with Recommendations:
 - a) Approve Check Register 3/14/22, 3/21/22
 - b) Accept and Place on File Balance Sheet - 02/2022
 - c) Accept and Place on File Budget Report - 02/2022
 - d) Approve Payroll - 03/07/22-03/20/22Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Hayes, **“I move consent agenda items (a) through (d) be approved by Omnibus vote as recommended.”** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
 2. **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority.** In recent years, several properties in the City have become vacant, dilapidated, and non-revenue generating. These properties contain numerous health and safety violations and contribute to the blight and deterioration of the community. The Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority has been created to assist its members with the acquisition and sale of vacant, dilapidated, and non-revenue generating properties. The City desires to enter into this intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Northern Illinois Land Bank Authority to address the vacant, dilapidated properties in our community. Community Development Director Michelle Pease and Eric Setter with Region 1 Council were available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, Seconded by Councilor Hayes, **“I move Resolution R22-14, a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northern Illinois Landbank Authority, be approved.”** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

3. **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Dark Fiber License Agreement with Illinois Fiber Ventures, Inc.** Enter into an agreement with iFiber to provide Dark Fiber services from the Tech Center to the Swedish American Medical Clinic in Rochelle. The agreement is for a 5-year term, with an additional 5-year option that can be renewed by iFiber prior to the end of the term. The contract will provide income of \$4,500 during the first year of the agreement, with subsequent years increasing 3% annually. The total amount of revenue generated during the initial 5-year contract will be \$23891.11. Pat Burst, Director of Advanced Communications was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Arteaga, **"I move Resolution R22-15, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Dark Fiber License Agreement with Illinois Fiber Ventures, Inc., be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:49 PM, motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed: 7-0.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Jenny Thompson, Deputy City Clerk