

*City of Hannibal*

**OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
Council Chambers  
7:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Council Member Cogdal, Mayor Hark, Council Members Bowen, Welch, Veach, McCoy and Mayor Pro Tem Dobson - 7

**Absent:** - 0 -

**CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, Mayor Hark called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was then given by Council Member Cogdal.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hark then requested Council Member Bowen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Hark requested an item be added to the agenda, pertaining to COVID-19 and information that was passed on to him from the State. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dobson to add Mayor Hark's item pertaining to COVID-19 to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Veach.

Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Council Member Veach to approve the amended agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy.

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – November 3, 2020**

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled Council meeting held November 3, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bowen.

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS**  
**First Half – November 2020**

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to approve the payroll and claims for the first half of November, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch.

Motion carried.

**BOBI MATHEWS – HANNIBAL JAYCEES**  
**Re: Request, Street Closures – Annual Toys for Tots Christmas Parade**  
*Saturday, December 5, 2020 –5:00 p.m. –9:00 p.m.*

Bobi Mathews, representing the Hannibal Jaycees, approached Council requesting street closures for their annual Toys for Tots Christmas Parade to be held Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. She stated the parade will begin by lining up at Save-a-Lot parking lot, will continue down Broadway, turning left on Main Street, ending at North Street. She is requesting all side streets to be blocked along the parade route as well.

Mayor Hark stated the hold harmless and certificate of insurance have been received, he does request trash to be cleaned up after the event. Ms. Mathews stated the Jaycee’s has partnered with Kids in Motion and they have agreed to clean up all debris after the commencement of the parade.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dobson to approve the street closure request for the annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Hannibal Jaycees, to be held Saturday, December 5, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bowen.

Motion carried.

**JAMES LEMON – CITY ATTORNEY**  
**Re: Request, Set Public Hearing - Zoning Code Amendment - Chapter 32, Article I,**  
**Sections 32-35 Non-Conforming Uses**  
*Tuesday, December 1, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.*

City Attorney Lemon stated he has two items, first is a request for approval to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. He will be proposing an amendment to the zoning code – Chapter 32, Article I, Sections 32-35, *non-conforming uses*. He advised as with all amendments to the zoning code, it is required for the City to hold a Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to approve setting a Public Hearing for Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for a zoning code amendment to Chapter 32, Article I, Sections 32-35, *non-conforming uses*. The motion was seconded by Council Member Welch.

Motion carried.

**Re: Code Amendment, Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages, Section 3-112 *Qualifications of Applicant***  
**(Bill No. 20-030, to follow)**

Lemon's last item is a code amendment to Chapter 3, alcoholic beverages, section 3-112 *qualifications of applicant*. He reminded Council members it was discussed at the last Council meeting for him to amend this section to bring the City more into compliance with the State statute. He has drafted an amendment that would limit the "look back" period for prior alcohol offenses to five years.

Lemon stated Bill No. 20-030 is to follow for a first reading.

**JAMES R. HARK – MAYOR**  
**Re: COVID-19 Information**

Mayor Hark then advised that a conference call put on by the Governor for health officials and other community leaders. There is a stern warning coming from the State pertaining to COVID-19 related infections and the task of trying to contain it and the stress on local health officials and organizations. The strong message given by the Governor was that he felt the hospitals were going to become overwhelmed, however, he was short of indicating that he would take any proactive measures of mask mandates or closings.

He did indicate by Friday he would give guidelines that the local governments could take up and decide on what measures they wanted to take. Mayor Hark wanted to make everyone aware as the Governor is not going to enforce these and will be leaving the guidelines up to local governments and if the Council feels there is an appropriate need to put something into place, it would be brought back up to Council in open session.

With the holidays coming up, the Mayor feels it is appropriate to offer a public safety information on the guidelines that citizens should be following. Everyone should be social distancing and washing hands, everything that has been advised since the beginning, especially if people are going to gather with immediate family. Large groups are not an ideal situation, as the predictions are foreseeing the infection rates undoubtedly increase within the next 21-30 days. He wanted to make everyone aware before coming out with a public information plea without apprising the rest of the Council first.

Mayor Pro Tem advised that the state's neighbors to the north in Iowa have gone to a mandatory mask request; and Blessing Hospital is at or around 99% occupancy and on tonight's news Illinois is rolling their requirements back again with venues, public and semi-public gatherings.

Mayor does believe there are individuals that are getting sick and in the hospital and our own City employees getting exposed. He wants Council to be prepared to make a decision one way or another if the need would arise.

**BILL NO. 20-030**

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 3 ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES, SECTION 3-112 *QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT*  
OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF  
THE CITY OF HANNIBAL**

***First Reading***

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dobson to give Bill No 20-030 a first reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy.

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was then made by Mayor Pro Tem Dobson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Veach.

Motion carried.

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**James R. Hark, Mayor**

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**Angelica N. Zerbonia, MRCC, CMO - City Clerk**