

JERSEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 29, 2022  
115 East Prairie St., Jerseyville  
6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kevin Stork called the regular session of the Jerseyville City Council to order on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at City Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Commissioners Kevin Stork, Steve Pohlman, Zach Crawford, Nick Bexheti and Mayor Russell (teleconference). Attorney William Strang was present (teleconference).

Commissioner Pohlman led the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance was recited.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Comm. Bexheti, seconded by Comm. Pohlman, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Roll call vote showed Pohlman aye, Stork aye, Bexheti aye, Russell aye, and Crawford abstain. Motion carried.

**BILLS**

A motion was made by Comm. Bexheti, seconded by Comm. Crawford, to approve the bills as presented for November 29, 2022, in the amount of \$428,821.88. Roll call vote showed all voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made by Comm. Bexheti, seconded by Comm. Pohlman, to approve an ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 5, Paragraph 6-5C-5 related to controlled substances. Comm. Stork stated this ordinance is being presented to clean up language in the City ordinances limiting the sale of drug paraphernalia with advice from the City Attorney and Police Department with intention of addressing the concern of other items being sold for use outside of cannabis. City Attorney Strang mentioned there will be additional ordinances that follow with further limitations and/or restrictions related to substances and zoning. Roll call vote showed Pohlman aye, Crawford aye, Stork nay, Bexheti aye, and Mayor Russell aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A motion was made by Comm. Pohlman, seconded by Comm. Bexheti, following the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, to deny an application for rezoning of 935 South State Street, also known as Unit 140 of Jerseyville Mall from B-3 to B-3 with special use for alcohol, with intended use as a café as submitted by Cindy Brown Kolb. Comm. Stork stated the Council believes after reviewing the application and consulting with the Planning and Zoning Board, the establishment presented seems more of a gaming café and not offering the proper ratio of food to gaming. Ms. Brown

was present to speak to the Council asking for the opportunity to prove she will be an asset to the community bringing in revenue as well as offering food with lunch specials. Mr. Matthews of Big Boy Donuts was also present as an adjacent property owner that also has a business with gaming to validate, he does support his business with the revenue he brings in from food and his concerns of this potential new business. Shawn Reardon, from Curo Group, was present in support of Ms. Brown showing the Council analytical information that would support two similar establishments located next to one another. Chairman Jeff Heitzig of the Planning and Zoning expressed the concerns the Board had which was not about the gaming, but the café itself and the lack of a real business plan and suggested to Ms. Brown the option of submitting another application after the six (6) month waiting period for reconsideration of rezoning to a B-3 special use of alcohol. Roll call vote showed all voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

- B. A motion was made by Comm. Bexheti, seconded by Comm. Crawford, to approve a notice of award for bid for tree removal and trimming program 2022 dated November 23, 2022, and authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk, and Director of Public Works to sign associated paperwork. Director Manns reported to the Council that after being properly advertised, two bids were received with Gound Outdoor Management Co. being the lowest bidder at \$36,500.00. Roll call vote showed all voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Comm. Pohlman expressed his appreciation of everyone who helped put together the Christmas Festival stating it was well attended by the community.

#### **Public Comment**

No public comment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no other business to be discussed, a motion was made by Comm. Bexheti, seconded by Comm. Pohlman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Roll call vote showed all voted aye, no nays, motion carried.