



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY HALL  
21 N. AVONDALE PLAZA  
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2023  
5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Members Present: Jonathan Elmore, Mayor  
Brian Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem  
Lisa Shortell, Commissioner  
Lionel Laratte, Commissioner  
Dee Merriam, Commissioner

Staff Present: Patrick Bryant, City Manager  
Shannon Powell, Asst. City Manager  
Ellen Powell, Communications Manager  
Lori Leland, Permitting Coordinator  
Kristen Moretz, Capital Projects Manager  
Harry Hess, Police Chief  
Tammy Martinez, Communications Coord.  
Gina Hill, City Clerk  
Stephen Quinn, City Attorney

Item #1 Meeting Called to Order

Item #2 Adoption of Agenda  
Commissioner Laratte moved to adopt. Commissioner Merriam seconded. All ayes.

Item #3 **Commissioner Comments**  
Commissioner Laratte praised all involved in the Weekend Wind Down concert at the Town Green the previous Sunday. Commissioner Merriam thanked those who planned the September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony. Commissioner Shortell thanked the sponsors who help fund the Weekend Wind Down shows. She added that some are under the impression that taxes pay for them and that's incorrect. Ms. Shortell commented on the great newsletter just sent to residents in the mail and added that the upcoming North Woods event has been postponed. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher recapped the recent strategic planning retreat. He was happy to see the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks have been rescheduled. He also thanked members of the Downtown Development Authority for their work with a hotel developer on a project downtown. Mayor Elmore thanked the Avondale Estates Garden Club for their work on the September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony. He also commented on the city ranking in a survey of family friendly cities. Mr. Elmore announced that he and staff would be attending an Urban Land Institute awards ceremony. The city is being considered for an award for the Town Green project. He concluded with

remarks about the upcoming election and the candidates for commissioner. City Manager Bryant announced staff has released a request for proposals for sanitation services. He explained what the process would be moving forward.

Item #4

**Approval of Minutes**

August 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting

August 23<sup>rd</sup> work session

August 31<sup>st</sup> retreat

Commissioner Shortell moved to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

Item #5

**Ordinance to Regulate Land Disturbance**

*This is the second reading of this ordinance. The topic of land disturbance has been discussed publicly several times in recent months.*

Commissioner Shortell made a motion to approve. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher seconded. All ayes.

City Manager Bryant felt this was a collaborative effort among staff, the BOMC, and the public. He's proud of the work that was done. Members of the BOMC made brief comments in support of the ordinance.

Item #6

**Ordinance to Amend to the 2023 Operating Budget**

Discussed in the last work session, this will be the first reading of this ordinance.

City Manager Bryant explained why this amendment was needed. He also explained changes in how intergovernmental revenue is accounted for. Mayor Pro Tem Fisher said these periodic amendments are a way to be transparent. The second reading of this ordinance will be at the next regular meeting.

Item #7

Public Comment

*Phil Feibish recommended that staff look to Dekalb County to carry out the city's sanitation services and he listed reasons why. City Manager Bryant responded that the county is aware the city is seeking proposals and it's up to them to provide one.*

Item #8

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Fisher moved to adjourn. Commissioner Shortell seconded. All ayes.

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



Gina Hill, City Clerk