

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**OF THE CITY OF HENRY**

1) The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Henry was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Mayor, Dave Donini, December 19, 2011 at the Municipal Building. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was directed by the Clerk.

Present: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Wilson

Administrative: Treasurer Forbes

Absent: Alderman Nauman

Also Present: Chief of Police, Bill Calbow, Ione Glatz

Mayor Donini welcomed everyone to the council meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Donini made a few comments before the meeting continued. The Mayor announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals are still looking for someone to fill the open position. If anyone is interested contact the City Hall or call the Mayor. Thank you went out to Rick Fansler for volunteering his time getting the Christmas lights ready for the park. Thanked the Wayne Shelton Family for the planting the tree in McBride Park in Memorial of Wayne Shelton. Thanked Doug and Zack Ziegler for cleaning the corners on Third and Edward and Edward and Second Streets at no charge. Area Disposal as of January 1, 2012 the government has banded all recycling of electronics. Area Disposal has a list of recycling places that residents will be able to take their electronics. The City of Henry is looking at having once or twice a year a place for dropping off electronics somewhere in the area.

Mayor Donini thanked the City Council for donating toward the Christmas gift for the full-time employees. The Mayor wished everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are so blessed to have a Council, City Employees, Officers, Organizations, Businesses and Committees so devoted in making the City of Henry a great place to live.

Regular Minutes of November, 2011 were presented, dispensing with the reading, all members had previously received the minutes. A motion was made by Alderman Schrowang and seconded by Alderman Bergfeld to approve the Regular Minutes as presented. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Freidrich, Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried

3) Accounts Payable were presented, dispensing with the reading as all members had previously received copies. A motion to authorize payment of the accounts as presented was made by Alderman Hankins and seconded by Alderman Schrowang. (For itemization see Accounts Payable for December 19, 2011). Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried

4) Treasurers report for the Month of November, 2011 was presented, dispensing with the reading as all members had previously received copies. A motion was made by Alderman Hankins and seconded by Alderman Wilson to accept the reports as presented. (copies placed on file). Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Wilson, Friedrich, Bergfeld, Schrowang, Hankins

Nays: None

Motion carried

5) Mayor Donini welcomed the press and visitors.

6) Finance and Insurance Chairman Nauman was absent. Alderman Hankins made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Freidrich to transfer \$30,000.00 from the General Fund to the Police Fund. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried

It was brought to the council attention that the Deputy Clerks hard drive is going bad also. The main computer was replaced last month and was discovered after installing the new computer, the other computer which is the Deputy Clerk's computer is having problems also. Alderman Bergfeld made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Hankins to approve up to \$800.00 on purchasing a new computer hard drive for the Deputy Clerks computer. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried

Alderman Freidrich presented Tax Levies 2011/2012. The total amount that has been levied is \$394,545. This includes \$124,655 for the Henry Public Library and the balance in the General Fund of \$269,890 and that amount is distributed into Social Security Fund, IMRF Fund, Police Fund and Park and Recreation Fund. Alderman Friedrich made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Hankins to approve Ordinance #1625 – AN ORDINANCE LEVING TAXES IN AND FOR THE CITY OF HENRY, IN THE COUNTY OF MARSHALL AND STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE CORPOATE PURPOSES OF SAID CITY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2011 AND ENDING ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2012, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OF SAID CITY TO CERTIFY THE SAME TO COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY OF MARSHALL. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried

It was mentioned that the City of Henry has received the last sales tax payment for the year and that the sales tax is less than last year, but not as bad as the year before. The Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) fund has received around \$60,000 this year, which continues to fall short and that the Council will need to look at taking money from the General Fund to make more road improvements next year.

7) Building and Grounds Alderman Friedrich presented Illinois Department of Agriculture State of Illinois Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement. The City of Henry is acknowledging the State and Federal regulations governing the Emerald Ash Borer. Alderman Friedrich stated that Supt. of Public Works, Tom Maubach and a state inspector had looked at an emerald ash tree at Central Park that was showing signs of stress. It was determined that the tree has an ash borer, but not the emerald ash borer. A follow up on the tree will be again in the spring and decide what to do with it. A motion was made by Alderman Friedrich and seconded by Alderman Hankins to approve the State of Illinois Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Wilson, Friedrich, Bergfeld, Schrowang, Hankins

Nays: None

Motion carried

9) Police and EDSA Chairman Hankins stated Marshall County Sheriff's Department has upgraded the Intoxilyzer Machine. The Illinois State Police are no longer providing these machines for DUI Enforcement so each County which we are mandated to have to purchase their own. The County is asking each agency to contribute \$500.00 to help defray the cost for a new machine. Alderman Hankins made a motion and seconded by Alderman Schrowang to approve \$500.00 toward the Intoxiler Machine through the Marshall County Sheriff's Department. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried

10) Streets and Lights Chairman Bergfeld presented the Illinois Power Agency Act which could reduce electrical costs for residents and small businesses. The Marshall County Board is asking for a resolution to be approved for a referendum to put on the March 20, 2012 Primary Election Ballot a question for the City of Henry Council to arrange for the supply of electricity to the City of Henry residential and small commercial customers who have not opted out of such program. This is an opportunity for the residents for an energy cost. It will be only one utility statement and easy opt out program. Residents do not have to participate unless they want to. There are two firms that gave a presentation to some of the government officials which are Good Energy, L.P. from New York and Blue Star Solutions from Chicago, Il. It was stated a cost saving of about \$75.00 to \$150.00 per year. Alderman Bergfeld made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Hankins to approve Resolution #14-11 - A RESOLUTION PROVIDING

FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF CITY OF HENRY, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THE QUESTION WHETHER CITY OF HENRY RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY UNDER PUBLIC ACT 096-0176 TO ARRANGE FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR ITS RESIDENTAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE NOT OPTED OUT OF SUCH PROGRAM. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried

11) Zoning and Planning Chairman Wilson had nothing to report.

12) Water and Sewer Chairman Schrowang stated the control panel at the main lift station needs to be replaced. Metropolitan Equipment Company has given a quote of \$19,491.20. Alderman Schrowang made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Hankins to approve \$19,491.20 to Metropolitan Equipment Company for the lift station control panel replacement. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried

Mayor Donini thanked Tom Maubach and Bill Lester for making sure the pumps are working correctly while the control panel is down. They have kept the pumps running by using floats on the pump that require more attention not only during the day time hours but at nights also.

13) Communications- Chamber of Commerce “After Hour Social” “Announcing Community Leader of the Year,” “Citizen of the Year,” Summitt’s Photography at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

City Hal Closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> & December 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Holiday/January 2, 2012 for New Year Holiday

Standing Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 3, 2012 @ 6:00 pm City Council Chambers

Citizens Advisory Board Meeting, Saturday, January 14, 2012 9:30 am City Council Chambers

Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, January 21, 2012 9:00 am St. Mary’s Church

14) Old Business –

15) New Business- WZOE/WRVY is promoting Special Christmas Music and Programming. Music starting on Christmas Eve and continue special programming until Christmas Day. Mayor Donini stated that the City of Henry has taken out a Christmas greeting ad in the Henry News-Republican. No action was taken at this time.

Alderman Hankins made a motion and was seconded by Alderman Schrowang to appoint Marilyn Hurt to the Henry Advisory Board. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried

Mayor Donini wished everyone of the council, family and friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Alderman Bergfeld thanked Mayor Donini for a nice job he has done for the city and wished the Mayor a Merry Christmas.

16) At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by Alderman Hankins and seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn. Roll call.

Yeas: Alderman Hankins, Schrowang, Bergfeld, Friedrich, Wilson

Nays: None

Motion carried

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Mayor, Dave Donini

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City Clerk, Jean Goldner