

MINUTES
ELGIN CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
ELGIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
404 NORTH MAIN STREET
January 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Ramirez, Mayor
Sue Brashar, Mayor Pro Tem
Arthur Gibson III, Council Member
Jessica Bega, Council Member
Thomas Ibis, Council Member
Matthew Callahan, Council Member
Skyler Maldonado, Council Member
Susie Arreaga, Council Member
Forest Dennis, Council Member

Mayor Ramirez stated there was a quorum. Ms. Arreaga arrived at 6:01 p.m.

Staff: Thomas L. Mattis, City Manager
Pamela Sanders, HR Director
Amy Miller, Community Development Director
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary
Michael Gonzalez, Public Works Director
David Harrell, Dev. Services Director
Owen Rock, ED Director

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one who wished to speak under the public comment item.

NEW BUSINESS

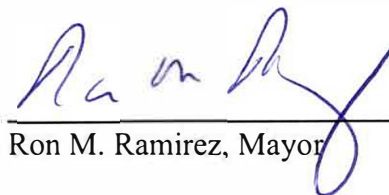
1. Discuss And Consider Any And All Action Regarding The Appointment/Re-Appointment Of Members To Various City Commissions, Boards, And/Or Committees Including The Planning & Zoning Commission, Board Of Adjustments, Library Advisory Board, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Economic Development Corporation Board Of Directors, Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone

Board Of Directors, Historic Review Board, Main Street Board Of Directors, And
Building Standards Commission

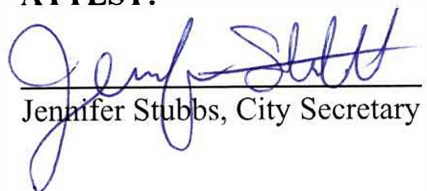
Mr. Mattis provided a presentation and answered questions of the Council. The presentation included Administrative items that could be immediately addressed, like making the minutes available online and determining when the Board appointments would be held. The presentation covered items needing clarification, like whether or not the Council wanted to establish term limits because several board members have been serving many years. The presentation covered items that recommended reconsideration such as limiting one seat on a board per household and establishing residency requirements. Ms. Bega stated the January board appointments were problematic and recommended changing to June for reappointments. The Council agreed to move the appointments to June. Mr. Dennis asked if the 30-day window be changed to 60 days. Ms. Bega agreed. Mayor Ramirez asked for clarification if this would go into effect now or next year. Discussion followed and the Council agreed to come back to this at the end of the meeting. Mr. Mattis clarified that board applications are kept on file for a year. Discussion took place regarding term limits. Mr. Dennis stated that four years is not enough time to be an effective board member. Ms. Arreaga agreed. Mr. Mattis stated the staff would work on this a bit and come up with some options. The Council agreed to have the Boards & Commissions present to the Council quarterly. Mayor Ramirez stated he is not in favor of limiting the number of seats per household serving on a Board or Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Brashar and Mr. Callahan stated they agreed. The Council decided not to establish limits in households. The Council agreed to leave the residency requirements as is for now and look at them in the future if necessary. Mr. Callahan left the dais at 6:59 p.m. and returned at 7:05 p.m. Discussion followed. Mr. Gibson left the dais at 7:07 p.m. and returned at 7:08 p.m. Mayor Ramirez left the dais at 7:10 p.m. and returned at 7:11 p.m. The Council agreed to discuss the updated Ordinance at the next Council meeting and to push reappointments in June. Mr. Ibis asked if others could apply if the appointments are moved to June. The Council agreed that citizens would be encouraged to keep applying. Mayor Ramirez thanked the Council and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.


Ron M. Ramirez, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary