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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

RICHARD D. RAMIREZ
VILLAGE CLERK

Meeting Agenda- June 17, 2015

Opening Prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag

Roll Call

Robert Kissler presenting an award to Scott Penny from "Employers Supporting Guard and Reserve".

Minutes of previous meeting

Report of Treasurer

Clerk's Reports

Ordinance No. 707, An Ordinance of the Village of Fairmont City Vacating a Portion of Exchange Avenue.

Request for Liquor License Amendment Shri Satya Sai Baba, Inc. DBA Phillip's 66, 5404 Collinsville Road, represented by Mr. Jagdish (Jay) Modi.

Barbara Rhodes, Mississippi Valley Library District concerning the Bank of Edwardsville.

Police Chief Report

Report of Zoning Administrator

Report of Fire Chief

Report of Street Superintendent

Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Bills

Adjournment

Richard D. Ramirez, Clerk

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRMONT CITY HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, June 17, 2015
4001 COOKSON ROAD
FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS
AT 7:00 P.M.**

President Bregen called the Meeting to order followed by the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Clerk Ramirez recorded the attendance. The following were in attendance:
Trustees: David Suarez, Hernandez, Munoz, Michael Suarez, and Arriola.
Trustee Fiudo was absent. Also in attendance were Treasurer Abe Aleman, Fire Chief Robert Allen and Public Works Director Roger Juenger.

At this time Robert Kissler with "Employers Supporting Guard and Reserve" read the nomination Officer Juarez submitted on behalf of Police Chief Scott Penny. Mr. Kissler then presented a plaque to Scott Penny honoring his proactive partnership with the military and community. President Bregen and those present congratulated Mr. Penny on a well deserved honor.

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of June 3, 2015, was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Arriola. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Arriola, yes. Trustee Fiudo was absent.
(Motion Passed)

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the financial statements for the month of May 31, 2015. The financial statements included a comparison of May, 2014 and May, 2015. Mr. Aleman has been advised by the Open Government Act to make some changes in descriptions. The Street Department is now described as Public Works.

The check scanner is working out well.

The treasurer wanted to acknowledge Officer Juarez and congratulate Scott Penny on the award he received.

Clerk's Report

The clerk presented Ordinance No. 707, An Ordinance of the Village of Fairmont City Vacating a Portion of Exchange Avenue.

The motion was made by Arriola and seconded by Munoz to adopt Ordinance No. 707, An Ordinance of the Village of Fairmont City Vacating a Portion of Exchange Avenue. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Arriola, yes. Trustee Fiudo was absent.
(Motion Passed)

Clerk Ramirez than presented a request for a Liquor License Amendment from Shri Satya Sai Baba, Inc. DBA Phillip's 66, 5404 Collinsville Road, requested by Mr. Jagdish (Jay) Modi.

With no objects the motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Hernandez to approve the Liquor License Amendment from Shri Satya Sai Baba, Inc. DBA Phillip's 66, 5404 Collinsville Road, requested by Mr. Jagdish (Jay) Modi. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Arriola, yes. Trustee Fiudo was absent.
(Motion Passed)

The clerk introduced Barbara Rhodes, with the Mississippi Valley Libra District concerning the Bank of Edwardsville. Ms. Rhodes Library Board's President Thomas Wells addressed the village board. Mr. Wells introduce other library board members and personnel present. He told the board the library has been in negotiations with The Bank of Edwardsville to make some renovations to accommodate a branch for the bank. The library board president provided copies of the proposed plan.

Mr. Wells then introduced Robert Schwartz and Sandy Smith with The Bank of Edwardsville. Mr. Schwartz recounted the past year and a half and the banks search for opportunity to service the Village of Fairmont City. Mr. Schwartz informed those present the bank's goal is to become the first fully bi-lingual branch in the St. Louis area.

President Bregen expressed his approval. He also asked if consideration has been given to the fact that the library property is tax exempt. Ms. Rhodes said the matter is being considered by a lawyer. There was some discussion regarding safety.

The project is pending construction while the bank waits for FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation). The bank is hoped to be open by October.

President Bregen thanked the group for attending and express board support.

Report of Police Chief

Chief Penny requested a Closed Executive Session regarding personnel and potential litigation.

Report of Zoning Administrator - No Report

Report of Fire Chief

The fire chief informed the board that the village fire department is prepared to respond to any water emergency that may result in the upcoming rains in the forecast. The department has the Long Lake and Madison fire departments ready to assist with a zodiac boat.

Chief Allen reported having a very good working relationship with the Bunge Corporation. The company hosted a BBQ for the village fire department and their own emergency services group to announce the purchase of a Rescue Grain Tube for St. Clair County Emergency Services (SCSESA). Chief Allen negotiated the purchase which is an advantage for the village fire department as well as SCSESA.

Report of the Public Works Director

Director Juenger reported he has talked with the Clean Uniform Company regarding contract allowances. Mr. Juenger would like to purchase rugs rather than use the uniform service. The city will have to maintain a 50% billing to continue the contract.

The director was approached by Lisa Oseguera, the manager of the Hava Home Trailer Court. She wanted to know if the city was going to cut the grass at an adjacent lot to the trailer court. The city cut the field in the past. There has been a for sale sign off the property for months. Apparently the state owns part of the property. President Bregen directed Mr. Juenger and Chief Penny to notify the state that their property needs mowing. The owners of the trailer court would like to buy the property that is behind the state owned easement.

There are a number of vacant lots the city has been cutting through the years. Chief Penny, John Peterson and Director Juenger are investigating ownership of these properties to shift the responsibility of the mowing.

Mr. Juenger had a meeting with Sonny Biggs a local business owner on Highway 111. Mr. Biggs and his brother own some property off Highway 111 between Congress and Thomas. Mr. Biggs and his brother no longer want the responsibility of maintaining the property and would like to donate it to the city. President Bregen asked Mr. Penny to follow up on the offer.

Committee Reports

Police/Public Safety-Chair-Hernandez – No Report

Economic/Finance, Development, Planning, and Tourism – Chair – Fiudo – Absent

Streets, Sewers, Grounds, Building & Parks – Chair – Michael Suarez

Mr. Suarez reported he and Mr. Munoz have decided to purchase the mini soccer goals locally instead of ordering on line. The goals should be less than \$200.00 and they would like to have 4 for the soccer clinic with Southern Illinois University.

The motion was made by Hernandez and seconded by Munoz to approve the purchase of 4 mini soccer goals not to exceed \$1000.00. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Arriola, yes. Trustee Fiudo was absent.

(Motion Passed)

Mr. Suarez addressed Mr. Juenger regarding marking off the fields. Director Juenger reported he has a meeting with the village engineer that has been handling the project on Tuesday.

There was a discussion regarding the remaining work and how to proceed. No conclusions were made.

Public Health & Housing – Chair- Munoz – No Report

Community Relations & Communications – Chair – Arriola – No Report

Fire Protection – Chair – David Suarez

President's Report

President Bregen reported there was a finance meeting held on June 10, 2015. The park project was discussed. The president is committed to finishing the project this year. There are 13 steps left. The president would like to solicit local business for possible donations. Possible written commitments for labor donations from local unions and business was also discussed.

Other matters of finance were also discussed including but not limited to, changes in the street department, and the utilization of Motor Fuel and Drug Fine funds.

A grant application was received from St. Clair County Parks and Recreation and will be completed by Scott Penny.

President Bregen reported the P.A.L. took some children to the baseball game as a follow up to support Carlos Martinez. He commended those who volunteered.

Public Comment

A local resident wanted to know if the renovated park will include a tennis court. Director Juenger said it would but he has yet to see the drawings and was not sure where.

Municipal Bills

A motion that the bills are accepted as presented and authorized for payment was made by Hernandez and seconded by David Suarez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Arriola, yes. Trustee Fiudo was absent.

(Motion Passed)

Executive Session

At this time the motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Arriola to enter into executive session regarding personnel and possible litigation. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Arriola, yes. Trustee Fiudo was absent.

(Motion Passed)

Return to Regular Order of Business from Executive Session

The motion was made by Michael Suarez and seconded by Munoz to return to the regular order of business from Executive Session. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, pass; Arriola, yes. Trustee Fiudo was absent.

(Motion Passed) 8:08pm

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Suarez and seconded by Hernandez. Roll Call Vote: David Suarez; yes; Hernandez, yes; Munoz, yes; Michael Suarez, yes; Fiudo, yes; Arriola, yes.

(Motion Passed)

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Richard D. Ramirez
Village Clerk
June 17, 2015