

THE CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, February 24, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council was held this day at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Michael A. Troup presiding.

The following members were physically present: Ald. Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Hultz, Mays, Farha, Sassen, Rein, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Uzelac, Holtschlag. 14.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held February 18, 2025, were approved on a motion of Ald. Entrup. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel: Corporation Counsel Lonnie Dunn.

QUINCY FIRE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN

Andrew Stegeman, Kyle Vandermaiden

Fire & Police Commissioner Barry Cheyne introduced Andrew Stegeman and Kyle Vandermaiden. Fire Chief Bernie Vahlkamp swore in Andrew Stegeman and Kyle Vandermaiden as Quincy Firefighters.

QUINCY FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Fire Chief Bernie Vahlkamp - 27 Years

Deputy Chief Steve Salrin presented retiring Fire Chief Bernie Vahlkamp a challenge coin and a recognition certificate from the Illinois Fire Chief Association. Fire & Police Commissioner Barry Cheyne presented retiring Fire Chief Bernie Vahlkamp a plaque for his service. Mayor Mike Troup presented retiring Fire Chief Bernie Vahlkamp a gift recognizing his 27 years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Homan stated that when the City hires employees there needs to be more research done and to stop wasting money.

Wills Nixon stated that there needs to be less waste, less burden on the tax payer and more accountability.

PETITIONS

By South Side Boat Club requesting permission to conduct a raffle and have the bond requirement waived from February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026. The City Clerk recommends approval of the permit.

Ald. Holtschlag moved the prayer of the petition be granted. Motion carried.

Special Event Application from Scott Moore of the Early Childhood and Family Center, 401 South 8th Street, requesting permission to hold its annual student parade in recognition of the "Week of the Young Child" at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025. He requests the closure of 8th Street, Kentucky to State Streets; 9th Street, Kentucky to State Streets; Kentucky Street, 8th to 9th Streets and State Street, 8th to 9th Streets for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes for each parade and the City provide barricades and assist with closing the intersections. The applicant has submitted all required documentation and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

Ald. Uzelac moved the prayer of the petition be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy still utilizes an employee handbook from 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the HR Director has discussed with the Personnel Committee changing the vacation policy for non-union employees, and,

WHEREAS, the current vacation policy requires new employees to receive two (2) weeks of vacation but must work one (1) year before taking any vacation and must also remain employed eight (8) years before receiving an increase to three (3) weeks' vacation, and,

WHEREAS, to align with other businesses in town, the HR Director is requesting the Vacation Policy be updated prior to the Employee Handbook being updated to allow employees to accrue two (2) weeks' vacation beginning with the first date of hire but wait 90 days to use any accrual and receive three (3) weeks' vacation after working five (5) years for the City. In addition, employees will be able to earn 5 weeks of vacation after 25 years of service versus the current 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the following schedule be updated to reflect the change; and

Length of Service	Full Time Accrual	Annualized Equivalent
0-5 years	6.67 Hours per month	2 weeks
6-14 years	10 hours per month	3 weeks
15-24 years	13.34 hours per month	4 weeks
25+ years	16.67 hours per month	5 weeks

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the HR Director and the Personnel Committee recommend Council approval of a new Vacation Policy as stated above to be updated effective January 1, 2025.

Ald. Reed moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Uzelac, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Public Works Director and Utilities Committee recommending approval of the bid in the amount of \$4,038,430.00 from Wiemelt Plumbing and Excavating, Inc. of Quincy, IL. for the 2025 Lead Service Line Replacement Project replacing up to three hundred forty (340) lead water service lines between Cherry and Locust Streets, 2nd to 5th Streets.

Ald. Bayer moved to table the resolution for one week, seconded by Ald. Sassen. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

Local Public Agency		County	Section Number	Maintenance Period	
Quincy		Adams	25-00000-00 GM	Beginning	Ending
			Maintenance Items	05/01/25	04/01/26
		Material Categories/ Point of Delivery or Work Performed by		Total Maintenance Operation Cost	
Maintenance Operation Category	Maint. Eng Category	Insp. Req.	an Outside Contractor	Unit	Quantity Unit Cost Cost
1. Electrical	I	No	Traffic Signal & Street Light Materials	L SUM	1 \$5,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$150,000.00
	IIA	No	Traffic Signal & Street Light Materials	L SUM	1 \$75,000.00 \$75,000.00
	IIB	No	Traffic Signal Maintenance	L SUM	1 \$40,000.00 \$40,000.00
	IIB	No	Street Light Maint.	L SUM	1 \$30,000.00 \$30,000.00
2. Asphalt Patching Materials	III	No	Bluminous Patching Mixture (Group II)	TON	200 \$160.00 \$32,000.00 \$42,500.00
	III	No	HMA Surface, Mix "C", N50	TON	100 \$105.00 \$10,500.00
3. PCC Patching	III	No	Class PV	CU YD	50 \$165.00 \$ 8,250.00 \$37,550.00
	III	No	Class PP-1	CU YD	40 \$170.00 \$ 6,800.00
	III	No	Class PP-2	CU YD	40 \$175.00 \$ 7,000.00
	III	No	Class SI	CU YD	80 \$160.00 \$12,800.00
	III	No	Controlled Low-Strength Material	CU YD	20 \$135.00 \$ 2,700.00
4. Rock Salt	I	No	Joint State Purchase	TON	2,000.00 \$145.00 \$290,000.00 \$290,000.00
5. Aggregate	IIA	No	CA-6	TON	100 \$30.00 \$ 3,000.00 \$ 3,000.00
6. Traffic Control Items	IIA	No	Signs & Hardware	L SUM	1 \$20,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$20,000.00
7. Detectable Warnings	IIA	No	Detectable warning plates	SQ FT	100 \$80.00 \$8,000.00 \$8,000.00
Total Operation Cost					\$551,050.00

Estimate of Maintenance Costs Summary

Maintenance	MFT Funds	RBI Funds	Other Funds	Estimated Costs
Local Public Agency Labor				
Local Public Agency Equipment				
Materials/Contracts (Non Bid Items)	\$401,000.00			\$401,000.00
Material/Deliver & Install/Materials				
Quotations (Bid Items)	\$150,050.00			\$150,050.00
Formal Contract (Bid Items)				
Maintenance Total	\$ 551,050.00			\$ 551,050.00

Estimate of Maintenance Eng Costs Summary

Maintenance Engineering	MFT Funds	RBI Funds	Other Funds	Estimated Costs
Preliminary Engineering				
Engineering Inspection				
Material Testing	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Advertising	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
Bridge Inspection Engineering	\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00
Maintenance Engineering Total	\$23,000.00			\$23,000.00

Total Estimated Maintenance \$574,050.00 \$574,050.00

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2024, the Quincy City Council approved a resolution awarding a contract for the 2024 Alley and Capital Improvements Project to Diamond Construction Company of Quincy at the bid price of \$1,579,136.00, and allowing an additional ten (10) percent contingency in the event that project changes or modifications were required; and,

WHEREAS, following the award of the contract, additional improvements have been added to the project's scope of work by the Engineering Department and members of the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the total cost of the additional improvements exceeds the additional ten (10%) percent contingency allowance that was approved on October 28, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities and Engineering requests approval for additional spending in the amount of \$188,896.00 for all costs associated with the additional project improvements; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the project change order is available in the 2024/2025 Capital Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Public Works, Engineering Manager, and Central Services Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the change order requiring \$188,896.00 in additional spending for the 2024 Alley and Capital Improvements Project be approved.

Steve Bange, P.E.

Engineering Manager

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

Adoption of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Implementing A Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax For The City of Quincy.

Ald. Entrup moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Uzelac.

Ald. Sassen moved to table for two weeks, seconded by Ald. Rein. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

Adoption of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending The District Map Which Is Made A Part Of Section 162.002 Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy Of 2015. (504 North 54th Street, change the present RU1 (rural/agricultural) to C2 (general commercial).)

Ald. Mays moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Hultz, and on a roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea.

The Chair, Mayor Michael A. Troup, declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Quincy, Illinois,

February 24, 2025

	Transfers	Expenditures	Payroll
City Hall.....		1,124.00	
201 Planning & Dev	1,500.00		
511 Airport.....	16,500.00		
Building Maintenance.....		4,242.97	
IT Department.....		34,490.56	
Police Department.....		3,570.32	
Fire Department		4,800.62	
Public Works.....		75,556.96	
Engineering.....		64,170.36	
Tax Distribution/Subsidies.....		71,225.00	
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL	18,000.00	259,180.79	0.00
Planning and Development.....		1,652.18	
911 Surcharge Fund.....		416.63	
Crime Lab Fund.....		73.98	
Transit Fund.....		3,030.19	
Capital Projects Fund.....		7,780.58	

Water Fund		386,543.20	
Sewer Fund		99,450.17	
Quincy Regional Airport Fund		37,763.36	
Airport P.F.C.....		4,727.23	
Municipal Dock		379.20	
Central Garage		10,624.12	
Q-Fund Revolving Loan Fund.....		4,204.55	
Bank 01 TOTALS	18,000.00	815,826.18	0.00
Motor Fuel Tax		1,996.91	
ALL FUNDS TOTALS.....	18,000.00	817,823.09	0.00

Mike Rein
 Jack Holtschlag
 Anthony E. Sassen
 Eric Entrup
 Richie C. Reis
Finance Committee

Ald. Rein, seconded by Ald. Sassen, moved the report be received and vouchers be issued for the various amounts and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Bauer moved to close the street at 17th and Oak starting at the alley to the corner of 17th and Elm from 8:20 a.m. thru 12:30 p.m. for the St. Francis School picnic on May 21st, 2025, with barricades. Motion carried.

Ald. Rein stated that Harrison Street, east of 24th Street, will be closed starting March 10th for several months.

Ald. Reis want to see the cold patch truck out filling potholes.

Ald. Holtschlag referred to the Traffic Commission a light pole between 4th and 5th Maiden Lane, south side, mid-block. Motion carried.

Ald. Holtschlag moved to allow two parking spaces in front of 644 Maine to be closed for re-tuckpointing starting March 1st for three weeks. Motion carried.

The City Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

LAURA OAKMAN
 City Clerk