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Council approves \$44,000 in sidewalk repairs from June 27 windstorm

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Sidewalks that were uprooted after the June 27 windstorm are set to be repaired after the Quincy City Council approved a bid for the work Monday night. County Contractors of Quincy will receive \$44,010 to replace sidewalks at 25 locations throughout the city. The cost will be covered under the city's insurance provider Municipal Insurance Cooperative Agency. Alderman approved the bid by a 11-3 vote, with Aldermen Paul Havermale, R-3, Mike Farha, R-3, and Tony Sassen, R-4, giving the dissenting votes. Havermale said he voted against the bid, because three of the six bids that the city received were "incomplete." "We should be trying to be in a prudent manner to include as many bidders as we can to get the best price for a taxpayer that we can," he said. Steinkamp told the council that the three bids did not have Illinois Department of Transportation prequalification. "What it looks at is financial rating, work rating, performance factor, experience factor, equipment factor and a capacity to perform," Steinkamp said. "It's just a vetting process that just allows us to know that the contractors that we are dealing with are qualified and responsible to do the job." He said that was required on all city infrastructure projects and has been as long as he has been with the city. In other business, Mayor John Spring said legislation in the U.S. Senate will maintain funding for Amtrak service in Quincy. "This should allow, if it gets out of the Senate, for our service to continue," he said. The House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee



proposed cutting 60 percent of Amtrak's funding and banning the use of federal dollars to help operate any routes that receive funding support from states. Amtrak provides two daily trains between Quincy and Chicago. On a motion from Farha, a letter in support of Amtrak from the City Council service in Quincy will be drafted. The City Council also: Â° Heard the second reading of an ordinance amending the city's budget by increasing the Central Services budget line by \$108,651 from snow removal reimbursements from February. Â° Agreed to waive normal bidding requirements and extend the current agreement with Wireless USA of Quincy for \$5,514. Â° Approved a request by Jed's Brewhouse, 1007 N. 18th, to have alcohol in an adjoining fenced yard for its sixth anniversary party from 12-10 p.m. Oct. 30. Â° Approved a request by Old Tyme Tonsorial, 646 Maine, to place a sign on the sidewalk during normal business hours. Â° Approved a raffle permit and waived the bond requirement for St. Francis Church from Oct. 30 to Dec. 10. --
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