

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, FOURTH FLOOR UPTOWN STATION, 11 UPTOWN CIRCLE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:03 p.m., Monday, November 5, 2012.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Adam Nielsen, Jeff Fritzen, Kevin McCarthy, Chuck Scott, and Cheryl Gaines. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Koos excused himself from voting on any expenses he may have incurred while performing his Mayoral duties and from voting on any bills submitted by Vitesse Cycle Shop.

Councilmember Reece excused herself from voting on any bills submitted by Advocate BroMenn Healthcare, any bills she may have incurred while performing Council duties and Item I.

Councilmember Scott excused himself from voting on Item F.

Items C and G were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, McCarthy, Scott, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2012: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2012: Omnibus Vote.

- D. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM ACLARA TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE UPGRADE OF THE FIXED NETWORK METER READING SYSTEM: Omnibus Vote.
 - E. MOTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM: Omnibus Vote.
 - F. MOTION TO INITIATE A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – 209 FELL, 211 FELL, 213 FELL, 302 N. SCHOOL, AND 308 KINGSLEY (ISU PROPERTIES) AND 900 S. LINDEN STREET (UNDERWOOD HOUSE): Omnibus Vote.
 - H. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING WARRANTY DEED FOR EAGLE’S LANDING DETENTION BASIN – OUTLOT 558: Resolution No. 4824: Omnibus Vote.
 - I. RESOLUTION AMENDING A SITE PLAN FOR ROGY’S DAYCARE CENTER: Resolution No. 4825: Omnibus Vote.
 - J. ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING IN THE UPTOWN CIRCLE: Ordinance No. 5459: Omnibus Vote.
 - K. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4.10(C), 4.10(D), 4.10(E), AND 17.3-1(A) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF NORMAL TO AMEND THE MANNER OF SALE OF LIQUOR TO ALLOW SALE AND TRANSPORTATION OF OPENED BOTTLES OF WINE: Ordinance No. 5460: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- C. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND PURCHASE A VACUUM EXCAVATION SYSTEM THROUGH THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE AT A TOTAL COST OF \$47,376.00:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Waive the Formal Bid Process and Purchase a Vacuum Excavation System Through the National Joint Powers Alliance at a Total Cost of \$47,376.00.

Councilmember McCarthy questioned if Staff investigates pricing through other avenues, not simply joint purchasing avenues, to make sure we are getting the best value. City Manager Mark Peterson responded the departments always investigate all purchases for the best pricing available, whether private or through a joint purchasing avenue.

AYES: Nielsen, Fritzen, McCarthy, Scott, Gaines, Reece, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

- G. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH NORMAL LODGING, LLC, PERTAINING TO THE RADISSON HOTEL PROJECT IN NORTH NORMAL: Resolution No. 4826:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt the Resolution Amending the Redevelopment Agreement with Normal Lodging, LLC, Pertaining to the Radisson Hotel Project in North Normal.

Councilmember Nielsen posed questions for clarification purposes, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson. Mr. Peterson stated the developers were working diligently trying to get the project moving forward.

AYES: Fritzen, McCarthy, Scott, Gaines, Reece, Nielsen, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS

6. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE – REQUIRING BASSET TRAINING FOR LIQUOR SERVERS:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of the Municipal Code – Requiring Basset Training for Liquor Servers.

Mayor Koos announced he would take comments from the public on this matter and asked for those interested to come forth.

Mr. Anthony Wargo of Joe's Stationhouse Pizza Pub expressed his opposition to the proposed ordinance. Mr. Wargo stated Joe's makes every effort to make sure their employees are well-trained, however expressed concern with the expense to send all employees to the Basset Training. Mr. Wargo further commented on the high turnover rate for employees in the service industry, and there would be nothing stopping employees from having one employer pay for the training, they could move on to another employer and the next employer would benefit from the employee already having the certification. Mr. Wargo explained Joe's Stationhouse Pizza Pub's current training and responded to questions from Council.

Mr. Joe Slane of Medici's Restaurant expressed his opposition to the proposed ordinance also, reinforcing the concern with the costs involved and the high turnover rate of employees. Mr. Slane responded to Council's questions concerning Medici's current training program.

Ms. Liz Hamilton of Chestnut Health Systems and Mr. Austin Grammer of Heartland Community College both addressed the Council representing the Bloomington Normal Community Campus Committee, explaining the training available locally through Heartland Community College at a cost of approximately \$39 per person. Councilmember Gaines suggested the possibility of the local universities offering the training for course credit, which would possibly offset the cost to the employee as more of a benefit to that employee.

Councilmember Fritzen requested Ms. Hamilton further explain the Basset training. Ms. Hamilton presented a brief overview of the training and the benefits of such training. Both Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Grammer responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Koos stated he believed the Basset Training is beneficial to liquor servers, but expressed concern of what effect the requirement has on the small businesses in the community. Mayor Koos commented on the liquor violations in the Town since 2007. Further Council discussion ensued suggesting the proposed ordinance could be “tweaked” in such a way that the overall requirement would not be as great of hardship on the small business owners within the town.

Mayor Koos called the vote on the proposed ordinance, stressing a “no” vote is not necessarily a no vote on Basset Training, but on the proposed ordinance in its current form. Mayor Koos suggested Town Staff work with representatives of local restaurants to work on a revised proposal. Councilmember Fritzen suggested representatives from the City of Bloomington and the Downtown Bloomington Bar Association also be invited to participate in discussions on liquor server training.

AYES: Fritzen.

NAYS: McCarthy, Scott, Gaines, Reece, Nielsen, Koos.

Motion declared failed.

NEW BUSINESS

7. PRESENTATION BY ALLEN WEHRMANN OF LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY REGARDING THE STUDY AND SUBMITTAL OF A “SOLE SOURCE WATER SUPPLY” DESIGNATION FOR THE MAHOMET ACQUIFER:

City Manager Mark Peterson introduced Mr. Allen Wehrmann of Layne Christensen Company and Angela Adams of the City of Champaign who then presented an overview of the “Sole Source Water Supply” Designation for the Mahomet Aquifer. Mr. Wehrmann and Ms. Adams responded to questions from Council.

8. CONCERNS:

1. PRO-ACTIVE POLICE FORCE:

Councilmember Fritzen expressed concern with the shootings that occurred earlier Monday on Bloomington’s east side. City Manager Mark Peterson reassured the Council the Police Department is working diligently to be as pro-active as possible in the community.

9. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Koos called for a Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2012, Executive Session and to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining.

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2012, Executive Session and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Collective Bargaining.

AYES: Scott, Gaines, Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, McCarthy, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2012, Executive Session and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Collective Bargaining at 9:27 p.m., Monday, November 5, 2012.