

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR NORMAL CITY HALL, 11 UPTOWN CIRCLE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:15 p.m., Monday, March 18, 2013.

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.

Mayor Koos announced the Agenda had been amended to remove the items pertaining to the Trails on Sunset Lake from the Omnibus Vote Agenda and place them under General Orders.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Koos excused himself from voting on any expenses he may have incurred while performing his Mayoral duties.

Councilmember Reece excused herself from voting on any bills submitted by Advocate BroMenn Healthcare.

Councilmember Fritzen excused himself from voting on any bills submitted by Bloomington Offset Process, Inc.

Items E and H were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, 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 PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 4, 2013: Omnibus Vote.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2013: Omnibus Vote.

- B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF MARCH 13, 2013: Omnibus Vote.
- C. MOTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION OF RATIO ARCHITECTS FOR DESIGN AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS, SOUTH BOARDING PLATFORM, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OLD AMTRAK STATION AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT: Omnibus Vote.
- D. MOTION TO APPROVE A SEMI-ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES: Omnibus Vote.
- F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH UNITED LIQUID WASTE RECYCLING, CLYMAN, WI, FOR LIME SLUDGE REMOVAL: Resolution No. 4858: Omnibus Vote.
- G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BOITNOTT'S LAWN & LANDSCAPING FOR MOWING AND ABATEMENT SERVICES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2013, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2015: Resolution No. 4859: Omnibus Vote.
- I. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF PATRIOT MANOR SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS (601 BROADWAY): Resolution No. 4860: Omnibus Vote.
- J. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE – TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS: Ordinance No. 5487: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
- E. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTE FROM VERIZON WIRELESS FOR CELLULAR AND DIRECT CONNECT SERVICES:
- MOTION:
- Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Waive the Formal Bid Process and Accept a Quote from Verizon Wireless for Cellular and Direct Connect Services.
- Councilmember Reece posed questions for clarification purposes concerning the possibility of citizens using cellular phones to take pictures and report areas of concern within the community. City Manager Mark Peterson responded that the Town was waiting for other municipalities that were currently using such a system to evaluate the effectiveness of the systems.
- AYES: Nielsen, Fritzen, McCarthy, Scott, Gaines, Reece, Koos.
NAYS: None.
Motion declared carried.
- H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BALLANTYNE STRONG, INC., OF OMAHA, NE, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DIGITAL PROJECTION SYSTEM AT THE NORMAL THEATER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,010.54 AND APPROVAL OF AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Resolution No. 4861:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Ballantyne Strong, Inc., of Omaha, NE, for the Installation of a Digital Projection System at the Normal Theater in the Amount of \$84,010.54 and Approval of an Associated Budget Adjustment.

Councilmember Fritzen questioned the urgency of obtaining the new system. City Manager Mark Peterson responded that this purchase is necessary within the next couple of years and it was decided since the money was available in the Vehicle and Equipment Fund, the Town would go ahead and make the purchase now so the Theater could take advantage of both reel films and digital films at this time.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS

6. ORDINANCE REQUIRING TREE TRIMMERS AND CUTTERS TO OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE TOWN PRIOR TO OPERATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY: Ordinance No. 5488:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Approve an Ordinance Requiring Tree Trimmers and Cutters to Obtain a License from the Town Prior to Operation Within the Community.

Mayor Koos outlined the background of the proposed Ordinance, explaining Staff had discussed the Ordinance and received comments from tree trimmers and cutters in the area.

Councilmember Gaines posed questions for clarification purposes, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson. City Manager Mark Peterson further responded to questions from Councilmember Nielsen concerning the removal of trees affected by the emerald ash borer within Normal.

Councilmember Fritzen expressed concern with the proposed Ordinance, questioning if the Town Council should be responding to every situation when a citizen of Normal is taken advantage of with a new Ordinance to protect them from price gouging and/or unsatisfactory work. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated Town Staff would be supplying the residents with information pertaining to the requirements for the removal of trees and debris, particularly in connection with trees infected with the emerald ash borer disease. General Council discussion ensued.

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

NAYS: Fritzen.

Motion declared carried.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO ANNEXATION AGREEMENT – TRAILS ON SUNSET LAKE, LLC: Resolution No. 4862:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the First Amendment to an Annexation Agreement – Trails on Sunset Lake, LLC.

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions concerning the permitting of 25-foot rear yard setbacks, rather than the required 35-foot rear yard setbacks as allowed in R-1B Zoning. Mr. Jim O’Neal, Developer for Trails on Sunset Lake, LLC, explained the aesthetics of the proposed houses in the R-1B area, indicating there will be no variation to the overall lot size as required in R-1B Zoning, simply how the house is positioned on the lot does not always allow for the required rear yard setback of 35 feet. Mr. BJ Armstrong, another Developer for the Trails on Sunset Lake, LLC, further explained a rear yard setback of 25 feet allows for a greater flexibility for the homeowner as to the front streetscape of the home.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

8. ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF NORMAL – TRAILS ON SUNSET LAKE SUBDIVISION: Ordinance No. 5489:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Approve an Ordinance Rezoning Property in the Town of Normal – Trails on Sunset Lake Subdivision.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR A PORTION OF THE TRAILS ON SUNSET LAKE SUBDIVISION: Resolution No. 4863:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Approving the Amended Preliminary Plan for a Portion of the Trails on Sunset Lake Subdivision.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

10. MOTION TO APPROVE SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS AND ONE REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM FOUNDATION BOARD:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Approve Several Appointments and One Reappointment to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Reece announced Mr. Carlo Robustelli and Mr. Mark Jontry have been appointed to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board to fill positions created by the resignations of Mrs. Linda Bowman and Dr. Chuck Dennis, respectively. Mr. Robustelli's term of office will expire June 30, 2014 and Mr. Jontry's term of office will expire June 30, 2016. Councilmember Reece further announced Dr. Caroline Halperin has been reappointed to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board, her term to expire June 30, 2016.

11. CONCERNS:

There were none.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Koos called for a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:50 p.m., Monday, March 18, 2013.