

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, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:05 p.m., Monday, August 19, 2013.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Jeff Fritzen, Kevin McCarthy, Scott Preston, 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.

Councilmember Reece excused herself from voting on any bills submitted by Advocate BroMenn Medical Center and from any expenses she may have incurred while performing Council duties.

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

Items F, I, K, and M were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2013: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF AUGUST 14, 2013: Omnibus Vote.

- C. MOTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR A BACKHOE LOADER FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT TO MARTIN EQUIPMENT, INC., AT A TOTAL COST OF \$24,698.00 WITH TRADE: Omnibus Vote.
  - D. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTE FROM CROSS IMPLEMENT FOR A REPLACEMENT SNOW BLOWER FOR SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL IN THE UPTOWN AREA: Omnibus Vote.
  - E. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2014 AMBULANCE FROM ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$182,136.00: Omnibus Vote.
  - G. MOTION TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO ROWE CONSTRUCTION CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$174,414.63 FOR THE FAIRVIEW PARK ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT: Omnibus Vote.
  - H. MOTION TO APPROVE A BID AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STARK EXCAVATING, INC., FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 900 S. LINDEN STREET AND 611 S. LINDEN STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,200.00 AS WELL AS THE ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS NEEDED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND (CDBG) AND GENERAL FUND FOR A TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET OF \$167,420.00: Omnibus Vote.
  - J. MOTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM: Omnibus Vote.
  - L. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NORMAL, CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, AND COUNTY OF MCLEAN FOR THE 2013 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Resolution No. 4905: Omnibus Vote.
  - N. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – NORMAL FLATS LLC: Resolution No. 4906 : Omnibus Vote.
  - O. ORDINANCE SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CREATION OF THE TOWN OF NORMAL NORTH NORMAL WAREHOUSE TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE TOWN OF NORMAL NORTH NORMAL WAREHOUSE TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA: Ordinance No. 5507: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
- F. MOTION TO REJECT THE BID FOR THE MAIN STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Reject the Bid for the Main Street Water Main Replacement Project.

Councilmember Scott posed questions concerning delaying this project, specifically if this delay would interfere with the Illinois Department of Transportation's schedule in replacing the bridge on Main Street, just north of Virginia Avenue. Town Engineer Gene Brown indicated Illinois Department of Transportation currently has this bridge replacement scheduled for the 2015 fiscal year, therefore delaying this project for approximately one year would not interfere with their schedule.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

I. MOTION TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR THE FY 2013-14 MISCELLANEOUS SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – 50/50 SIDEWALK AND ADA RAMPS PROJECT AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO J.G. STEWART CONTRACTORS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,880.00:

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Accept the Bids for the FY 2013-14 Miscellaneous Sidewalk Improvements – 50/50 Sidewalk and ADA Ramps Project and Award a Contract to J.G. Stewart Contractors, Inc., in the Amount of \$69,880.00.

Councilmember Gaines posed questions concerning the use of a more decorative sidewalk replacement material if homeowners requested such a material. Town Engineer Gene Brown indicated decorative sidewalk replacement materials had not been requested prior to this time, but it would certainly be considered if requested. Mr. Brown indicated the Town had used various materials in sidewalk replacement, specifically to provide a close match to the current neighborhood sidewalks.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

K. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH CHESTNUT GLOBAL PARTNERS FOR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) SERVICES: Resolution No. 4907:

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Chestnut Global Partners for Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Services.

Councilmember Gaines questioned an approximate current rate of utilization of the program; Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece responded the Town has a current rate of approximately five percent utilization.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

- M. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS WHO DO NOT OPT OUT OF SUCH A PROGRAM: Resolution No. 4908:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out of Such a Program.

Councilmember Scott posed questions for clarification purposes, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

6. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL BY THE BOARD CHAIR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF CONNECT TRANSIT:

Mr. Andrew Johnson, General Manager of Connect Transit, addressed the Council, highlighting new initiatives for Connect Transit System. Mr. Johnson expressed concern with anticipated state and federal funding reductions and indicated the probable need for additional local funding sources. Mr. Johnson responded to questions from Council.

7. CONCERNS:

1. BICYCLE SAFETY:

Councilmember Gaines expressed concern with bicycle safety in Normal, as she has personally experienced several cyclists who are not following the rules of the road for bicycles.

2. MILLWORK IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS:

Councilmembers Scott and McCarthy commented on the millwork replacement in the Council Chambers and thanked those involved with this project.

3. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

City Manager Mark Peterson announced Uptown Development Director Wayne Aldrich had accepted the position of Public Works Director, replacing retiring Public Works Director Robin Weaver.

8. 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 minutes from multiple Executive Session meetings and to discuss matters pertaining to personnel.

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adjourn to Executive Session to Approve Minutes from Multiple Executive Session Meetings and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Personnel.

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

NAYS:           None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to Executive Session to approve the minutes from multiple Executive Session meetings and to discuss matters pertaining to personnel at 8:01 p.m., Monday, August 19, 2013.