

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 4, 2013.

Prior to the Call to Order, Mayor Koos called Police Chief Rick Bleichner to the table. Mr. Bill Hradik of the Department of Defense, Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program awarded Chief Bleichner with the Patriotic Employer Award for his contributions in assisting Lieutenant Paul Smith in his multiple military deployments over the past several years and his support of Lt. Smith as an active member of the United States Navy Reserve. Lt. Smith is currently assigned as the Commanding Officer of Assault Draft Unit One, Pensacola, FL.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:02 p.m., Monday, November 4, 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 expenses she may have incurred while performing Council duties and from Item H.

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

No items were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, 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 REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2013: Omnibus Vote.

- B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF OCTOBER 30, 2013: Omnibus Vote.
 - C. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF BIODIESEL FUEL FROM EVERGREEN FS, INC., OF BLOOMINGTON, IL: Omnibus Vote.
 - D. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURE AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK MOUNTED MAINLINE TV INSPECTION SYSTEM FROM EJ EQUIPMENT OF MANTENO, IL, IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$133,387.90: Omnibus Vote.
 - E. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT QUOTES TOTALING \$141,087.52 FROM DELL FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: Omnibus Vote.
 - F. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURE AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A SKID STEER LOADER FROM THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE AT A COST OF \$56,497.95: Omnibus Vote.
 - G. MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE CONTRACT AWARD FOR TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING SERVICES TO UPDATE THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS): Omnibus Vote.
 - H. MOTION EXTENDING PARTICIPATION IN THE DIABETES DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
- There were none.

GENERAL ORDERS

6. ORDINANCE APPROVING THE NORTH NORMAL WAREHOUSE TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN: Ordinance No. 5511:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Approve an Ordinance Approving the North Normal Warehouse Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

7. ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE NORTH NORMAL WAREHOUSE TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT AREA: Ordinance No. 5512:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve an Ordinance Designating the North Normal Warehouse Tax Increment Redevelopment Area.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

8. ORDINANCE ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR THE NORTH NORMAL WAREHOUSE TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA: Ordinance No. 5513:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve an Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the North Normal Warehouse Tax Increment Redevelopment Project Area.

Councilmember Fritzen noted a Joint Review Board consisting of other taxing bodies reviews all proposed and active TIF Districts, thus allowing these other taxing bodies to have a say in whether an area is to be designated as a TIF District.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Scott left the table at 7:09 p.m.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE ISU ART GALLERIES LOCATED IN UPTOWN STATION AND APPROVING AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Resolution No. 4935:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement with the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University for the ISU Art Galleries Located in Uptown Station and Approving an Associated Budget Adjustment.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Scott.

Motion declared carried.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ECKENHOFF SAUNDERS ARCHITECTS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERIES AT UPTOWN STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$158,700: Resolution No. 4936:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Agreement with Eckenhoff Saunders Architects for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Proposed Illinois State University Art Galleries at Uptown Station in the Amount of \$158,700.

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

NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Scott.
Motion declared carried.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE AMENDMENT WITH MANGIERI COMPANIES, INCORPORATED, FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES ON THE ISU GALLERIES AT UPTOWN STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,275: Resolution No. 4937:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing a Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment with Mangieri Companies, Incorporated, for Construction Management Services on the ISU Galleries at Uptown Station in the Amount of \$150,275.

AYES: Fritzen, McCarthy, Preston, Gaines, Reece, Koos.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Scott.
Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Scott returned to the table at 7:12 p.m.

12. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING WAIVERS FROM THE UPTOWN DESIGN REVIEW CODE, CHAPTER 15, DIVISION 17, FOR ONE UPTOWN CIRCLE: Resolution No. 4938:

Mr. Matthew Wylie, Eckenhoff Saunders Architects, presented an informative overview of the preliminary plans for the One Uptown on the Circle project to the Council and responded to questions from the Council. Mayor Koos questioned the lack of windows on the north side of the hotel towers, which concerns were addressed by Mr. Wylie.

In response to questions from Councilmember Gaines, Mr. Wylie explained the metal finishes to be used on the side of the residential tower facing Uptown Circle. General discussion by the Council indicated their approval of the design and materials involved in this project. City Manager Mark Peterson suggested the possibility of a project sign on the Uptown Circle side of the building which could become an architectural feature of the building. Mr. Wylie indicated a sign vendor had not yet been selected; thus, this suggestion would be forwarded when the vendor came on board with the project.

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Conditionally Approving Waivers from the Uptown Design Review Code, Chapter 15, Division 17, for One Uptown Circle.

AYES: McCarthy, Preston, Scott, Gaines, Reece, Fritzen, Koos.
NAYS: None.
Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

13. PRESENTATION ON THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM BY CATHY WALTZ, JJC CHAIR AND ALICIA LENARD FROM YOUTHBUILD:

Police Chief Rick Bleichner presented a brief explanation of the Juvenile Justice Council and the summer job training program for at-risk juveniles between the ages of 15 and 18. Chief Bleichner explained that the Juvenile Justice Council had solicited a Request for Proposals and YouthBuild had been selected to administer the program. Chief Bleichner introduced Ms. Alicia Lenard from YouthBuild and Ms. Cathy Waltz, the Juvenile Justice Council Chair.

Ms. Alicia Lenard introduced two participants in the summer program, Mr. Dante Cooper and Mr. Joshua Turnipseed. Ms. Lenard presented an overview of the program and Mr. Cooper and Mr. Turnipseed highlighted their participation in the summer program, including their personal accomplishments achieved by participating in this worthwhile program. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Turnipseed responded to questions from the Council. Mayor Koos thanked Ms. Lenard for the informative presentation and thanked both Mr. Cooper and Mr. Turnipseed for sharing their experiences with the Council.

14. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED 2013 PROPERTY TAX LEVY:

Mayor Koos presented a brief overview of the previous discussion on the proposed 2013 property tax levy increase and indicated it was not an easy decision to increase the proposed property tax levy, but supported the decision. Mayor Koos indicated the Town's budget is a "bare bones budget" and to make cuts to the budget would possibly cut services and people. Mayor Koos indicated the process of looking at potential cuts was a beneficial process and indicated the City Manager and his staff should continue to look for any possible cuts as part of the ongoing budget process.

Councilmember Gaines agreed the decision to increase the levy was indeed a difficult decision, but agreed with the Mayor that any budget decisions should be made during the budget process, particularly in the worksession on the budget that occurs in January. Councilmember Gaines indicated she believed Normal is a step above normal for a community, offering something special for the residents.

Councilmember Scott reiterated the reasons behind the need to increase the tax levy and the Council's decision to have the pension funds fully funded by 2040.

Councilmember Reece indicated the Town did not want to be in the same situation the state and federal governments are concerning pension funding.

Councilmember Fritzen indicated he believed there is an exceptionalism about Normal. Normal is not extravagant, but exceptional in the services we provide to the citizens. Further Council discussion ensued.

15. CONCERNS:

There were none.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.
Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:35 p.m., Monday, November 4, 2013.