

MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, FOURTH FLOOR UPTOWN STATION, 11 UPTOWN CIRCLE, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the rescheduled regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:03 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2014. (Rescheduled from Monday, January 6, 2014, due to extreme winter storm conditions)

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, and Chuck Scott. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: Councilmember Cheryl Gaines (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

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.

Item C was removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

- A. APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2013: Omnibus Vote.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2013: Omnibus Vote.

- B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JANUARY 2, 2014: Omnibus Vote.
- D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. CRAIG ONSRUD FOR THE OPERATION OF THE IRONWOOD PRO SHOP AND PRIVATE GOLF LESSONS: Resolution No. 4949: Omnibus Vote.
- E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND THE ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM: Resolution No. 4950: Omnibus Vote.
- F. RESOLUTION TO EXTEND CONTINUING SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR TWO YEARS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 2014, WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP; LEWIS, YOCKEY & BROWN, INC.; CLARK-DIETZ, INC.; AND CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES; AND ACCEPT THEIR PROPOSED 2014 HOURLY RATES AND DIRECT COSTS FOR THEIR ENGINEERING SERVICES: Resolution No. 4951: Omnibus Vote.
- G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: Resolution No. 4952: Omnibus Vote.
- H. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY REAPPROVING THE SEVENTH ADDITION TO VINEYARDS SUBDIVISION: Resolution No. 4953: Omnibus Vote.
- I. ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN REDEVELOPER COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS IN UPTOWN NORMAL REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS: Ordinance No. 5529: Omnibus Vote.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- C. RESOLUTION AMENDING RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEETINGS OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL AND OTHER TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Resolution No. 4954:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Adopt a Resolution Amending the Rules for Public Comment at Meetings of the Normal Town Council and Other Town Boards and Commissions.

Councilmember Reece posed questions for clarification purposes concerning the time limits for the public comment. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated the Chair of the Meeting has the ability to waive the ten-minute public comment period as needed. Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt gave a brief explanation of the forty-five day agenda period language contained in the proposed Resolution.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Gaines arrived at 7:10 p.m.

GENERAL ORDERS

6. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING WAIVERS FROM THE COMMUNITY DESIGN REVIEW CODE, CHAPTER 15, DIVISION 14, FOR LANDSCAPING AT 603, 605, 702, AND 704 S. MAIN STREET: Resolution No. 4955:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt the Resolution Conditionally Approving Waivers from the Community Design Review Code, Chapter 15, Division 14, for Landscaping at 603, 605, 702, and 704 S. Main Street.

Town Planner Mercy Davison presented a brief overview of the proposed project, setting forth the waivers requested by the developer. City Manager Mark Peterson further commented that Staff felt this proposed development was a very desirable plan for this area on Main Street, as it clearly addresses a blighted site and would be a dramatic improvement to this area, providing apartments and a very popular restaurant on the ground floor. Mr. Peterson addressed the parking in this area, indicating off-street parking is deficient in the area. Mr. Peterson further reported Staff does understand the plight of parking in this area, but also felt the need for interior landscaping in the parking lot.

Town Planner Mercy Davison responded to questions from Councilmembers Scott and Fritzen concerning Staff's request for additional landscaping versus the addition of three parking spaces for the development. Councilmember Gaines posed questions concerning parking lot materials, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson.

Mr. Jeff Tinervin, 6 Inglewood Drive, Bloomington, IL, Developer of the proposed project, addressed the Council. Mr. Tinervin indicated the parking for this development was very important to the success of this project. Mr. Tinervin indicated he believed the area was "underparked" and did not want to add to the problem. Mr. Tinervin indicated the project would not work without Buffalo Wild Wings as the restaurant on the first floor and the proposed parking was less than corporate Buffalo Wild Wings requires, but felt they would work with him if he could get the additional three parking spaces as requested. Mr. Tinervin explained the additional greenspace that would be included in the development of this project, compared to the property as it currently stands. Mr. Tinervin indicated the addition of the three parking spaces in question is paramount to this development.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Amend the Motion to Allow 51 Parking Spaces as Requested by the Developer on the Site of the Restaurant and Apartments, thus Eliminating the Plantings of Shade Trees in the Parking Lot Interior at 603 and 605 South Main Street.

Councilmember Fritzen indicated this project is definitely an improvement to both sides of Main Street and believes the three parking spaces are critical to the operation of the restaurant. Councilmember Reece agreed with Councilmember Fritzen's concern with the number of parking spaces and having adequate parking for the restaurant. Mayor

Koos commented he believed it more important to grant the waiver for the additional landscaping than to not grant the waiver.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

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

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION, AS AMENDED:

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

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

7. CONCERNS:

1. BUDGET WORKSESSION:

City Manager Mark Peterson reminded the Council of the Budget Work Session on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at 8:00 a.m.

2. MAIN STREET:

Councilmember Gaines expressed concern with individuals crossing Main Street, not at approved crosswalks. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated this matter will be addressed when developing a Streetscape Plan for Normal, which should begin later this year.

3. CIRBN OFFICES:

Councilmember Gaines announced she had toured the CIRBN Offices in Downtown Bloomington.

4. THANK YOU:

Councilmember Reece thanked Town Staff for the outstanding job in keeping our community safe during the recent severe winter storm. City Manager Mark Peterson acknowledged the tremendous staff time in clearing our streets and responding to local emergencies.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the rescheduled regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:55 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2014.