

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 17, 2014.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 17, 2014.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons

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 Brian Day, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Koos announced he had received notice of an individual who wanted to speak before the Council. Mr. Josh Schmidgall, Cities 92.2 Radio Station, 108 Boeykens Place, Normal, IL, addressed the Council and expressed concern with the increase in the proposed tax levy to be considered later in the agenda. Mr. Schmidgall indicated the Town should not keep raising taxes on the citizens and businesses of Normal.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Koos read aloud the items to be considered on the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2014:

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014:

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE AMENDMENT WITH MANGIERI COMPANIES, INCORPORATED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISU GALLERIES AT UPTOWN STATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,695,000:

D. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PSEBA PROCEDURES: Ordinance No. 5566:

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 McCarthy, the Council Approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Items A, B, and D were approved by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

Councilmember Scott left the table at 7:05 p.m.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE AMENDMENT WITH MANGIERI COMPANIES, INCORPORATED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISU GALLERIES AT UPTOWN STATION IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$1,695,000: Resolution No. 5062:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing a Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment with Mangieri Companies, Incorporated for Construction of the ISU Galleries at Uptown Station in the Total Amount of \$1,695,000.

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions for clarification concerning the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment, as this was the second such amendment to this Agreement. City Manager Mark Peterson responded to the questions from Councilmember Fritzen.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Scott.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Scott returned to the table at 7:08 p.m.

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2014 PROPERTY TAX LEVY: Ordinance No. 5567:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the 2014 Property Tax Levy.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

7. ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF 2014 PROPERTY TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE: Ordinance Nos. 5568, 5569, 5570, 5571, 5572, 5573, 5574, and 5575:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve Ordinances Authorizing the Abatement of 2014 Property Taxes for Debt Service.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

CLERK'S NOTE: The following Ordinances were approved authorizing the abatement of 2014 Property Taxes for debt service.

Ordinance No. 5568:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series of 2006, for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of Ten Million Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on March 20, 2006, by Ordinance No. 5062.

Ordinance No. 5569:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series of 2007, for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of Twenty-Four Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on February 19, 2007, by Ordinance No. 5118.

Ordinance No. 5570:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series of 2008, for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of Ten Million Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on August, 4, 2008, by Ordinance No. 5207.

Ordinance No. 5571:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series of 2009, for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, as Authorized by the Town Council on July 6, 2009, by Ordinance No. 5276.

Ordinance No. 5572:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009A (Build America) for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of Five Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on July 6, 2009, by Ordinance No. 5275.

Ordinance No. 5573:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for Taxable General Obligation Bonds Series 2010(A) (Recovery Zone Bonds) for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of One Million Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on November 15, 2010, by Ordinance No. 5361.

Ordinance No. 5574:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series of 2012 for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, as Authorized by the Town Council on September 17, 2012, by Ordinance No. 5455.

Ordinance No. 5575:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series of 2013 for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, as Authorized by the Town Council on July 15, 2013, by Ordinance No. 5505.

8. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2014-15 SOCIAL SECURITY BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND:

MOTION:

Councilmember Preston moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Authorize an Amendment to the FY 2014-15 Social Security Budget for the General Fund.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH VINTAGE TECH RECYCLERS, INCORPORATED, FOR ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SERVICES AND APPROVAL OF AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Resolution No. 5063:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Vintage Tech Recyclers, Incorporated, for Electronics Recycling Services and Approval of an Associated Budget Adjustment.

Councilmember Fritzen questioned why the Town does not charge for electronics recycling services. City Manager Mark Peterson explained it would be extremely difficult to manage charging for these services, as these services are used by the entire County. A full-time staff person would be required to monitor the drop-off and assess a charge, which would not be practical. Public Works Director Wayne Aldrich and Michael Brown, Executive Director of the Ecology Action Center, further commented that the collection of certain fees are statutorily prohibited in Illinois.

City Manager Mark Peterson commented on an issue that had arisen Monday afternoon in which an alternate vendor had presented a proposal that was less than the proposal submitted by Vintage Tech. Mr. Peterson explained the procedures that were involved with obtaining this Request for Proposal and indicated the alternate vendor had not responded to the original Request for Proposals. Considerable Council discussion ensued pertaining to the integrity of the Bid/RFP procedures and expressed concern with considering an alternate proposal that did not meet these requirements. Mayor Koos, as

well as the Council, expressed frustration in receiving this late proposal and all indicated the need to protect the integrity of our current Bid/RFP procedure.

Mr. Brown explained the current problems involved with recycling in the State of Illinois and the need for some statutory changes.

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

NAYS:           None.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

10.    MOTION TO APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM FOUNDATION BOARD:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve a Recommended Appointment to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board.

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

NAYS:           None.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Reece announced Mrs. Gina Mandros has been appointed to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board, filling an abbreviated term, said term to expire on June 30, 2016.

11.    CONCERNS:

1.     LEAF COLLECTION:

Councilmember McCarthy expressed his thanks to the crews involved with leaf collection on the outstanding job they are doing. City Manager Mark Peterson announced the leaf crews were currently operating on the Wednesday collection route.

2.     UPTOWN PLAN UPDATE:

City Manager Mark Peterson reminded the Council of the upcoming events to kick-off the Uptown Plan Update process and reminded everyone of the public meeting to be held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

12.    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 Gaines, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:44 p.m., Monday, November 17, 2014.