

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, JUNE 15, 2015.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2015.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Jeff Fritzen, R.C. McBride, Kathleen Lorenz, Kevin McCarthy, 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: Councilmember Scott Preston.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

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

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2015:

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JUNE 10, 2015:

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON FOR THE REGULATION OF DRIVERS FOR HIRE: Resolution No. 5119:

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL PLANNING SERVICES WITH THE MCLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Resolution No. 5120:

E. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SEVERAL PIECES OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT VIA THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT SOLUTIONS PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE (NJPA): Resolution No. 5121:

F. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE TRUCKS THROUGH STATE

OF ILLINOIS JOINT PURCHASING IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$85,198:
Resolution No. 5122:

G. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PREVAILING WAGE RATES: Ordinance No. 5588:

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

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 Lorenz, the Council Approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

AYES: Fritzen, McBride, Lorenz, McCarthy, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Preston.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos announced Items A, B, C, D, E, F, and G were approved by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

No Items were removed.

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING AN AMENDED FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SOUTH COTTAGE VILLAGE PUD (EAST OF COTTAGE, SOUTH OF HOVEY): Resolution No. 5123:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt the Resolution Conditionally Approving an Amended Final Development Plan for the South Cottage Village PUD (East of Cottage, South of Hovey).

Councilmember Lorenz expressed concern as to where this development was going, as this Amendment was deviating from the original idea of what the PUD was considered to be. Councilmember Lorenz questioned the plans for the remainder of the PUD area. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated the developer is still committed to the PUD to find additional developments that would cater to the older citizens in the area. This proposed development has rather unusual circumstances as the company came to the developer and requested to develop the property on the southern end of the PUD, immediately next to the Town's lime-sludge area, which is the least desirable area contained in the PUD. Mr. Peterson indicated staff considered the proposed Dollar General Store would fit into the neighborhood.

Councilmember Gaines questioned if we had ever cut any property out of a PUD before, to which City Manager Mark Peterson responded we have. The PUD could have been amended to allow this use in the PUD, but staff believed it would be “cleaner” to simply remove the lot from the PUD and rezone that particular piece of property for the business. Councilmember Gaines expressed concern with the safety of pedestrians in the area. City Manager Peterson responded that most all businesses are located on the busier arterial streets.

Councilmember Fritzen questioned if there would be an entrance to the Dollar General from Cottage Avenue. Building Commissioner Greg Troemel responded that the only entrance to the business would be from Village Court, no direct access from Cottage Avenue.

Councilmember McBride indicated he appreciated the deadline for the landscaping to be completed within the next two years, as he was disappointed the landscaping had not been completed to date.

AYES: McBride, McCarthy, Gaines, Fritzen, Koos.

NAYS: Lorenz.

ABSENT: Preston.

Motion declared carried.

7. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE DOLLAR GENERAL ADDITION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS (EAST OF COTTAGE, SOUTH OF HOVEY): Resolution No 5124:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt the Resolution Conditionally and Partially Approving the Final Plat of the Dollar General Addition by Expedited Process (East of Cottage, South of Hovey).

AYES: McCarthy, Gaines, Fritzen, McBride, Koos.

NAYS: Lorenz.

ABSENT: Preston.

Motion declared carried.

8. ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF NORMAL (EAST OF COTTAGE, SOUTH OF HOVEY): Ordinance No. 5125:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, the Council Approve the Ordinance Rezoning Property in the Town of Normal (East of Cottage, South of Hovey).

AYES: McCarthy, Gaines, Fritzen, McBride, Koos.

NAYS: Lorenz.

ABSENT: Preston.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Lorenz, the Council Approve the Recommended Appointments and Reappointments to the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Board and the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board of Directors.

AYES: Gaines, Fritzen, McBride, Lorenz, McCarthy, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Preston

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Gaines announced that John Thomas has been reappointed for an additional four-year term to the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System Board, his term of office to expire June 30, 2019; Mr. Byron Blotcky and Ms. Chamberly Cummings had been reappointed to three-year terms on the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board of Directors, their terms of office to expire June 30, 2018; Ms. Paula Thornton has been appointed to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board of Directors to fill the vacant seat from Ms. Peggy Hundley, her term of office to expire June 30, 2018; and Mr. Ben Harmon has also be appointed to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board of Directors to fill the vacant seat of Mr. Larry Nolan, his term of office also to expire in June 30, 2018.

10. CONCERNS:

1. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR:

City Manager Mark Peterson introduced the Town's new Parks and Recreation Director Chris Cotten.

2. SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

City Manager Mark Peterson acknowledged the Special Olympics events that were held in Normal, indicating it appeared all the events were an overwhelming success, including the dance party in Uptown Normal on Saturday night. Mr. Peterson acknowledged the time and involvement of those responsible for making this yearly event such a success, particularly Normal Police Officer Nicole Bruno who has served as head of the employee committee involved in the event for several years, including the Torch Run. Mr. Peterson further indicated the "Cops on Top" of Dunkin Donuts event raised around \$7,500 for this event.

Councilmember McCarthy thanked staff for the outstanding job they did in making the Special Olympics a success, particularly the Uptown Normal event on Saturday. Councilmember McBride commented the Special Olympics banner on the top of the Uptown Station was a great welcome to the athletes and their families.

3. MAKE MUSIC NORMAL:

City Manager Mark Peterson reminded the Council and citizens of Normal of the upcoming "Make Music Normal" event that will be held on Saturday, June 20, in various locations around Normal and encouraged everyone to attend this event.

4. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Councilmember Fritzen expressed concern with some of the comments made in recent Letters to the Editor in the *Pantagraph* and encouraged citizens to contact the Council if they have questions or concerns with anything to do with Normal government and proposed or current projects within Normal. Councilmember Fritzen indicated it is better to find out the facts, rather than speculating and relying on “hearsay.” Councilmember McCarthy also commented on the opportunity for citizens to participate in the Uptown 2.0 Open House on Monday, June 22, discussion. Councilmember Lorenz also reminded citizens the Town does have a process to deal with the concerns on the conditions of sidewalks and streets in the Town, and the citizens should contact the Engineering Department with these concerns and questions. City Manager Mark Peterson further indicated this information is available on the Town’s website.

11. 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 Lorenz, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

AYES: Fritzen, McBride, Lorenz, McCarthy, Gaines, Koos.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Preston.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:33 p.m., Monday, June 15, 2015.