

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 16, 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, November 16, 2015.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Jeff Fritzen, Scott Preston, R.C. McBride, Kathleen Lorenz, and Kevin McCarthy. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Brian Day, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: Cheryl Gaines (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

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 NOVEMBER 2, 2015:

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 11, 2015:

C. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$477,350 OF THE TOWN'S ALLOTMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VIRGINIA AVENUE FROM UNIVERSITY STREET TO FRANKLIN AVENUE:

D. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING AN AMENDED SITE PLAN FOR ADVOCATE BROMENN (MECHERLE HALL AND 1913 WING): Resolution No. 5188:

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

Item C was removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

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

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

C. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$477,350 OF THE TOWN'S ALLOTMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VIRGINIA AVENUE FROM UNIVERSITY STREET TO FRANKLIN AVENUE: Resolution No. 5189:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Lorenz, the Council Adopt the Resolution to Appropriate \$477,350 of the Town's Allotment of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Improvement of Virginia Avenue from University Street to Franklin Avenue.

Councilmember McCarthy questioned if there would be designated bicycle accommodations on the improved portion of Virginia Avenue. Town Engineer Gene Brown indicated the project is currently in the design phase and he knew the street was going to be widened to provide for left turn lanes, but other details were not available at this time.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPTOWN NORMAL MASTER PLAN UPDATE ("UPTOWN 2.0"): Resolution No. 5190:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt the Resolution Adopting the Uptown Normal Master Plan Update ("Uptown 2.0").

Councilmember Lorenz posed questions for clarification purposes concerning the proposed railroad crossing at Uptown Station. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated the type of crossing has yet to be determined, the plan merely suggests multiple options available.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY AT 614 N. SCHOOL STREET: Resolution No. 5191:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase Agreement for the Property at 614 N. School Street.

Councilmember Gaines arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Councilmember Preston posed questions for staff concerning the Town's code pertaining to nonconforming properties retaining their status. City Manager Mark Peterson gave a brief description of the circumstances necessary to cause a nonconforming property to relinquish the nonconforming status. Building Commission Greg Troemel responded to Council questions concerning the condition of the house and the considerable monies that would be needed to restore the house to a single-family home.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

8. ORDINANCE DESCRIBING AND DESIGNATING AN AREA AS AN ENTERPRISE ZONE: Ordinance No. 5599:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve the Ordinance Describing and Designating an Area as an Enterprise Zone.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION AND OPERATION: Resolution No. 5192:

MOTION:

Councilmember Preston moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning Enterprise Zone Designation and Operation.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE BY THE TOWN OF NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS OF ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS (LAND OF LINCOLN GOODWILL INDUSTRIES PROJECT), SERIES 2015, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT, AN ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT, AND A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, ALL RELATIVE TO SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTION TO BE

TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS: Resolution No. 5193:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, the Council Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale by the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, of its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Land of Lincoln Goodwill Industries Project) Series 2015, Authorizing Execution of a Loan Agreement, an Assignment and Agreement, and a Bond Purchase Agreement, all Relative to said Bonds, and Authorizing Other Action to be Taken with Respect to the Issuance, Sale, and Delivery of Said Bonds.

Councilmember Gaines posed questions concerning the bond's effect on the Town's debt. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated this would not appear on the Town's financial statements.

Councilmember Lorenz expressed concern with the aesthetic look of the building along Veteran's Parkway. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated when the building was originally built, it fully complied with the Town's codes and the Town cannot go back on new tenants unless major changes have occurred with the location. Councilmember Gaines suggested there would be no harm in letting the business be aware of the concerns with the overall appearance and landscaping of the location. Councilmember Fritzen commented that although the property could use some landscaping, he is happy the property is a productive property, as it was formerly a car dealership and could be an empty location.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

11. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING RAAB ROAD – WEBER FARM PROPERTY:

This item was removed from consideration at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

12. PRESENTATION ON THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COUNCIL'S DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PLAN AND SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM BY JASON CHAMBERS, JJC CHAIR, AND ALICIA LENARD FROM YOUTHBUILD MCLEAN COUNTY:

McLean County State's Attorney Jason Chambers and Alicia Lenard from YouthBuild McLean County addressed the Council pertaining to the Juvenile Justice Council's delinquency prevention plan summer jobs program.

Mr. Chambers outlined the three top community needs for juveniles; those being mental health services, truancy, and early intervention for domestic violence. Ms. Lenard discussed the summer jobs program through YouthBuild McLean County and the results of the program over the past three years.

Councilmembers Gaines, Lorenz, and McCarthy all thanked Ms. Lenard for her work and the impact this program has made in McLean County.

13. CONCERNS:

1. COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Councilmember Lorenz shared a couple of upcoming community events and invited residents to participate in these events; those being a Musical Program at Broadview Mansion on Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 2:30 p.m., and a “send-off” for Mitsubishi Motors employees on November 24, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:51 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2015.