

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, DECEMBER 7, 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, December 7, 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, 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: None.

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 PUBLIC HEARING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2015:
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2015:
- B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF DECEMBER 2, 2015:
- C. MOTION TO APPROVE THE YEAR 2016 TOWN MEETING CALENDAR:
- D. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2015-16 SOCIAL SECURITY AND ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND (IMRF) BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND:
- E. RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTATION FROM VALLEY CITY SIGNS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF UPTOWN SIGNAGE:
- F. RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTATION FROM CHAMPAIGN SIGNAL FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL POWER AND FOUNDATIONS FOR UPTOWN SIGNAGE:

- G. RESOLUTION EXTENDING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH BURLINGTON TRAILWAYS FOR ACCESS TO UPTOWN STATION AS A TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER: Resolution No. 5194:
- H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD FOR A STORM SEWER CROSSING AT BROADWAY AVENUE LOCATED AT RAILROAD MILEPOST 124.2: Resolution No. 5195:
- I. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING WARRANTY DEEDS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ON RAAB ROAD FROM ANNA K. LAUNDRA AND WEBER FARMS: Resolution Nos. 5196 and 5197:

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.

Items E and F were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

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

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- E. RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTATION FROM VALLEY CITY SIGNS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF UPTOWN SIGNAGE: Resolution No. 5198:

MOTION:

Councilmember Lorenz moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt a Resolution to Waive the Formal Bidding Process and Accept a Quotation from Valley City Signs for the Production and Installation of Uptown Signage.

Councilmember Lorenz expressed concern with the cost of the gateway signs and how future changes to the Uptown area would impact the placement of the signs. Councilmember Lorenz suggested wayfinding signs from Veterans Parkway and Main Street would better serve the businesses in Uptown Normal. City Manager Mark Peterson acknowledged it is the intent to erect wayfinding signs throughout the community and there were additional dollars budgeted for the signage which could go towards wayfinding signs, as the wayfinding signs would be fairly inexpensive. City Manager Peterson further indicated the gateway signs could be relocated in the future if necessary.

AYES: Preston, McBride, McCarthy, Gaines, Fritzen, Koos.
NAYS: Lorenz.
Motion declared carried.

- F. RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTATION FROM CHAMPAIGN SIGNAL FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL POWER AND FOUNDATIONS FOR UPTOWN SIGNAGE: Resolution No. 5199:

MOTION:

Councilmember Lorenz moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt a Resolution to Waive the Formal Bidding Process and Accept a Quotation from Champaign Signal for Installation of Electrical Power and Foundations for Uptown Signage.

AYES: McBride, McCarthy, Gaines, Fritzen, Preston, Koos.
NAYS: Lorenz.
Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH NORMAL LODGING LLC FOR A HOTEL PROJECT TO BE LOCATED AT 8 TRADERS CIRCLE IN NORTH NORMAL: Resolution No. 5200:

MOTION:

Councilmember McBride moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Adopt the Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Normal Lodging LLC for a Hotel Project to be Located at 8 Traders Circle in North Normal.

The Council expressed their excitement this project was going forward at this time.

AYES: Lorenz, McCarthy, Gaines, Fritzen, Preston, McBride, Koos.
NAYS: None.
Motion declared carried.

7. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2015 PROPERTY TAX LEVY: Ordinance No. 5600:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the 2015 Property Tax Levy.

AYES: McCarthy, Gaines, Fritzen, Preston, McBride, Lorenz, Koos.
NAYS: None.
Motion declared carried.

8. ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF 2015 PROPERTY TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE: Ordinance Nos. 5601, 5602, 5603, 5604, 5605, 5606, 5607, 5608, and 5609:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve Ordinances Authorizing the Abatement of 2015 Property Taxes for Debt Service.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

CLERK'S NOTE: The following Ordinances were approved authorizing the abatement of 2015 Property Taxes for debt service.

Ordinance No. 5601:

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. 5602:

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. 5603:

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. 5604:

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. 5605:

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. 5606:

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. 5607:

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. 5608:

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.

Ordinance No. 5609:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Bonds Series of 2014 for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, as Authorized by the Town Council on October 6, 2014, by Ordinance No. 5560.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FYE 2016-2021 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, the Council Approve the FYE 2016-2021 Community Investment Plan.

Finance Director Andrew Huhn briefly outlined the Community Investment Plan for FYE 2016-2021, as well as the current year. Mr. Huhn indicated 119 capital projects are scheduled to be completed during this six-year time frame, at a cost of approximately 55.8 million dollars. Mr. Huhn further indicated the report identified numerous additional projects that were not being recommended for funding over the next six-year period.

Councilmembers Fritzen and McCarthy indicated this Plan is a great tool and easy to use. Councilmember McBride thanked staff for the effort put forth to compile this document and indicated the interactivity is excellent for citizens to be able to use.

Councilmember Lorenz commented on the decision made by Council a few years ago to eliminate including the maintenance of alleys in the Plan and suggested the alley program be revisited. Mayor Koos indicated the decision was not to eliminate the maintenance of alleys, but the decision was made to eliminate the alley resurfacing program, as the Council deemed it in the best interest of the overall citizens of Normal to spend the extra money on street resurfacing projects.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

10. MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION AND PLANNING COMMISSION:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, the Council Approve the Recommended Appointments to the Human Relations Commission and the Planning Commission.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Gaines announced that Alberto Espinosa had been appointed to the Human Relations Commission to fill the vacancy on the Commission which resulted

when Commission Member Arlene Hosea was appointed to the Planning Commission. Mr. Espinosa's term of office will expire March 31, 2019. Councilmember Gaines further announced Mr. Bob Broad had been appointed to the Planning Commission, to fill the unexpired term created as a result of the resignation of Mr. Bob Bradley from this Commission. Mr. Broad's term of office will expire March 31, 2016.

11. CONCERNS:

1. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

Councilmember Lorenz shared a Certificate of Appreciation from the Unity Community Center to the Town which she accepted for the Town on November 24, 2015.

2. STATE OF ILLINOIS SPENDING PLAN BILL:

City Manager Mark Peterson indicated Senate Bill 2305 passed in the State Senate and was signed into law by the Governor which will release a number of funds to local governments, including MFT funds.

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 McCarthy, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:40 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2015.