

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 19, 2016.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:13 p.m., Monday, December 19, 2016.

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 REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2016:
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2016:

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF DECEMBER 14, 2016:

C. MOTION EXTENDING PARTICIPATION IN THE DIABETES DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR:

D. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2016-17 SOCIAL SECURITY BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND:

E. RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROJECT CHANGE ORDER FROM GEORGE GILDNER, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,421.20 FOR COLLEGE AVENUE RAILROAD WATER MAIN ENCASEMENT CROSSING PROJECT AND APPROVAL OF A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FROM THE WATER FUND RESERVE ACCOUNT OF \$135,321.20:

F. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 OF THE TOWN'S ALLOTMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR A TREE REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF GREENBRIAR DRIVE FROM APPROXIMATELY

900' NORTH OF SHEPARD ROAD TO HERSHEY ROAD AND OF
HERSHEY ROAD FROM SHEPARD ROAD TO RAAB ROAD:

- G. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW)
FROM COUNTRY ACRES LAND CORPORATION FOR GREENBRIAR
DRIVE EXTENSION AND HERSHEY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:
Resolution No. 5354:
- H. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW)
FROM IDEV, LLC, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HERSHEY ROAD FROM
SHEPARD ROAD TO RAAB ROAD: Resolution No. 5355:

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

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

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Lorenz, 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 and H were approved by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- E. RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROJECT CHANGE ORDER FROM
GEORGE GILDNER, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,421.20 FOR
COLLEGE AVENUE RAILROAD WATER MAIN ENCASEMENT
CROSSING PROJECT AND APPROVAL OF A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
FROM THE WATER FUND RESERVE ACCOUNT OF \$135,321.20:
Resolution No. 5356:

MOTION:

Councilmember Lorenz moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Adopt a Resolution Approving a Project Change Order from George Gildner, Inc., in the Amount of \$142,421.20 for College Avenue Railroad Water Main Encasement Crossing Project and Approval of a Budget Adjustment from the Water Fund Reserve Account of \$135,321.20.

Councilmember Lorenz posed questions concerning the additional costs involved in this project. City Manager Mark Peterson presented a brief overview of the background of the project and explained that during the project, the railroad required additional shoring for the project, which requirements were not brought forth when the railroad approved the plans for the project.

City Manager Mark Peterson responded to concerns from Councilmembers.

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

NAYS: None.
Motion declared carried.

- F. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 OF THE TOWN'S ALLOTMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR A TREE REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF GREENBRIAR DRIVE FROM APPROXIMATELY 900' NORTH OF SHEPARD ROAD TO HERSHEY ROAD AND OF HERSHEY ROAD FROM SHEPARD ROAD TO RAAB ROAD: Resolution No. 5357:

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt the Resolution to Appropriate \$50,000 of the Town's Allotment of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for a Tree Removal Contract for the Improvement of Greenbriar Drive from Approximately 900' North of Shepard Road to Hershey Road and of Hershey Road from Shepard Road to Raab Road.

Councilmember Gaines commented on the need for this project to comply with endangered species laws, as this area is considered to be a suitable habitat site for the endangered or threatened Indiana northern long-eared bats.

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

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. ORDINANCE LEVYING FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES EXCLUSIVE OF ROAD AND BRIDGE TAXES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2016, AND ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2017, AND TO BE COLLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR FOR THE TOWN OF NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS: Ordinance No. 5665:

MOTION:

Councilmember Preston moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, the Council Approve the Ordinance Levying for Corporate Purposes Exclusive of Road and Bridge Taxes for the Current Fiscal Year Commencing on the 1st day of April, 2016, and Ending on the 31st day of March, 2017, and to be Collected in the Following Fiscal Year for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois.

Councilmember Lorenz posed questions for clarification purposes concerning the alternatives to increasing the property tax rate, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson. Mr. Peterson explained the majority of the property tax revenue the Town receives goes specifically to funding fire and police pensions. Mr. Peterson further explained the Council had three alternatives to the tax increase: those being leave the pension funding at the current level to be dealt with at a later time, which is problematic; re-appropriate other dollars from the Town's General Fund and make proportionate cuts to the General Fund to make the fund balance; and find additional revenue from a different or new revenue source to cover these costs.

Councilmember Fritzen discussed cuts and adjustments the Town had implemented in the past, indicating the cuts and adjustments generally mean a reduction of services provided by the Town, which in turn means a reduction of job cuts. Councilmember Fritzen stated

the Council had to look for a balance in the long-term health of the community. Considerable Council discussion ensued pertaining to the need to raise the property tax levy to balance the needs of the community, and the difficult decisions the Council has to consider when planning for these community needs.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

7. ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF 2016 PROPERTY TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICES: Ordinance Nos. 5666, 5667, 5668, 5669, 5670, 5671, 5672, 5673, 5674, and 5675:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve the Ordinances Authorizing the Abatement of 2016 Property Taxes for Debt Services.

Mayor Koos presented an informational background of the abatement of property taxes.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

CLERK'S NOTE: The following Ordinances were approved authorizing the abatement of 2016 Property Taxes for debt service.

Ordinance No. 5666:

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. 5667:

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. 5668:

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. 5669:

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. 5670:

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. 5671:

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. 5672:

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. 5673:

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.

Ordinance No. 5674:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series of 2016A for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, as Authorized by the Town Council on February 15, 2016, by Ordinance No. 5623.

Ordinance No. 5675:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds Series 2016B for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, as Authorized by the Town Council on February 15, 2016, by Ordinance No. 5624.

8. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,500,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017(A) AND (B) TO BE USED TO REFUND THE TOWN'S SERIES 2007 FIXED RATE BOND ISSUE: Ordinance No. 5676:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve an Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of an Amount Not to Exceed \$23,500,000 in General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017(A) and (B) to be Used to Refund the Town's Series 2007 Fixed Rate Bond Issue.

Mayor Koos explained the purpose of this Ordinance is to begin the process of restructuring the Town's current debt to achieve an interest cost savings to the Town.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

9. CONCERNS:

1. HAPPY HOLIDAYS:

Councilmember McCarthy, as well as the rest of the Council, wished all Town staff and residents of Normal a very happy holiday season.

2. CLARIFICATION OF RECENT EVENTS:

City Manager Mark Peterson offered short clarification comments concerning recent actions taken by the Council and the incentives offered to two businesses coming soon to our community.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:05 p.m., Monday, December 19, 2016.