

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 – TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Fritzen called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:06 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Fritzen and Councilmembers R.C. McBride, Chamberly Cummings, Kathleen Lorenz, Kevin McCarthy and Scott Preston. Also present were City Manager Pamela Reece, Assistant City Manager Eric Hanson, Corporation Counsel Brian Day, and Town Clerk Angie Huonker.

ABSENT: Mayor Chris Koos.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Pro Tem Fritzen led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marc Tiritilli, spoke in opposition of the proposed lease agreement for 104 North Street, and also spoke in opposition of the proposed location of a Fire Station in Blackstone Trails and the re-plat of the subdivision.

Debbie Schroder, spoke in opposition of the proposed location of a Fire Station in Blackstone Trails.

Laurie Wiechert, spoke in opposition of the proposed location of a Fire Station in Blackstone Trails.

David Sharar, spoke in opposition of the proposed location of a Fire Station in Blackstone Trails.

Stan Nord, spoke in opposition of the proposed lease agreement for 104 North Street, and also spoke in opposition of the proposed location of a Fire Station in Blackstone Trails.

Troy Tevis, spoke in opposition of the proposed location of a Fire Station in Blackstone Trails.

5. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Fritzen read aloud the items to be considered by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2019:
- B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JANUARY 16, 2019:
- C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BY ITS AGENT, ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE 105<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT, DAN BRADY AND WITH THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY ITS AGENT, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RODNEY DAVIS: Resolution No. 5627:
- D. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH GREYHOUND LINES, INC. FOR ACCESS TO THE UPTOWN STATION AS A TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER: Resolution No. 5628:
- E. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR CARDNO INC. FOR THE REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF THE PARK WEST DETENTION BASIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,400: Resolution No. 5629:
- F. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE CREDIT UNION SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS (ISU CREDIT UNION, 1309 S. CENTER): Resolution No. 5630:
- G. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE BRYAN DRIVE SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS AND WAIVING DEVELOPMENT FEES (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY): Resolution No. 5631:
- H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT TO APPROVE A THREE-YEAR TOWING CONTRACT WITH JOE'S TOWING & RECOVERY: Resolution No. 5632:
- I. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ARBOR PROFESSIONAL SOLUTIONS COLLECTION SERVICES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE COLLECTIONS: Resolution No. 5633:

There were no items removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Koos.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor ProTem Jeff Fritzen excused himself from voting on expenses from BOPI.

Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I were approved by the Omnibus Vote.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

There were no items removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

GENERAL ORDERS:

7. ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONCEPT PLAN FOR BLACKSTONE TRAILS SUBDIVISION: Ordinance No. 5776:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, the Council Adopt an Ordinance Approving a Concept Plan for Blackstone Trails Subdivision.

AYES: McBride, Cummings, McCarthy, Fritzen.

NAYS: Lorenz, Preston.

ABSENT: Koos.

Motion declared carried.

Town Planner, Mercy Davison gave an executive summary of the proposed concept plan and the potential rezoning need.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz asked if the issues on the table, the re-platting and rezoning, are coupled or could they be carried out as individual items. City Manager, Pamela Reece responded yes. Attorney and iDev Representative, Todd Bugg, indicated the developer would prefer the actions be carried out in one piece.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy stated the role of Council is to make decisions that are best for the entire community. Mr. McCarthy further indicated that challenging decisions such as these are likely to leave some unhappy.

Councilmember Scott Preston asked for clarification on the site selection process. City Manager, Pamela Reece responded the Fire Department ran high level analysis on run distance stats on various sites. Ms. Reece further stated the proposed location proved to be the best location available, also taking into consideration zoning, existing trail barrier, and major collector streets. Mr. Preston then asked if the Town has any land acquisition requirements that must be adhered to. Corporation Counsel, Brian Day responded there are not.

Councilmember Chamberly Cummings asked for clarification on the proposed Ordinances before the Council, and what the future approval process of the Fire Station design would be. City Manager, Pamela Reece and Town Planner, Mercy Davison responded.

Councilmember R.C. McBride asked, at the most expedient, how long before a fire station would be occupied at the proposed location. City Manager, Pamela Reece responded it would take approximately 3 years. Mr. McBride then stated because of the importance of the east side response times this project cannot wait forever.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz stated her concern with the process, specifically regarding the adjacent properties. Ms. Lorenz then motioned to postpone to a time certain, the next Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council.

MOTION TO POSTPONE TO A DATE CERTAIN:

Councilmember Lorenz moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Postpone the Adoption of an Ordinance Approving a Concept Plan for Blackstone Trails Subdivision to a Date Certain.

AYES: Lorenz, Preston.  
NAYS: Cummings, McCarthy, McBride, Fritzen  
ABSENT: Koos.  
Motion declared failed.

Councilmember Scott Preston expressed concerns about moving forward without a discussion with the adjacent land owner, indicating he would like to know what the costs would be to purchase one of the other corner properties available.

City Manager, Pamela Reece stated that if Council votes to postpone, she would require much more direction as to what parameters Council wanted to see. Ms. Reece also indicated that land acquisition and price discussions would require an Executive Session.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy asked if the potential cost was known for any of the other three vacant plots. City Manager, Pamela Reece responded there has been a high level, cursory review of the cost of each plot that would take into consideration elevations, and utility needs that may be required.

DISCUSSION ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS RESUMED:

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Fritzen spoke about the plan review process that was used to methodically evaluate the property being considered. Mr. Fritzen stated that elected officials have to do what is best for the community first, while also trying to represent the needs of the citizens by bringing their concerns to Town staff.

8. ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF NORMAL (SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BLACKSTONE TRAILS SUBDIVISION): Ordinance No. 5777:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, the Council Adopt an Ordinance Rezoning Property in the Town of Normal (Southwest Corner of Blackstone Trails Subdivision).

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

9. CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

Councilmember R. C. McBride thanked the Public Works Crew for their efforts in clearing the streets after the recent snow falls.

Councilmember Chamberly Cummings thanked the Town for their effort to acknowledge the National Day of Racial Healing with a Proclamation, and noted the Normal Public Library has a reading list of books relevant to the cause that she encouraged others to check out.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Fritzen called for a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council.

MOTION:

Councilmember McBride moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Accept a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Koos.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Fritzen adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:52 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2019.