

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, MARCH 4, 2019.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Fritzen called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:01 p.m., Monday, March 4, 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:

Ron Ulmer, Normal Resident, spoke about the need for affordable housing in the community.

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 FEBRUARY 18, 2019:

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 2019:

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. CRAIG ONSRUD FOR THE OPERATION OF THE IRONWOOD GOLF COURSE PRO SHOP AND PRIVATE GOLF LESSONS: Resolution No. 5640:

D. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY REAPPROVING THE FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PHASE 2 OF THE J&M PUD (COTTAGE AVENUE AND VILLAGE COURT): Resolution No. 5641:

- E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AMENDMENTS #1 AND #2 TO THE TOWN'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN: Resolution No. 5642:
- F. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH J. SPENCER CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF GUTTERS AND FASCIA AT THE NORMAL THEATER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,015: Resolution No. 5643:
- G. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF A ZONING MAP: Ordinance No. 5780:
- H. MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NORMAL AND THE ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER REGARDING THE SOLAR BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL PROGRAM:

Mayor Pro Tem Fritzen excused himself from voting on any BOPI bills.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Koos.

Motion declared carried.

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

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

There were no items removed from the Omnibus vote.

GENERAL ORDERS:

7. ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF NORMAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20: Ordinance No. 5781:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt an Ordinance Adopting the Operating and Capital Investment Budget for the Town of Normal for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Koos.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz asked about future spending on Connect Transit. City Manager, Pamela Reece responded.

Councilmember R.C. McBride noted that part of Connect Transit's increased cost to operate was due to the addition of Sunday services.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy spoke about the significant investment in public infrastructure projects in the proposed budget. Mr. McCarthy also noted that Connect Transit has used some of the Town funding towards operations and capital projects, as well as upgrading some of its fleet.

8. ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 7 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE – WATER RATES: Ordinance No. 5782:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt an Ordinance Amending Division 7 of the Municipal Code – Water Rates.

AYES: McCarthy, McBride, Cummings, Fritzen.

NAYS: Lorenz, Preston.

ABSENT: Koos.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz indicated that she would advocate for a pause in the annual increase of water rates.

Councilmember Scott Preston noted his agreement with Ms. Lorenz and further stated he doesn't think the first-year rate increase is needed, but it also appears there won't be enough funding to cover the out years.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy talked about when Town funding fell behind for capital water projects, and further stated he feels by putting off a minor increase now could result in a significant increase later. Mayor Pro Tem Fritzen responded that a solid reserve is important.

9. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL BY VASU GADHIRAJU OF THE MCLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON PROJECT UPDATES:

Vasu Gadhiraaju, Executive Director, McLean County Regional Planning Commission gave a brief presentation on Affordable Housing needs in the Community.

Councilmember Chamberly Cummings stated that she appreciated the definition of what affordable housing is.

Councilmember R.C. McBride stated there is a misuse of the term "Section 8" without understanding of what it is, indicating the need for education on the topic.

Councilmember Scott Preston stated he appreciated the broad definition of the housing options and needs of the community and putting some of the community demographic information behind it.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Fritzen noted the value in committee involvement going back to past leaders when discussing affordable housing. Mr. Fritzen further stated pushing the envelope harder to ensure there is equitable housing for many different demographics.

10. CONCERNS/COMMENTS:

There were no Concerns.

11. 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 McCarthy, 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 Fritzen adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:51 p.m., Monday, March 4, 2019.