

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, AUGUST 5, 2019.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 5, 2019.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers, Kevin McCarthy, Stan Nord, Kathleen Lorenz, and Scott Preston. Also present were City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Brian Day, and Town Clerk Angie Huonker.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Chamberly Cummings and Karyn Smith.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment

5. 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 COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 15, 2019:

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JULY 31, 2019:

C. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND EXECUTING A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC. FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD MANAGEMENT SERVICES:

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY PERTAINING TO FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES:

E. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH JUST IN TIME POOL & SPA SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,460 FOR THE FAIRVIEW FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER ZERO-DEPTH ENTRY POOL RESURFACING PROJECT:

- F. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO STARK EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE 2019 SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$575,000:
- G. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG BOTH SIDES OF SHELBOURNE DRIVE FROM SCHOOL STREET TO CHARLOTTE DRIVE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BIKE LANES:
- H. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 11.4-1 G:

Mayor Koos excused himself from voting on any expenses he incurred while performing his duties as Mayor.

MOTION:

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

AYES: McCarthy, Nord, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Cummings, Smith.

Motion declared carried.

Item A was approved by the Omnibus Vote.

Items B, C, D, E, F, G, and H were removed from the Omnibus Vote.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JULY 31, 2019:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approval of Town of Normal Expenditures for Payment as of July 31, 2019.

AYES: McCarthy, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Nord.

ABSENT: Cummings, Smith.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord stated that if expenditures being presented have been approved by prior council action, he would like to either have the item removed from future agendas or change the text of the item.

Mayor Koos stated the action is based on a recommendation of the Auditors to show the Council has seen the bills and show openness of Town expenditures.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy stated the action is important for public transparency to show what money is being spent on and gives Council an opportunity to review expenditures under the previously approved budget.

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND EXECUTING A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC. FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD MANAGEMENT SERVICES: Resolution No. 5698:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve a Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Process and Executing a Three-year Agreement with All City Management Services Inc. for School Crossing Guard Management Services.

AYES: McCarthy, Nord, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Cummings, Smith.

Motion declared carried.

Through a written statement from Councilmember Karyn Smith, Councilmember Stan Nord stated he would like to see individuals with special needs be considered for crossing guard positions.

City Manager, Pamela Reece responded the request would be passed on to the vendor responsible for hiring.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY PERTAINING TO FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES: Resolution No. 5699:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois State University Pertaining to Fire Protection Services.

AYES: McCarthy, Nord, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Cummings, Smith.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord asked questions about ISU building their own fire department, what it costs the Town to provide the service to ISU.

City Manager, Pamela Reece stated she is not aware of any plan for ISU to build their own fire department. Ms. Reece then stated the cost of service to ISU has not been analyzed, but it is possible.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz stated it is important to recognize what ISU offers the community and wouldn't support anything that would jeopardize emergency services to students.

RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH JUST IN TIME POOL & SPA SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,460 FOR THE FAIRVIEW FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER ZERO-DEPTH ENTRY POOL RESURFACING PROJECT: Resolution No. 5700:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve a Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Process and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Just In Time Pool & Spa Service in the Amount of \$132,460 for the Fairview Family Aquatic Center Zero-Depth Entry Pool Resurfacing Project.

AYES: McCarthy, Nord, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Cummings, Smith.
Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord stated he found it odd there were no bidders for this project.

City Manager, Pamela Reece explained the project went out to bid twice. Ms. Reece then stated the belief is that contractors who focus on this type of service are generally located in the Chicago area and may not have down state relationships or the desire to take down-state jobs.

Councilmember Scott Preston stated he would like to commend Parks and Recreation staff for managing to extend the life of this pool surface, making it last almost double its projected life span.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy stated, based on his years of experience in the pool industry, there are many more pools than contractors available to work on them. Mr. McCarthy stated we could find ourselves waiting multiple years to find an available contractor to complete this type of work.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO STARK EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE 2019 SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE AND STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$575,000: Resolution No. 5701:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve a Resolution to Accept Bids and Award a Contract to Stark Excavating, Inc. for the 2019 Sump Pump Discharge and Storm Sewer Improvements Project in the Amount of \$575,000.

AYES: McCarthy, Nord, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Cummings, Smith.
Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord questioned what process will be used to identify properties served by this project, what work will be done to the properties, and over what period of time will dollars be expended for this project.

City Manager, Pamela Reece indicated the project would be carried out over two fiscal years, concluding in July 2020.

Town Engineer, Ryan Otto stated the Engineering office collects information from citizens over time that is used to prioritize which properties are selected. Mr. Otto stated severity, safety concerns, funding, and physical constraints are a few of the multiple factors that go into such consideration. Mr. Otto then stated the Town's practice of work is to locate hookup sump lines at the sidewalk area and not to go into a resident's yard.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz stated she has heard several concerns and asked how someone would find out if they are on the priority list. Town Engineer, Ryan Otto indicated residents can contact the Engineering Department.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ALONG BOTH SIDES OF SHELBOURNE DRIVE FROM SCHOOL STREET TO CHARLOTTE DRIVE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BIKE LANES: Ordinance No. 5789:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt an Ordinance Establishing Parking Restrictions along Both Sides of Shelbourne Drive from School Street to Charlotte Drive for the Implementation of Bike Lanes.

AYES: McCarthy, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.
NAYS: Nord.
ABSENT: Cummings, Smith.
Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord asked if the Town was at increased liability risk if the bike lane is implemented. City Manager, Pamela Reece responded, indicating bike lanes require more maintenance than a regular street.

Corporation Counsel, Brian Day expanded on the explanation of increased liability.

Councilmember Stan Nord questioned the need for a bike lane, indicating the bike plan is 10 years old. Mr. Nord further stated he feels the streets are not currently being maintained, and feels adding a bike lane would add to the maintenance burden.

Mayor Koos noted that bike lanes are designed to accommodate moving traffic thru a community, creating a network for movement. Mayor Koos further stated the Town does maintain the streets.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy stated there is a significant amount of road work going

on in the Town, noting it can't all be done at once. Mr. McCarthy also stated the proposed corridor is heavily used, and he is glad to see it finally getting done.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 11.4-1 G: Ordinance No. 5790:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt an Ordinance Repealing the Adoption of the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code, Municipal Code Section 11.4-1 G.

AYES: McCarthy, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.

NAYS: Nord.

ABSENT: Cummings, Smith.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord asked whether the Town is currently able to inspect under this Code and asked for clarification on what's being voted on. Inspections Director, Greg Troemel responded on the current process for administering the 2015 Energy Code. Mr. Troemel then provided a brief explanation on the reason for a repeal.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy noted that Inspections Staff will soon see a reduction in staffing due to budget reduction decisions made during the last budget process. Mr. McCarthy then asked if Bloomington has similar plans. Inspections Director, Greg Troemel responded, indicating he doesn't believe they have plans to change their course of operation.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz asked if the Builders Association was aware of the proposed changes. Inspections Director, Greg Troemel responded they are aware, but have currently taken no position on the issue. Mrs. Lorenz then noted this is one section of code out of many. Mrs. Lorenz stated that pulling back on some regulation may not be a bad thing as long as structural soundness and life safety are not a concern.

GENERAL ORDERS:

There were no General Orders

NEW BUSINESS:

7. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LIQUOR CODE CONCERNING PICKUP AND DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL, SERVICE LOCATIONS AND MOVIE THEATER LICENSING: Ordinance No. 5791:

MOTION:

Councilmember Preston moved, seconded by Councilmember Lorenz, the Council Adopt an Ordinance Amending the Liquor Code Concerning Pickup and Delivery of Alcohol, Service Locations and Movie Theater Licensing.

AYES: McCarthy, Nord, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Cummings, Smith.
Motion declared carried.

8. CONCERNS:

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy stated that he attended the Medici Beer Fest event towards the end of the evening and for the first time witnessed the clean up and tear down that takes place by Town Staff. Mr. McCarthy stated he was amazed at how quickly the work happens.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz spoke about the potential demolition of an old schoolhouse on Raab Road. Mrs. Lorenz stated that she would like to see one last effort to resolve the need for demolition and find a solution to save the building.

Councilmember Stan Nord spoke about his concern of overspending by local government, indicating that he will continue to proactively seek input from community members. Mr. Nord then stated he feels the Connect Transit work group is overloaded and he feels they should focus on current issues before thinking about future issues. Mr. Nord also noted he feels the selection of the Connect Transit board appointee should be delegated to someone else. Mr. Nord then stated he feels there should be a discussion on budget reduction.

Councilmember Scott Preston stated that he would like to see the Connect Transit board position filled, indicating that an open seat doesn't do full service to the citizens. Mr. Preston also stated that he would like an update on the status of the underpass.

Councilmember Stan Nord encouraged citizens to see "Scramble the Sea Wolves" at the Normal Theater.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy stated the Town does not overspend or mis-spend taxpayer dollars. Mr. McCarthy then stated people's jobs were cut due to recent budget decisions, indicating the process is taken very seriously, and that Council will continue to spend transparently.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz asked that Councilmember Nord provide a summary of his points made so they can be discussed during the upcoming budget and planning process.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

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

AYES: McCarthy, Nord, Lorenz, Preston, Koos.
NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Cummings, Smith.
Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:19 p.m.,
Monday, August 5, 2019.