

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, APRIL 6, 2020.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2020.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: The Meeting was conducted virtually. There were no persons physically present in Council Chambers.

REMOTE: Mayor Chris Koos, Councilmembers Kevin McCarthy, Chemberly Cummings, Stan Nord, Karyn Smith, Kathleen Lorenz, 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: None.

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.

Mayor Koos provided a summary statement on the Town's reasoning for moving forward with the scheduled meeting.

City Manager, Pamela Reece reviewed the agenda items, summarizing project budgets, project specifications, and project timelines.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2020:

B. RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE BRYAN, ADELAIDE, WILMETTE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO STARK EXCAVATING, INC. AT A TOTAL COST OF \$865,400 PLUS UP TO A POTENTIAL \$15,000 BONUS FOR EARLY COMPLETION: Resolution No. 5761

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE DESIGN/BUILD AGREEMENT

WITH LUCI CREATIVE, LLC FOR THE NEW “HEALTHY ME” EXHIBIT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$419,475:

- D. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO ROWE CONSTRUCTION CO., A DIVISION OF UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$942,755.07 FOR THE 2020 GENERAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT:
- E. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO STARK EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE GLENN AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (MFT PROJECT ID 18-00265-00-BR) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$872,788.47: Resolution No. 5762:
- F. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO J.G. STEWART CONTRACTORS, INC FOR THE 2020 MISCELLANEOUS SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – 50/50 SIDEWALK AND ADA RAMPS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$454,480.90: Resolution No. 5763:

Items C and D were removed from the Omnibus Vote.

MOTION:

Councilmember Lorenz moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Approval of the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Items A, B, E, and F were approved by the Omnibus Vote.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHILDREN’S DISCOVERY MUSEUM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE DESIGN/BUILD AGREEMENT WITH LUCI CREATIVE, LLC FOR THE NEW “HEALTHY ME” EXHIBIT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$419,475: Resolution No. 5764

MOTION TO POSTPONE TO A DATE CERTAIN:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Council Accept a Motion to Postpone to a Date Certain the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Children’s Discovery Museum Executive Director to Amend the Design/Build Agreement with Luci Creative, LLC for the New “Healthy Me” Exhibit in an Amount Not to Exceed \$419,475.

AYES: Nord.

NAYS: Cummings, Smith, Lorenz, Preston, McCarthy, Koos.

Motion declared failed.

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Accept a Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Children's Discovery Museum Executive Director to Amend the Design/Build Agreement with Luci Creative, LLC for the New "Healthy Me" Exhibit in an Amount Not to Exceed \$419,475.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord stated his concerns with the exhibit's financing and work start. Cultural Arts Director, Beth Whisman responded, indicating funds have already been secured for the expanded project scope and the work schedule should still meet August completion date.

Councilmember Nord stated that he wants to hear from the Foundation Board before he is willing to move forward, and requested the vote be postponed.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO ROWE CONSTRUCTION CO., A DIVISION OF UNITED CONTRACTORS MIDWEST, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$942,755.07 FOR THE 2020 GENERAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT: Resolution No. 5765:

MOTION:

Councilmember Smith moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve a Resolution to Accept Bids and Award a Contract to Rowe Construction Co., a Division of United Contractors Midwest, Inc., in the Amount of \$942,755.07 for the 2020 General Street Resurfacing Project.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Karen Smith asked for clarification on the bid deadline and whether the bid process has been modified during the Shelter in Place Order.

Mayor Koos stated that single bidder issues have been a source of frustration for the Council for many years with only one major contractor in the area.

Town Engineer, Ryan Otto responded that one bid for this type of project is typical. Mr. Otto explained other processes used to attract more bidders. Mr. Otto also reviewed the modifications made to the bid opening process.

Councilmember Karyn Smith asked for clarification on the vetting process on project costs. Town Engineer, Ryan Otto responded.

GENERAL ORDERS:

There were no General Orders.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. COVID-19 ECONOMIC REPORT BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CEO PATRICK HOBAN:

Bloomington Normal Economic Development Council CEO, Patrick Hoban gave a brief presentation of programs available for local businesses.

Mr. Hoban reviewed the challenges and impact of the Shelter in Place Order. Mr. Hoban then reviewed partnerships and resolutions that may assist with the financial impact of the Order. Mr. Hoban discussed several lending programs, Federal and State policy changes, and County Relief Funding.

Mr. Hoban encouraged businesses to go to the BN Prepared website for detailed information about the available programs and assistance.

8. CONCERNS:

Councilmember Karyn Smith asked for clarification on tax rebate payments for disabled adults. City Manager, Pamela Reece responded.

Councilmember Chamberly Cummings thanked Town staff out working on behalf of the community. Ms. Cummings also noted the importance of supporting local businesses and taking the Shelter in Place Order seriously.

Councilmember Scott Preston stated he was especially appreciative of the Normal Police Departments drive thru neighborhoods to promote positivity and bringing people together.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy thanked Town staff for going above and beyond during these challenging times, noting curbside service is ongoing except for landscape waste. Mr. McCarthy also noted the Normal Theater virtual movie ticket program.

Councilmember Stan Nord asked for clarification on the Emergency Orders in place and how they would be handled moving forward. Corporation Counsel, Brian Day responded.

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: Lorenz, Preston, McCarthy, Cummings, Nord, Smith, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:52 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2020.