

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, JUNE 7, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to Order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 7, 2021.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons

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

REMOTE: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers 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: Councilmember Kevin McCarthy.

Mayor Koos made the following statements:

Due to recent changes in the Open Meetings Act, I felt compelled to make the following statement that the Governor has issued a disaster declaration related to the public health concerns caused by the statewide COVID-19 pandemic.

As Mayor, I have determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus stemming from an indoor gathering, and that the remote meeting is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the council, staff, and general public.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Given the circumstances necessitated by the COVID-19 crisis, and in accordance with a mandate of social distancing, public comment was made available virtually through the use of Zoom Meeting.

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 MAY 17, 2021 AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 17, 2021:

- B. REPORT TO RECEIVE AND FILE TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JUNE 2, 2021:
- C. REOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BID AND APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH CORE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,000 FOR THE LUCKEY CLIMBER IDNR PUBLIC MUSEUMS GRANT PROJECT: Resolution No. 5878:
- D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, THE COUNTY OF MCLEAN AND THE MCLEAN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS:
- E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND MCLEAN COUNTY FOR COST SHARING FOR THE COMMUNITY DROP BOX RECYCLING PROGRAM:
- F. RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE PROPOSAL FOR BOILER REPLACEMENT AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT TO MAHONEY MECHANICAL AT A TOTAL COST OF \$34,500: Resolution No. 5879:
- G. RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT FOUR WELLHOUSES AND THE WEST BOOSTER STATION TO WESTERN WATERPROOFING AT A TOTAL COST OF \$129,066.43: Resolution No. 5880

MOTION:

Councilmember Cummings moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approval of the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: McCarthy.

Motion declared carried.

Items A, C, F, and G were approved by the Omnibus Vote.

Items B, D, and E were removed from the Omnibus Vote.

6. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

REPORT TO RECEIVE AND FILE TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JUNE 2, 2021:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Council

Approve the Report to Receive and File Town of Normal Expenditures for Payment as of June 2, 2021.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: McCarthy

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord made statements regarding property tax expenses and renewal expenses for ICMA.

Councilmember Nord then made statements regarding ICMA Code of Ethics and any expectations of those being followed. City Manager, Pamela Reece responded indicating that if the insinuation is concern of an ethics violation, then Council should move to Executive Session to discuss.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, THE COUNTY OF MCLEAN AND THE MCLEAN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS: Resolution No. 5881:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Council Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bloomington, the County of McLean, and the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Administration and Implementation of Watershed Management Programs.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: McCarthy

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord asked for clarification on Watershed Maintenance.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND MCLEAN COUNTY FOR COST SHARING FOR THE COMMUNITY DROP BOX RECYCLING PROGRAM: Resolution No. 5882:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Bloomington and McLean County for Cost Sharing for the Community Drop Box Recycling Program.

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

Councilmember Stan Nord made statements regarding recycling requirements for apartments, previous discussion of discontinuing drop box recycling, and recent conversations about the cost sharing of the program with a McLean County Board Member, noting this is why he feels people do not trust government.

City Manager Pamela Reece offered clarification on the drop box recycling program, noting all decisions and conversations have been public.

Councilmember Karyn Smith noted the conversation with the County was not about having a drop box recycling program, it was about cost sharing of the program.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz gave clarification on her conversation with a McLean County Board Member, indicating he had not been aware of the mutual approval requirement in the intergovernmental agreement. Mrs. Lorenz noted this should dispel any concerns of threats being made. Mrs. Lorenz then stated we should move forward with the recycling program but continue to monitor the usage, also noting there is an out clause written into the agreement.

Councilmember Scott Preston noted that he did not vote to approve the program earlier in the year because there was no intergovernmental agreement in place, however, does support moving forward with the program now that there is one. Mr. Preston then asked for clarification on how cost sharing determinations will be made moving forward. City Manager Pamela Reece responded.

7. GENERAL ORDERS:

There were no General Orders

8. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Given the circumstances necessitated by the COVID-19 crisis, and in accordance with a mandate of social distancing, public comment was made available virtually through the use of Zoom Meeting.

There was no Public Comment.

10. CONCERNS:

Councilmember Stan Nord made accusations regarding citizen communication, noting he feels like the Town is not doing a good job. Mr. Nord referenced occasions such as the

Citizens Summit and One Normal Plaza PUD. Mr. Nord then referenced ICMA tenets, indicating he feels communication is being discouraged.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz stated that Wayne Aldrich gave a phenomenal presentation on the Underpass Project, noting it was good delivery of a long and complicated process. Mrs. Lorenz then spoke about recent concerns with Uptown business signage requirements. Lastly, Mrs. Lorenz provided information about the Cornbelters new ownership and events going on, encouraging residents to attend.

Councilmember Karyn Smith asked for an update on the policies for masking in Town Buildings and what will be expected.

Councilmember Scott Preston took the opportunity to acknowledge this would be the last meeting held via Zoom, thanking the Innovation and Technology department for keeping everything running efficiently and effectively.

City Manger Pamela Reece responded to comments regarding the communication with citizens, noting there is contact information on the Town website for Councilmembers that citizens can use anytime. Ms. Reece noted there are quite a few opportunities for residents to communicate with Council and Staff.

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

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

NAYS: Nord.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:46 p.m., Monday, June 7, 2021.