

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 21, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to Order at 7:01 p.m., Monday, June 21, 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 Kevin McCarthy, 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 Chamberly Cummings.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Ulmer, Normal Resident spoke regarding budget concerns with the underpass project, working with the railroads, and the location of the south tracks. Mr. Ulmer's comments were a continuation of a Special Meeting held via Zoom on June 7, 2021 where he had technical difficulty in joining the meeting.

Doug Fansler, Normal Resident spoke regarding public comment policy and concerns over the Special Meeting held on June 14, 2021.

Karl Sila, Normal Resident spoke over concerns with the Special Meeting held on June 14, 2021, ethics policy and actions, and public communication.

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 JUNE 7, 2021 AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2021:

B. REPORT TO RECEIVE AND FILE TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JUNE 16, 2021:

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL PLANNING SERVICES WITH THE MCLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

- D. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO J.G. STEWART CONTRACTORS, INC FOR THE LANDMARK DRIVE SIDEWALK – WEST SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$320,295:
- E. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A FIVE-YEAR PROPOSAL FROM M.E. SIMPLSON CO. FOR LARGE METER TESTING SERVICES: Resolution No. 5883:
- F. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY, AND TILLY ENGINEERS FOR A HYDRAULIC MODEL OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000 AND APPROVE AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:
- G. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BASE SALARY OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER (PAMELA S. REECE):
- H. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5838, CONCERNING AN EASEMENT VACATION FOR THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 2 IN THE FIRST ADDITION TO EAGLE’S LANDING COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION (1290 HEALING STONE): Ordinance No. 5868:
- I. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADOPT RULES FOR OUTDOOR SEATING AND SERVICE:

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Cummings.

Motion declared carried.

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

Items B, C, D, F, G, and I 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 16, 2021:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Accept a Report to Receive and File Town of Normal Expenditures for Payment as of June 16, 2021.

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

Councilmember Nord asked for clarification on a Heartland parking expense.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL PLANNING SERVICES WITH THE MCLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Resolution No. 5884:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Council Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Technical Planning Services with the McLean County Regional Planning Commission.

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

Councilmember Stan Nord indicated he felt there may be a conflict of interest with a member of the Connect Transit Board, who also is working with the McLean County Regional Planning on their Go Safe campaign. Corporation Counsel Brian Day responded.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT TO J.G. STEWART CONTRACTORS, INC FOR THE LANDMARK DRIVE SIDEWALK – WEST SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$320,295: Resolution No. 5885:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Smith, the Council Approval of a Resolution to Accept Bids and Award a contract to J.G. Stewart contractors, Inc for the Landmark Drive Sidewalk – West Sidewalk Construction Project in the Amount of \$320,295.

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

Councilmember Stan Nord posed questions regarding future maintenance of the sidewalks and the Town's communication with adjacent businesses. City Manager Pamela Reece and Town Engineer Ryan Otto responded.

Councilmember Karyn Smith reviewed discussion by the Connect Transit working group regarding ADA concern for this area.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy noted there has been substantial criticism regarding bus stop and sidewalk improvements and indicated it is good to see these improvements happening.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY, AND TILLY ENGINEERS FOR A HYDRAULIC MODEL OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$115,000 AND APPROVE AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Resolution No. 5886

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approval of a Resolution to Accept a Proposal with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly Engineers for a Hydraulic Model of the Water Distribution System at a Total Cost not to Exceed \$115,000 and Approve an Associated Budget Adjustment.

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

Councilmember Stan Nord discussed the replacement and maintenance of the water system and the bidding process that took place for this project. He indicated he feels Council was not given complete information. City Manager Pamela Reece and Water Director John Burkhart responded, reviewing the proposal process and qualifications for the project.

Councilmember Karyn Smith asked for clarification on the project, specifically asking if the effort is to provide a working model of the test system similar to replicating the sewer televising process.

Corporation Counsel Brian Day reviewed state statute for selecting professional services, specifically citing the Public Works Profession Services Selection Act.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz clarified this project is to determine the age of the water, not the age of the water system. Mrs. Lorenz also asked why this was needed. Water Director John Burkhart responded.

City Manager Pamela Reece noted this agenda item is budget related, not procurement related.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BASE SALARY OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER (PAMELA S. REECE): Resolution No. 5887:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Approval of a Resolution Amending the Base Salary of the Municipal Manager (Pamela S. Reece).

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

Councilmember Nord discussed the release of the Executive Session Minutes from the Special Meeting held June 14, 2021 concerning matters of Personnel. City Manager Pamela Reece and Corporation Counsel Brian Day responded.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADOPT RULES FOR OUTDOOR SEATING AND SERVICE: Ordinance No. 5869:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Adopt Rules for Outdoor Seating and Service.

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

Councilmember Stan Nord questioned the parklet program, use of public space and any negative impact it may have on businesses. City Manager Pamela Reece and Town Planner Mercy Davison responded.

Corporation Counsel Brian Day noted this action is a formality changing the line of authority in conjunction with the Governor's Orders which were set to expire in November.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy noted he has been in contact with several businesses who have asked him to support and continue the program.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz asked about consideration of continued ten minute parking in Uptown, noting that if it is not needed parking could go back to regular time limits.

Councilmember Scott Preston indicated he has heard a lot of positive comments on the outdoor dining program. Mr. Preston then asked if the program would have any effect on the parklet program. City Manager Pamela Reece and Town Planner Mercy Davison responded.

Councilmember Karyn Smith noted there is a population of individuals that are still not comfortable with dining indoors.

GENERAL ORDERS:

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDED PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAN FOR BLACKSTONE TRAILS SUBDIVISION: Resolution No. 5888:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approval of a Resolution Approving the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Preliminary Subdivision Plan for Blackstone Trails Subdivision.

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennifer Pirtz, owner of Uptown Dance Ballet School spoke regarding concerns over the Indy Smoke Shop, discretion of landlords choosing tenants in Uptown and potential zoning changes.

David Paul Blumenshine, Normal Resident spoke regarding concerns about the Special Meeting held June 14, 2021 and his support of Councilmember Stan Nord.

10. CONCERNS:

City Manager Pamela Reece clarified conversation regarding the item of Technical Planning Services with McLean County Regional Planning.

City Manager Pamela Reece also announced the upcoming retirement of Public Works Director Wayne Aldrich in August.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy stated that there will be fireworks at Fairview Park this year and the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Park to Park Run will also be held.

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 to Executive Session.

MOTION:

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

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

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to Executive Session at 8:11 p.m., Monday, June 21, 2021.