

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, 100 EAST PHOENIX AVENUE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:09 p.m., Monday, June 16, 2008.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Adam Nielsen, Jeff Fritzen, Chuck Scott, Jason Chambers, and Cheryl Gaines. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Assistant City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: None.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Koos excused himself from voting on any bills he may have incurred while performing his Mayoral duties.

Councilmember Reece excused herself from voting on any bills submitted by BroMenn Healthcare and from any bills she may have incurred while performing her Council duties.

Councilmember Fritzen excused himself from voting on any bills submitted by Bloomington Offset Process, Inc.

Items E and H were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Chambers, the Council Approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF JUNE 2, 2008: Omnibus Vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2008: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF THE TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JUNE 11, 2008: Omnibus Vote.

- C. MOTION TO APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE OF \$10,500 TO TWINSTAR PRODUCTIONS, INC., FOR THE CITY VISION CABLE TELEVISION SHOW: Omnibus Vote.
 - D. MOTION TO APPROVE A \$10,500 FUNDING REQUEST SUBMITTED BY THE YWCA OF MCLEAN COUNTY FOR WHEELS TO WORK PROGRAM: Omnibus Vote.
 - F. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY – 603 SOUTH LINDEN: Resolution No. 4213: Omnibus Vote.
 - G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONDITIONAL RIGHT OF ENTRY LICENSE – MASONIC LODGE #673: Resolution No. 4214: Omnibus Vote.
 - I. CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE FIRST ADDITION TO THE OAKS ON HOVEY P.U.D. IN THE TOWN OF NORMAL: Resolution No. 4215: Omnibus Vote.
 - J. CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION PARTIALLY APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR THE FIRST ADDITION TO CONSTITUTION TRIL CENTRE, A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF NORMAL, ILLINOIS: Resolution No. 4216: Omnibus Vote.
 - K. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25.15-8 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE LATE FEE PENALTY FROM 5% TO 10%: Ordinance No. 5198: Omnibus Vote.
 - L. ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE SECTIONS 11.4-6(E), 11.4-7(E), 22.8-5(C) AND (D), 25.16-2, AND 25.16-4 REGARDING FEES; ESTABLISH AUGUST 1ST AS THE HOUSING FEES ANNUAL COLLECTION DATE: Ordinance No. 5199: Omnibus Vote.
 - M. ORDINANCE INCREASING THE NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECK CHARGE FROM \$20 TO \$25: Ordinance No. 5200: Omnibus Vote.
 - N. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PREVAILING WAGE RATES: Ordinance No. 5201: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY MANAGER: Resolution No. 4217:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Amended Employment Agreement with the City Manager.

Councilmember Nielsen commended City Manager Mark Peterson on the outstanding job he does as the City Manager.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.
Motion declared carried.

H. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING AN AMENDED FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE OAKS ON HOVEY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT: Resolution No. 4218:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Adopt a Resolution Conditionally and Partially Approving an Amended Final Development Plan for the Oaks on Hovey Planned Unit Development.

Councilmember Nielsen posed questions concerning the meeting with the area residents, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson. Councilmember Nielsen suggested semi-annual meetings be held with the neighborhood group, beginning with in the fall of 2008. Further Council discussion ensued.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Resolution be Amended to Require Semi-Annual Meetings be Required with the Neighborhood Group, the Property Owner of the Oaks, and Town Staff, the First of Such Meetings to be Held in the Fall of 2008.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.
NAYS: None.
Motion declared carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION, AS AMENDED:

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.
NAYS: None.
Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$181,202 WITH CORE CONSTRUCTION FOR WAYFINDING SIGNAGE AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS FOR THE COLLEGE AVENUE PARKING DECK: Resolution No. 4219:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Chambers, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Change Orders in the Amount of \$181,202 with CORE Construction for Wayfinding Signage and Surveillance Cameras for the College Avenue Parking Deck.

Uptown Development Director Wayne Aldrich presented a brief overview of the items included in this Resolution and responded to questions from Council.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.
NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO THE FARNSWORTH GROUP, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,500.00 FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO VALUE ENGINEERING AND RE-ISSUANCE OF PLANS FOR THE COLLEGE AVENUE PARKING DECK: Resolution No. 4220:

MOTION:

Councilmember Chambers moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Payment for Additional Services to the Farnsworth Group, Inc., in the Amount of \$46,500.00 for Design Services Related to Value Engineering and Re-Issuance of Plans for the College Avenue Parking Deck.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

8. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE UPTOWN NORMAL STREET AND STREETSCAPE PROJECT: Resolution No. 4221:

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Conditionally Authorizing a Contract for the Uptown Normal Street and Streetscape Project and the Staff be Authorized to Work With Contractor to Value Engineer Certain Alternate Bid Items.

City Manager Mark Peterson commented on the bid process and the bids received on the Uptown Normal Street and Streetscape Project.

Uptown Development Director Wayne Aldrich presented a brief overview of the bids received for the Uptown Normal Street and Streetscape Project. Mr. Aldrich commented on the perceived reasons for the increased costs included in these bids, as well as outlining the options available to Council. Mr. Aldrich indicated the recommendation to Council was to adopt the Resolution Conditionally Authorizing a Contract for the Uptown Normal Street and Streetscape Project, which would include Option Four – Accept all bids as proposed with the ability to work with the contractor to value engineer certain items per state and federal procurement guidelines. This would allow staff to work with the low bidder to see if lower pricing could be value engineered on the bids submitted for the alternates to the bid.

Councilmember Nielsen expressed concern with the cost of the water feature contained in the traffic circle and suggested landscaping could be used as a less expensive alternative in this area. Councilmember Reece also expressed concern with the water feature and the sequencing needed to properly install the feature. Councilmember Reece posed questions concerning the incentive program built into the contract. City Manager Mark Peterson responded to the questions posed by Councilmember Reece. City Manager Mark Peterson further commented Council could adopt the Resolution with Option Four as presented, but the water feature could be pulled at a later date after the value engineering had been applied, if in fact, the Council was not satisfied with the cost of the water feature at that time.

Councilmember Chambers expressed concern with re-bidding the project, questioning staff if they anticipated any changes to the bids that would be received in a re-bid situation. City Manager Mark Peterson responded there were no guarantees in a re-bid situation. Considerable discussion ensued concerning Option Three and Option Four as presented in the staff report.

Councilmember Fritzen expressed concern with the cost of the water feature, as well as concerns with a water feature in general in this climate. Councilmember Scott posed questions for clarification purposes on the various options included in the staff report, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson. Councilmember Scott indicated he would support Option Four, as he would hate to eliminate alternatives prior to any value engineering. Councilmember Gaines concurred with the statements made by Councilmember Scott. Considerable Council discussion ensued.

AYES: Reece, Scott, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: Nielsen, Fritzen, Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

9. MAYOR'S MOMENT:

There was none.

10. CONCERNS:

1. STATUS OF STREET RESURFACING:

Councilmember Nielsen posed questions concerning the status of the street resurfacing projects. Public Works Director Mike Hall indicated approximately twenty percent (20%) of the work has been completed, which is on schedule as anticipated.

2. BARRICADES & CURB ISSUES:

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions concerning a few broken curbs in the Town that have been barricaded. Public Works Director Mike Hall responded temporary repairs were made, and more permanent repairs were scheduled.

3. CHAMPION FIELDS:

Councilmember Gaines commended Town staff for the excellent event at Champion Fields on Saturday, June 14, 2008, hosting the Women's Olympic Softball Team in an exhibition game.

4. SPECIAL OLYMPICS:

Councilmember Scott commented on the Special Olympic Games hosted by Illinois State University, indicating this was an outstanding event for the Town and the University, and thanked the Water Department and the Public Works Department for their assistance in accommodating this group.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Koos called for a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:38 p.m., Monday, June 16, 2008.