

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 100 EAST PHOENIX AVENUE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2009.

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, and Jason Chambers. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Assistant City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: Cheryl L. Gaines (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

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 any bills she may have incurred while performing Council duties.

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

Item I was removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2009: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 11, 2009: Omnibus Vote.

C. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTE FROM DECATUR INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC FOR MOTOR SOFT

STARTS FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT WELL PUMPS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,822: Omnibus Vote.

- D. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO OTTO BAUM COMPANY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,740,798.19 FOR THE VIRGINIA AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Omnibus Vote.
- E. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CLEARWELL PIPING, BAFFLES, AND PUMPS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING NOTICES OF INTENT TO AWARD: Resolution No. 4439: Omnibus Vote.
- F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH JOE'S TOWING & RECOVERY FOR TOWING SERVICES: Resolution No. 4440: Omnibus Vote.
- G. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL GAS FRANCHISE CONSORTIUM: Resolution No. 4441: Omnibus Vote.
- H. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE UPTOWN CROSSING SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS: Resolution No. 4442: Omnibus Vote.

Councilmember Gaines arrived at 7:05 p.m.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- I. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING AN AMENDED SITE PLAN FOR THE NEWMAN CENTER – 501 SOUTH MAIN STREET – MONUMENT SIGN: Resolution No. 4443:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Conditionally Approving an Amended Site Plan for the Newman Center – 501 South Main Street – Monument Sign.

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions for clarification purposes, which were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson. Councilmember Fritzen suggested a compromise be made to the recommendations suggested by staff to allow the changing-message portion of the sign to be white with dark letters, as well as being internally illuminated.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Resolution Conditionally Approving an Amended Site Plan for the Newman Center Monument Sign be Amended to Allow the Bottom Portion of the Sign, Being the Changeable Portion of the Sign, to be an Internally Illuminated Light Colored Sign with Dark Lettering.

Considerable Council discussion ensued concerning signs and lighting of signs.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

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. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF THE 2009 PROPERTY TAX LEVY ORDINANCE:

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Authorize the Preparation of the 2009 Property Tax Levy Ordinance.

Councilmember Reece offered comments on the timing of the budget reductions and tax levy increase, indicating the increase in the tax levy needed to be completed in December, and the budget reductions would be acted upon with the approval of the 2010-2011 Budget.

Councilmember Chambers stated he would be more comfortable with a possible increase in the tax levy in the future after other revenue generating measures and budget reduction measures have been implemented and evaluated. Councilmember Chambers suggested the increase to the tax levy be held off for the next year, and the Council require a lower general fund account balance for the next year.

Considerable Council discussion ensued on the proposed increase to the tax levy, as well as the Town's position to keep the Town's portion of the tax levy as low as possible.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Gaines, Koos.
NAYS: Chambers.
Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

7. CONCERNS:

1. PRESCHOOL PROGRAM:

Mayor Koos requested Assistant City Manager Pamela Reece give a brief overview of the Town's preschool program at the Activity Center and the Council's decision to eliminate the program after the current school year.

2. TECHNICAL RESCUE:

Councilmember Reece complimented the Town's Technical Rescue Unit for a rescue in rural McLean County and acknowledged the cooperation between the fire departments of Normal and Bloomington for technical rescue and hazardous materials responses.

8. 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 Chambers, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:45 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2009.