

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, NOVEMBER 15, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:05 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2010.

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 Cheryl Gaines. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: Councilmember Jason Chambers.

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 expenses he may have incurred while performing his Mayoral duties.

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

Item F was removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2010: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 10, 2010: Omnibus Vote.

C. MOTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM AMERENIP TO RELOCATE OVERHEAD CABLES INTO AN UNDERGROUND CONDUIT AT THE INTERSECTION OF MULBERRY STREET AND CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,962.91 AND APPROVAL OF AN

ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,000:  
Omnibus Vote.

- D. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO STARK EXCAVATING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,849,626.78 FOR THE VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Omnibus Vote.
- E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH GDS PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS DISPLAYS FOR THE FABRICATION OF BANNERS FOR THE UPTOWN PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,778.40: Resolution No. 4568: Omnibus Vote.
- G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MCLEAN COUNTY FOR CENTRALIZED BOOKING SERVICES: Resolution No. 4569: Omnibus Vote.
- H. RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO A COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER AN INSTALLMENT AGREEMENT FOR WARRANTY DEED – WILD COUNTRY: Resolution No. 4570: Omnibus Vote.
- I. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR THE PARKING IMPACT ZONE AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY: Ordinance No. 5352: Omnibus Vote.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM (PARC) THROUGH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES: Resolution No. 4571:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Application to the Illinois Park and Recreation Facility Construction Grant Program (PARC) through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Parks and Recreation Director Garry Little responded to questions from Councilmember Fritzen concerning the time-frame and expectations involved with the grant program. City Manager Mark Peterson also responded to the expectations of the “Town match” funds that would be required by the Town if the grant was received.

Councilmember Reece commented this grant was being applied for as a way to look to the future in developing Parks and Recreation programs. Councilmember Reece explained the Town did not simply attempt to obtain every grant available, but specifically looked for grants that would enhance the Town’s future “quality of life.” Councilmember Fritzen explained the Town’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan addressed a regional sports complex plan, indicating the Town had done preliminary planning which could enhance the Town’s ability to obtain a grant. Councilmember Nielsen commented on the popularity of our Parks and Recreation Programs and indicated the need to invest in future programs when the opportunity arises.

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

## GENERAL ORDERS

6. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2010-11 SOCIAL SECURITY AND ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT (IMRF) GENERAL FUND BUDGETS:

### MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Authorize an Amendment to the FY 2010-11 Social Security and Illinois Municipal Retirement (IMRF) General Fund Budgets.

Finance Director Ron Hill commented on the proposed Budget Amendment.

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

7. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE 2010 PROPERTY TAX LEVY: Ordinance No. 5353:

### MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Ordinance Authorizing the 2010 Property Tax Levy be Approved.

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

8. ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF 2010 PROPERTY TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICES: Ordinance Nos. 5354, 5355, 5356, 5357, 5358, 5359, 5360:

### MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Approve Ordinances Authorizing the Abatement of 2010 Property Taxes for Debt Services.

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

CLERK'S NOTE: The following Ordinances were Approved:

Ordinance No. 5354:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series of 2004, for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of Ten Million Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on August 16, 2004, by Ordinance No. 4964.

Ordinance No. 5355:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series of 2005, for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of Ten Million Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on May 16, 2005, by Ordinance No. 5008.

Ordinance No. 5356:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series of 2006, for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of Ten Million Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on March 20, 2006, by Ordinance No. 5062.

Ordinance No. 5357:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series of 2007, for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of Twenty-Four Million, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on February 19, 2007, by Ordinance No. 5118.

Ordinance No. 5358:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series of 2008, for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of Ten Million Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on August, 4, 2008, by Ordinance No. 5207.

Ordinance No. 5359:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of Taxes for General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series of 2009, for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, as Authorized by the Town Council on July 6, 2009, by Ordinance No. 5276.

Ordinance No. 5360:

An Ordinance Abating the Levy of taxes for Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009A (Build America) for the Town of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, in the Principal Amount of Five Million, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars as Authorized by the Town Council on July 6, 2009, by Ordinance No. 5275.

- 9/10. ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF: (A) TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010A (RECOVERY ZONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS [DIRECT PAYMENT]); (B) GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010B; AND (C) OTHER BONDS, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR A LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS: Ordinance No. 5361:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve an Ordinance of the Town Of Normal, McLean County, Illinois, Providing for the Issuance of: (A) Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010A (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds [Direct Payment]); (B) General Obligation Refunding

Bonds, Series 2010B; and (C) Other Bonds, Providing the Details of Such Bonds and for a Levy Of Taxes to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Such Bonds, and Related Matters.

Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt announced Items 9 and 10 on the Proposed Agenda should be condensed into one item and consolidated into one vote. Councilmembers Scott and Gaines amended the Motion and Second, respectively, to condense both items into one.

Finance Director Ron Hill announced the Fitch Ratings bond rating company had issued the Town a AAA bond rating – the highest rating available.

Mr. Todd Krzyskowski, Managing Director of Mesirow Financial, presented the Council with a brief overview of the current Finance Plan and Market Review for the Town of Normal. Mr. Krzyskowski commended the Council on the discipline they adhere to in making financial decisions for the Town. Mr. Krzyskowski responded to questions from Council.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

11. MOTION TO APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL ASAHIKAWA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Approve the Recommended Appointment to the Bloomington-Normal Asahikawa Sister Cities Committee.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Reece announced Ms. Melissa Lawless, 1404 Courtland Avenue, Normal, was appointed to the Bloomington-Normal Sister Cities Committee to fill an existing vacancy, her term of office will end of March 31, 2012.

12. CONCERNS:

1. LIGHTING ALONG BEAUFORT STREET:

Councilmember Scott commented on the concern with the lighting along Beaufort Street, indicating there had been a problem and the lights were not working. Mr. Scott announced the problem had been fixed, and the lights were now working.

13. 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 Scott, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:42 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2010.