

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, FEBRUARY 7, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 7, 2011.

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 bills he incurred while performing his Mayoral duties.

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

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.

No items were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, 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 JANUARY 18, 2011: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2011: Omnibus Vote.

C. MOTION TO INITIATE A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN THE TOWN OF NORMAL (1112-1118 W. COLLEGE): Omnibus Vote.

- D. RESOLUTION REQUESTING TEMPORARY CLOSURES OF STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS: Resolution No. 4593: Omnibus Vote.
 - E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR DESIGN, EVALUATION AND MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REDBOX WORKSHOP, LTD., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,500: Resolution No. 4594: Omnibus Vote.
 - F. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CUSTER BROTHERS SUBDIVISION FOR MAINTENANCE AND APPROVAL OF A WAIVER OF THE ONE-YEAR MAINTENANCE PERIOD AND BONDING REQUIREMENT: Resolution No. 4595: Omnibus Vote.
 - G. ORDINANCE ABATING THE LEVY OF 2010 PROPERTY TAXES FOR SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER ONE: Ordinance No. 5368: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

There were none.

GENERAL ORDERS

- 6. ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDED SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH (1017 SCHOOL STREET) FOR IMPROVEMENTS DEPICTED ON SUBMITTED PLANS (ADDITION OF DAYCARE AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS): Ordinance No. 5369:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Approve an Ordinance Approving an Amended Special Use Permit for Calvary Baptist Church (1017 School Street) for Improvements Depicted on Submitted Plans (Addition of Daycare and Related Improvements).

Mr. Bob Lenz, 202 North Center Street, Suite B, Bloomington, addressed the Council representing a group of neighbors opposing the proposed amended special use permit. Mr. Lenz outlined a letter he had distributed to the Council at the table, expressing concern with the fact that the daycare center is not inside the church but in a building ninety feet away from the church building. Mr. Lenz further expressed concern with the density, stating it was out of proportion with the intent of the R-1A zoning classification. Mr. Lenz further indicated the neighbors expressed concern with the anticipated increased traffic in the area and suggested the best fit for this daycare center would be on property the church owned on School Street, commonly referred to as Calvary Acres.

Judge William Caisley, 401 W. Summit Street, Normal, Illinois, addressed the Council, objecting to the proposed amendment to the special use permit. Judge Caisley indicated he believed it would be hazardous to the neighborhood to have more vehicular traffic, in particular to the students walking to Fairview Elementary School, as well as to Fairview Aquatics Center. Judge Caisley believed the site to be completely developed and also suggested the daycare center be built on the property known as Calvary Acres.

Jerry Kamphius, Administrative Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, addressed the Council, indicating the need for a good faith-based daycare in the community. Pastor Kamphius indicated the church had invited the neighbors to an informational meeting to look at plans and express any concerns with the development, and only one person came to the meeting, and one came in soon after to look at the plans. Pastor Kamphius indicated the church wanted to be a good neighbor and walked the Council through the proposed traffic flow to the church and school area.

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions concerning the difference between the current daycare center at the church and what was being proposed. Pastor Kamphius responded the current daycare center is merely a “drop-in” facility a few mornings a week and is currently serving 39 to 40 children.

Councilmember Scott posed questions concerning the entrances and exits for the facility, which questions were responded to by Pastor Kamphius. Councilmember Nielsen posed questions concerning the anticipated increased vehicular traffic for the daycare, which questions were responded to by Pastor Kamphius. Pastor Kamphius addressed the future use of the property currently known as Calvary Acres, indicating the church intended to build a high school campus on this property. Pastor Kamphius addressed questions from Councilmember Scott concerning traffic on Sunday mornings for church services.

Councilmember Reece posed questions for clarification on the traffic patterns, using the plan submitted by the church to “walk” through the entrances and exits for the campus. Pastor Kamphius assisted Councilmember Reece in this clarification. City Manager Mark Peterson stated Town Engineer Gene Brown had studied the area and did not indicate any traffic concerns with the addition of the daycare center on the property.

Councilmember Gaines posed questions concerning a possible time-frame for the high school expansion on the Calvary Acres property. Pastor Kamphius indicated this would be built as school needs increased, possibly 5 to 6 years in the future.

Councilmember Fritzen questioned if the daycare center would be limited to 200 children. Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt indicated the daycare center would be restricted by Department of Children and Family Services rules and regulations. Councilmember Fritzen suggested the proposed traffic plan be made a part of the approving Ordinance. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated the traffic plan can be added to the approving Ordinance and pointed out the Ordinance did contain language concerning revisiting the traffic concerns in 2012, after the daycare center has been open and operating for a time.

Councilmembers Gaines, Nielsen, and Fritzen expressed concern with the proposed digital sign and suggested it be eliminated from the amended special use permit.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Ordinance Approving an Amended Special Use Permit for Calvary Baptist Church be Amended to Add Language Requiring a Traffic Flow Plan for the Property and to Eliminate the Proposed Digital Sign from the Original Plan Submitted.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION, AS AMENDED:

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

NAYS: Reece.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

7. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COMMUNITY-WIDE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND 2035 REPORT: Resolution No. 4596:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Adopt a Resolution Adopting the Community-Wide Sustainability Plan and 2035 Report.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

8. CONCERNS:

1. SNOW EVENT:

Councilmember Fritzen thanked Town employees for a job well-done last week during the extreme snow event and suggested residents inform the Town if there are areas that the snowplows missed.

2. SNOW ON SIDEWALKS:

Councilmember Nielsen indicated several residents had not cleared off the sidewalks in front on their properties, making it very hazardous for children walking to school. City Manager Mark Peterson suggested neighbors get together and clean off sidewalks. Mayor Koos acknowledged the Glenn neighbors had done an excellent job in cleaning paths for the children to get to the school.

9. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Koos called for a Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2010, Executive Session and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Collective Bargaining and Property Acquisition.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2010, Executive Session and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Collective Bargaining and Property Acquisition.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.
Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2010, Executive Session and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Collective Bargaining and Property Acquisition at 8:15 p.m., Monday, February 7, 2011.