

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, DECEMBER 5, 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, December 5, 2011.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Jeff Fritzen, Chuck Scott, Jason Chambers, 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: Adam Nielsen.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Koos announced former Councilmember Garrett Scott requested to address the Council. Mr. Scott read a portion of an article by Mr. George Packer from the Journal of Foreign Affairs that mentioned Normal, Illinois.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

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

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

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

Item E was removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Nielsen.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2011: Omnibus Vote.

- B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2011: Omnibus Vote.
 - C. MOTION TO APPROVE THE YEAR 2012 TOWN MEETING CALENDAR: Omnibus Vote.
 - D. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM STARK EXCAVATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,320 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CISTERN FOR THE GATEWAY PLAZA PROJECT: Resolution No. 4685: Omnibus Vote.
 - F. RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF M & I'S RIGHTS UNDER THAT CERTAIN CONDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT OF PAYMENTS DATED AS OF JANUARY 12, 2010: Resolution No. 4686: Omnibus Vote.
 - G. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR PROPERTY – KELLEY GLEN OUTLOTS: Resolution No. 4687: Omnibus Vote.
 - H. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 1, ANIMAL HAVEN CLINIC SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS: Resolution No. 4688: Omnibus Vote.
 - I. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25.16-4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE – WAIVER OF PERMIT FEES FOR EV CHARGING STATION INSTALLATION: Ordinance No. 5416: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
- E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH RESOURCE ONE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FURNITURE, FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT FOR UPTOWN STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$456,292.43: Resolution No. 4689:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Chambers, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Resource One for the Purchase and Installation of Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment for Uptown Station in the Amount of \$456,292.43.

Councilmember Scott posed questions for clarification purposes, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson and Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece. Councilmember Reece posed questions concerning the plans for the use of the furniture currently used at City Hall. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated some of the other departments may use a portion of the furniture and anything not used will either be declared surplus and sold or donated to another organization.

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

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS

6. ORDINANCE ANNEXING PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF NORMAL – MORNINGSTAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 3714 FT. JESSE ROAD: Ordinance No. 5417:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve an Ordinance Annexing Property to the Town of Normal – Morningstar United Methodist Church – 3714 Ft. Jesse Road.

Town Planner Mercy Davison clarified questions posed by Councilmember Scott concerning the water main in the area.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Nielsen.

Motion declared carried.

7. MOTION INITIATING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – MORNINGSTAR CHURCH – 3417 FT. JESSE ROAD:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Initiate a Zoning Map Amendment – Morningstar Church – 3417 Ft. Jesse Road.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Nielsen.

Motion declared carried.

8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NORMAL AND NORMAL LODGING LLC PERTAINING TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER HOLIDAY INN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8 TRADERS CIRCLE IN NORTH NORMAL: Resolution No. 4690:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement Between the Town of Normal and Normal Lodging, LLC, Pertaining to the Redevelopment of the Former Holiday Inn Property Located at 8 Traders Circle in North Normal.

Mr. Dave Swift, Managing Member of Normal Lodging LLC, addressed the Council and gave a brief overview of the plans for the property. Mr. Swift responded to questions from Mayor Koos and Councilmember Chambers concerning the plans for remodeling and remediation of the building. Councilmember Scott and Councilmember Chambers posed questions concerning the anticipated number of employees to be hired by the hotel, which questions were also responded to by Mr. Swift.

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

NEW BUSINESS

9. MOTION TO ADOPT A LOCAL PREFERENCE PURCHASING POLICY:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve the Motion to Adopt a Local Preference Purchasing Policy.

City Manager Mark Peterson gave a brief overview of the Local Preference Purchasing Policy. Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt responded to general questions from Council.

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

10. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2012-2017 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Approve the FY 2012-2017 Community Investment Plan.

Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece presented an overview of the Community Investment Plan and responded to general questions from Council.

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

11. CONCERNS:

1. MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Councilmember Reece related her experience in attending a neighborhood meeting in Chicago dealing with Planned Unit Development issues.

2. EPA NATIONAL AWARD FOR SMART GROWTH ACHIEVEMENT – CIVIC PLACES:

Mayor Koos announced he, as well as Wayne Aldrich and Mercy Davison, traveled to Washington, DC, to receive the EPA National Award for Smart Growth Achievement – Civic Places for the Uptown Normal Roundabout.

3. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

City Manager Mark Peterson indicated the Town received 10 proposals in response to the Request for Proposals for the Uptown One Site.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Nielsen.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:10 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2011.