

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, FOURTH FLOOR UPTOWN STATION, 11 UPTOWN CIRCLE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:09 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2015.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Jeff Fritzen, Kevin McCarthy, Scott Preston, Chuck Scott, and Cheryl Gaines. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Brian Day, 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 read aloud the items to be considered by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2015:

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015:

C. MOTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR WATER MAIN AND SERVICE LINE MATERIALS TO WATER PRODUCTS CO., BLOOMINGTON, IL:

D. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF REFUSE CONTAINERS FROM SCHAEFER SYSTEMS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,327: Resolution No. 5085:

E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AMENDMENT TO THE ISU ART GALLERIES AT UPTOWN STATION LEASE TO CLARIFY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES AND CHANGE THE MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT CYCLE TO A QUARTERLY REIMBURSEMENT CYCLE: Resolution No. 5086:

F. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF A ZONING MAP: Ordinance No. 5582:

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 Advocate BroMenn Medical Center and from any bills she may have incurred while performing her Council duties.

Councilmember Scott excused himself from voting on Item E.

No items were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

AYES: Reece, Fritzen, McCarthy, Preston, Scott, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Items A, B, C, D, E, and F were approved by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

There were none.

GENERAL ORDERS

6. ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF NORMAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16: Ordinance No. 5583:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approve the Ordinance Adopting the Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for the Town of Normal for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Councilmember Scott commented on the “no frills” budget presented by staff and recognized staff for their time and effort in the preparation of this document.

Councilmember Gaines commented the Budget is available on-line and encouraged everyone to look at the document, then contact the Council with any questions they have and not listen to uninformed citizens spouting false statements.

Councilmember Fritzen commented on the overall Budget process, indicating the preparation and review has been going on for several months. Councilmember Fritzen also related the Town addresses issues as they occur and do not put them off and the Town has the will to work together on difficult issues and make tough decisions as needed.

Councilmember Reece commented it is not easy to approve rate increases or add a new tax, but it is the Council's job to do what is needed to maintain the quality of life the Town provides.

Councilmembers McCarthy and Preston also thanked staff for the work involved in compiling the budget.

AYES: Fritzen, McCarthy, Preston, Scott, Gaines, Reece, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

7. ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND IMPLEMENT A \$.04 PER GALLON LOCAL MOTOR FUEL TAX (LMFT) WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF NORMAL, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 1, 2015: Ordinance No. 5584:

MOTION:

Councilmember Preston moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Approve an Ordinance to Approve and Implement a \$.04 Per Gallon Local Motor Fuel Tax (LMFT) Within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Normal, With an Effective Date of July 1, 2015.

Councilmember Fritzen offered comments on the implementation of this tax, indicating the Town seems to be one of the later municipalities to implement such a tax.

Councilmember Fritzen also indicated this tax is a revenue source that comes from both citizens of Normal and visitors to our community. General Council discussion ensued.

AYES: McCarthy, Preston, Scott, Gaines, Reece, Fritzen, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

8. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADJUSTED MONTHLY USER FEE FOR REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES: Ordinance No. 5585:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Approve an Ordinance Establishing an Adjusted Monthly User Fee for Refuse Collection Services.

Councilmember Gaines explained that the fees paid for refuse services do not pay the total cost of this service and, therefore, the cost of the service has to be subsidized by the Town. Councilmember Gaines further explained the Town would not save any money by reducing some services to every other week.

Mayor Koos indicated this fee is added to the Town's water billing system, which is bi-monthly billing. Mayor Koos further indicated he had staff explore the cost of monthly billing for the water bills, and the cost to increase the bi-monthly billing to monthly billing is significant. Mayor Koos further related that citizens could contact the Town

and actually make a billing payment monthly, although the actual bills are sent bi-monthly. This service could allow residents to better budget this expense.

Councilmember Preston posed questions for clarification purposes considering the fee subsidy, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson. Considerable Council discussion ensued on the costs involved with refuse collection and the burdensome alternative referred to as the “pay as you throw” menu approach to refuse collection.

Councilmember Fritzen indicated good refuse collection is part of a healthy community.

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

NAYS: Preston.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no items to be considered under New Business.

9. CONCERNS:

1. BUDGET:

City Manager Mark Peterson thanked staff for all the work involved in putting together the budget document and thanked Council for their kind words to staff.

10. 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 McCarthy, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

AYES: Scott, Gaines, Reece, Fritzen, McCarthy, Preston, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:12 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2015.