

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, APRIL 7, 2008.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:08 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2008.

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: Councilmember Cheryl Gaines.

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 she may have incurred while performing Council duties, from any bills submitted by BroMenn Healthcare, and from Item N.

Item E was removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, 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 MARCH 17, 2008: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF APRIL 2, 2008: Omnibus Vote.

C. MOTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$46,540.93 TO STARK EXCAVATING, INC., FOR THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF A SANITARY SEWER MAIN: Omnibus Vote.

- D. MOTION INITIATING A ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT REVISING SECTION 15.12-6 – SCHEDULE OF FEES: Omnibus Vote.
- F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PHASE I ALLEY B UTILITY PROJECT AND UPTOWN ONE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,069.20 AND THE APPROVAL OF AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Resolution No. 4176: Omnibus Vote.
- G. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT AND RELATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR OCCUPATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ODC) LITTER COLLECTION SERVICES IN THE UPTOWN DEVELOPMENT: Resolution No. 4177: Omnibus Vote.
- H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RELEASE OF RIGHTS UNDER ONE NORMAL PLAZA POWER PLANT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT: Resolution No. 4178: Omnibus Vote.
- I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MCLEAN COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL WARDEN SERVICES: Resolution No. 4179: Omnibus Vote.
- J. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MCLEAN COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER SERVICES: Resolution No. 4180: Omnibus Vote.
- K. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ORIGINAL, FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, AND SEVENTH ADDITIONS TO SAVANNAH GREEN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT SUBDIVISION FOR MAINTENANCE: Resolution No. 4181: Omnibus Vote.
- L. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM CAROLYN PARK FOR ZIEBARTH PIPELINE ROAD IMPROVEMENT: Resolution No. 4182: Omnibus Vote.
- M. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM RUTH E. GOODING FOR ZIEBARTH PIPELINE ROAD IMPROVEMENT: Resolution No. 4183: Omnibus Vote.
- N. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE TITAN SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS: Resolution No. 4184: Omnibus Vote.
- O. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN LIQUOR CODE – IRONWOOD GOLF COURSE: Ordinance No. 5182: Omnibus Vote.
- P. ORDINANCE SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TAX INCREMENT MAIN/I-55 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AND THE TAX INCREMENT MAIN/I-55 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECTS: Ordinance No. 5183: Omnibus Vote.

Q. ORDINANCE SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TAX INCREMENT MAIN/OSAGE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AND THE TAX INCREMENT MAIN/OSAGE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECTS: Ordinance No. 5184: Omnibus Vote.

R. ORDINANCE DECLARING PROPERTY SURPLUS – 601 SOUTH LINDEN: Ordinance No. 5185: Omnibus Vote.

5. ITEM REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

E. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MICA INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PLAN YEAR 2008-09 BEGINNING ON MAY 1, 2008:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Authorize the Renewal of the Town's Participation in the MICA Insurance Program for Plan Year 2008-09, Beginning on May 1, 2008.

Councilmember Reece commented on the MICA Insurance Program and the Town's participation.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS (IAFF) LOCAL 2442: Resolution No. 4185:

MOTION ON THE TABLE:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 2442:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

7. ORDINANCE ADOPTING INTERIM DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE MAIN STREET CORRIDOR: Ordinance No. 5186:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Approve the Ordinance Adopting Interim Design Guidelines for the Main Street Corridor.

City Manager Mark Peterson gave a brief overview of the guidelines for signs in the Interim Design Guidelines for the Main Street Corridor. Councilmember Reece posed questions concerning the length of display time concerning gas price signs, which questions were responded to by Town Planner Mercy Davison.

Councilmember Chambers posed questions concerning the enforcement of this ordinance, which questions were responded to by Building Commissioner Greg Troemel. Councilmember Scott expressed concern with possible changes to the interim design when the final guidelines are adopted, which concerns were addressed by City Manager Mark Peterson.

Councilmember Nielsen questioned if billboards on Main could be converted to electronic billboards, to which Building Commissioner Greg Troemel responded the sign size allowed for the animated signs would prohibit billboard-size type. Considerable Council discussion ensued. Mayor Koos expressed concern with electronic signs and the long-term effect of messaging on signs.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Chambers.

NAYS: Scott, Koos.

ABSENT: Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmembers Reece and Scott left the table at 7:36 p.m.

8. AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HOME RULE GAS USE TAX (NATURAL GAS): Ordinance No. 5187:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Chambers, the Council Approve an Amendment to the Ordinance Establishing the Home Rule Gas Use Tax (Natural Gas).

City Manager Mark Peterson gave a brief overview of the proposed Ordinance and the background involved and responded to questions from Council. Councilmember Chambers expressed concern with the timing of the effective date of this Ordinance, indicating this may put a burden on the budgets of the users involved. Considerable Council discussion ensued concerning possible options available to alleviate the burden on the users, including a phase-in of the tax or delaying the effective date of the tax.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Councilmember Chambers moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Effective Date of the Ordinance be September 1, 2008, rather than May 1, 2008.

AYES: Nielsen, Fritzen, Chambers, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Reece, Scott, Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION, AS AMENDED:

AYES: Nielsen, Fritzen, Chambers, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Reece, Scott, Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmembers Reece and Scott returned to the table at 7:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

9. MAYOR'S MOMENT:

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE:

Mayor Koos acknowledged Neil Finlen for his twelve years of service on the Bloomington-Normal Transit Board.

2. PARKING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mayor Koos reminded the Council and the citizens of Normal that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., at the Normal Theater, to review the Uptown Normal Parking Management Committee Report.

10: CONCERNS:

1. ROAD REPAIR:

Councilmember Chambers requested an update of the proposed road repair. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated a full report would be presented at the next regular Council meeting concerning the condition of various streets within the Town. Public Works Director Mike Hall further indicated there was currently underway a process to identify the location of roads needing repair and further indicated some of the repair would be completed by the Street Division of the Public Works Department; however, some repair would need to be contracted out.

2. YARD WASTE:

Councilmember Reece questioned the proper procedure to dispose of yard waste. Public Works Director Mike Hall explained the proper procedure to dispose of various types of yard waste.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Gaines.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:58 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2008.