

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, MAY 19, 2008.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:01 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2008.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Deputy Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Adam Nielsen, Jeff Fritzen, Chuck Scott, Jason Chambers, and Cheryl Gaines. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Assistant City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt, and Deputy Clerk Ann Frels.

ABSENT: Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

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

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

Councilmember Scott excused himself from voting on item N.

Items F and H were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 5, 2008: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF MAY 14, 2008: Omnibus Vote.

C. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A 2008 DODGE CARAVAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION

DIVISION TO WRIGHT AUTOMOTIVE OF HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,784.00: Omnibus Vote.

- D. MOTION TO WAIVE THE BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTE FROM ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTORS CO., INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DRYVIT ON THE NORTH CONCRETE WALL AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLAT AT A COST OF \$38,360.00: Omnibus Vote.
- E. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTATION SUBMITTED BY MCLEAN COUNTY ASPHALT FOR PAVING OF CART PATHS AT IRONWOOD GOLF COURSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,834.00: Omnibus Vote.
- G. RESOLUTION NAMING THE NEW OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER AT 611 SOUTH LINDEN THE "CONNIE J. LINK AMPHITHEATER:" Resolution No. 4197: Omnibus Vote.
- I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION FOR CITY HALL PARKING LOT MODIFICATIONS AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR INTERCITY BUS ACTIVITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00: Resolution No. 4198: Omnibus Vote.
- J. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION (ALBC) OF MCLEAN COUNTY: Resolution No. 4199: Omnibus Vote.
- K. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PATH, INC., FOR COMPLETION OF THE TOWN'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM: Resolution No. 4200: Omnibus Vote.
- L. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENGAGE MESIROW FINANCIAL TO SERVE AS THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND TO PROVIDE REMARKETING SERVICES FOR THE 2003 VARIABLE RATE BOND ISSUE: Resolution No. 4201: Omnibus Vote.
- M. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A POLICE DEPARTMENT SUBSTANTION ON ORLANDO AVENUE: Resolution No. 4202: Omnibus Vote.
- N. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 305 SOUTH LINDEN STREET: Resolution No. 4203: Omnibus Vote.

- O. CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF A PORTION OF THE TRAILS ON SUNSET LAKE SUBDIVISION:
Resolution No. 4204: Omnibus Vote.
- P. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING AN AMENDED PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CONSTITUTION TRAIL CENTRE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT – DISCOUNT TIRE CO., INC.:
Resolution No. 4205: Omnibus Vote.
- Q. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT WITH JAMES AND KATHLEEN ELDER – 601 SOUTH LINDEN STREET: Resolution No. 4206: Omnibus Vote.
- R. ORDINANCE DEDICATING RIGHT-OF-WAY – LINDEN AND VERNON INTERSECTION: Ordinance No. 5196: Omnibus Vote.
- S. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN ZONING CODE – FEES: Ordinance No. 5197: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
- F. MOTION TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$71,000.00 TO OVERLAY THE SOUTHBOUND LANES OF TOWANDA AVENUE FROM JERSEY AVENUE TO VERNON AVENUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON’S 2008-09 GENERAL RESURFACING PROGRAM:
- MOTION:
- Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Approve the Motion to Approve a Budget Amendment of \$71,000.00 to Overlay the Southbound Lanes of Towanda Avenue from Jersey Avenue to Vernon Avenue in Conjunction with the City of Bloomington’s 2008-09 General Resurfacing Program.
- Councilmember Nielsen made positive remarks concerning this project and the cooperation between the City of Bloomington and the Town. He posed questions concerning the start of the project. Town Engineer Gene Brown stated that he felt the work would start very soon.
- AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Chambers, Gaines, Koos
NAYS: None
Motion declared carried.
- H. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FOUR-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH HICKORY POINT BANK OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS, TO PROVIDE LOCK BOX BANKING SERVICES:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Adopt a Resolution Conditionally Authorizing the Execution of a Four-Year Agreement with Hickory Point Bank of Decatur, Illinois, to Provide Lock Box Banking Services.

Councilmember Reece explained what the item concerned and expressed a desire to reconsider the proposal submitted by a local bank since the costs involved were about the same as those proposed by Hickory Point Bank.

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions concerning this RFP process. Assistant Finance Director Andrew Huhn addressed his concerns. Councilmember Fritzen stated that although it is not always feasible to do business with local establishments, it is good to do so when possible because of the positive contributions that they make in our community. Local businesses employ people in the community and are often called on to aid the community in a variety of ways. These intangibles should be considered when cost is similar.

Councilmember Scott asked if this was the same RFP process which we always use. Assistant Finance Director Huhn confirmed that it was. Councilmember Scott discussed the fact that although Commerce Bank is local, the payment processing would not be local.

Councilmember Gaines asked if there were any Staff concerns about doing business with a smaller entity or with having the processing done out of the area. Assistant Finance Director Huhn stated that Staff has confidence in both institutions and would have no problem working with either bank.

Councilmember Chambers discussed the benefits to the bidding process. He stated that the Decatur bank is the only one who would process the payments in the Central Illinois area. Councilmember Chambers stated that he did not want to pull away from the RFP process and that if the bid was not to be awarded to the low bidder, perhaps the process should start over, and everyone should be allowed to resubmit proposals.

Councilmember Reece stated that this was not one of those times when the entire process needed to be re-done. This is more of a matter of acknowledging a "team player" with a large influence in the community.

Mayor Koos stated that he is really torn about this issue, as he sees both sides. We certainly don't want to send the wrong message to the community about the bidding process in the Town of Normal, yet the community influence of local businesses is very important.

Councilmember Fritzen stated that this situation was not one where there had been a quote based on specifications. Since this was an RFP process, we have more freedom to consider our options.

Councilmember Nielsen added that many good points had been brought out on both sides, but he would feel more sympathy with the local business if this were the second time around for this proposal.

Council discussion ensued concerning the issue and how to resolve it.

The Council decided by general consensus to call the question and, if it failed, to make a new motion awarding the contract to Commerce Bank.

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

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, moved that the Council Award the Lock Box Banking Services Contract to Commerce Bank.

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

6. GENERAL ORDERS:

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. MOTION TO APPROVE A CONCEPT PLAN PREPARED BY WILLIAMS AQUATICS, INC., FOR THE PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FAIRVIEW FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Approve a Concept Plan Prepared by Williams Aquatics, Inc., for the Planned Improvements to the Fairview Family Aquatic Center.

Parks and Recreation Director Garry Little introduced Mr. Tom Lalonde of Williams Aquatics, Inc. Mr. Lalonde gave a presentation which highlighted the existing facility and the plan for various improvements to the Fairview Family Aquatic Center, including new water slides and a "spray" area, and also answered various questions posed by the Council.

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

8. MOTION TO APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Approve an Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor pro tem Reece announced Ms. Janet Hood had been appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy created when Ms. Kathleen Lorenz was appointed to the Planning Commission; Ms. Hood's term of office to expire in March, 2011.

9. MAYOR'S MOMENT:

Mayor Koos had three items to discuss as a part of the Mayor's Moment.

First, Mayor Koos thanked those on staff responsible for the new microphones. Next, Mayor Koos announced the new Youth Intervention Specialist position with the Normal Police Department and thanked State Farm for funding that position. Finally, the Mayor mentioned that Illinois State University had announced today that they intend to lease 20,000 square feet in one of the One Main Development Company's Uptown building projects. He feels that this is a strong demonstration of the good relationship between I.S.U. and the Town.

10. CONCERNS:

1. CAMPBELL "STRETCH" MILLER AWARD

Councilmember Reece mentioned that Councilmember Fritzen had been awarded the Campbell "Stretch" Miller Award regarding his long-term support of Illinois State University Athletics. On behalf of the Mayor, Council, and the community, Councilmember Reece extended her appreciation to Mr. Fritzen for his efforts.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:04 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2008.