

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 2, 2009.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:11 p.m., Monday, February 2, 2009.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Adam Nielsen, Jason Chambers, and Cheryl Gaines. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Assistant City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Jeff Fritzen and Chuck Scott.

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 any expenses she may have incurred while performing her Council duties. Councilmember Reece recused herself from voting on Item I.

Item G was removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fritzen, Scott.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2009: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF THE TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JANUARY 28, 2009: Omnibus Vote.

C. MOTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR AUDITING SERVICES BY CLIFTON GUNDERSON: Omnibus Vote.

- D. RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM: Resolution No. 4321:
Omnibus Vote.
- E. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERIOR DESIGNS OF THE MARRIOTT HOTEL CONFERENCE CENTER IN UPTOWN NORMAL:
Resolution No. 4322: Omnibus Vote.
- F. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE INITIAL BOND AUDIT FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERTAINING TO THE TOWN'S 2007 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUE FOR MFT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT 03-00221-00RP: Resolution No. 4323: Omnibus Vote.
- H. RESOLUTION FOR THE USE OF MOTOR FUEL TAX (MFT) FUNDS TO FINANCE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BE USED FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN UPTOWN NORMAL: Resolution No. 4324: Omnibus Vote.
- I. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PERMANENT EASEMENT FROM THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT (BNWRD) ON THE MAIN BRANCH OF SUGAR CREEK FOR THE APPLE STREET BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT: Resolution No. 4325: Omnibus Vote.
- J. RESOLUTION PARTIALLY AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CONSTITUTION TRAIL CENTRE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN THE TOWN OF NORMAL – STARPLEX CINEMAS: Resolution No. 4326: Omnibus Vote.
- K. ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION, OPERATION, AND CONTROL OF A PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM: Ordinance No. 5235: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
- G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE THROUGH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) REIMBURSING THE TOWN FOR ENGINEERING COSTS TO PROVIDE DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR TOWN OWNED UTILITY RELOCATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE I-55 WIDENING PROJECT FROM VETERAN'S PARKWAY TO MAIN STREET: Resolution No. 4327:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the State through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Reimbursing the Town for Engineering Costs to Provide Design Engineering for Town Owned Utility Relocations Required for the I-55 Widening Project from Veteran's Parkway to Main Street.

Councilmember Nielsen posed questions concerning the plans for Constitution Trail in this area. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated the plan showed a modification to the current trail alignment.

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

GENERAL ORDERS

6. MOTION TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ANDERSON PARK SITE PLAN TO REFLECT THE ADDITION OF THE “BORN LEARNING TRAIL” AS PROPOSED BY THE TEENS UNITED FOR MCLEAN COUNTY ORGANIZATION:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Initiate an Amendment to the Anderson Park Site Plan to Reflect the Addition of the “Born Learning Trail” as Proposed by the Teens United for McLean County Organization.

Ms. Jennifer Koth, 15612 Golf Ct., Bloomington; Mr. T.J. Bogar, 1202 Lynx Lane, Normal; Mr. Grant Pestka, 108 E. North Street, Lexington; and Ms. Allison Brown, 603 N. Cherry Street, Lexington; all addressed the Council as representatives from various committees with the Teens United for McLean County. Ms. Koth, Mr. Bogar, Mr. Pestka, and Ms. Brown presented the proposal for the Born Learning Trail and responded to questions from Council. The group explained the Teens United for McLean County would be responsible for the signs, wood posts for mounting the signs, paint supplies, and would paint the stencils on the path of the Trail. The Town would be responsible for the creation and maintenance of the trail, the installation of the posts for the signs, installation of a sign promoting the trail as a feature of Anderson Park, and the maintenance and upkeep of the path and signs.

All of the Councilmembers commended the group on their efforts and congratulated them on an outstanding project.

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

NEW BUSINESS

7. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL ON THE YOUTH IMPACT DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PLAN:

Assistant to the City Manager Geoff Fruin presented the proposed Youth Impact Delinquency Prevention Plan which is aimed at reducing gang involvement and criminal activity to the Council. Mr. Fruin outlined and explained the three sections of the plan, Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression, and responded to questions from Council. Mr. Fruin introduced other members of Youth Impact present at the meeting.

8. MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS AND A REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CHILDREN’S DISCOVERY MUSEUM FOUNDATION BOARD:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve the Appointments and a Reappointment to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fritzen, Scott.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor pro tem Reece announced Ms. Jill Jones had been reappointed to a three-year term of the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board, her term to expire on March 31, 2012. Mayor pro tem Reece further announced Ms. Monica Noraian and Mr. Byron Blotcky had been appointed to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board, both with terms to expire March 31, 2012, thus increasing the size of the Foundation Board to nine members.

9. CONCERNS:

There were none.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

Councilmember Chambers moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Fritzen, Scott.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:02 p.m., Monday, February 2, 2009.