

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, NOVEMBER 2, 2009.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:02 p.m., Monday, November 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, Jeff Fritzen, Chuck Scott, 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: Jason Chambers (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

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 bills she may have incurred performing Council duties.

Items C and D 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, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2009: Omnibus Vote.

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

E. MOTION APPROVING A CORPORATE SURETY BOND FOR INTERCHANGE CITY WEST THIRD ADDITION: Omnibus Vote.

- F. MOTION INITIATING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT IN THE TOWN OF NORMAL – CORN BELT ENERGY CORPORATION SUBSTATION (NORTHEAST CORNER OF WEST GREGORY AND I-55): Omnibus Vote.
- G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS THROUGH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) REGARDING THE RELOCATION OF CONSTITUTION TRAIL TO ACCOMMODATE THE I-55 WIDENING PROJECT FROM VETERAN’S PARKWAY TO MAIN STREET: Resolution No. 4437: Omnibus Vote.
- H. CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION PARTIALLY APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR THE GARLING HEIGHTS WEST SUBDIVISION SIXTH ADDITION: Resolution No. 4438: Omnibus Vote.

Councilmember Chambers arrived.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- C. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR BEE TANK MIXING UNITS FOR ELEVATED TANKS #1, #2, AND #3 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$64,044.00:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Waive the Formal Bidding Process and Approve the Purchase and Installation of Solar Bee Tank Mixing Units for Elevated Tanks #1, #2, and #3 at a Total Cost of \$64,044.00.

Councilmember Scott commented on the need to maintain the Town’s facilities and equipment to maximize their life expectancy, as it is more expensive to replace water towers than to maintain them.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

- D. MOTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND ACCEPTING A QUOTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOBCAT BROOM ATTACHMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,719 FOR SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS AND APPROVING AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Waive the Formal Bid Process and Accept a Quotation for the Purchase of Bobcat Broom Attachments in the Amount of \$17,719 for Snow Removal Operations and Approve an Associated Budget Adjustment.

Councilmember Scott stated he did not support this action as the purchase was not planned for in the budget process and indicated other methods of snow removal were available.

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

## GENERAL ORDERS

There were none.

## NEW BUSINESS:

6. MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE AND THE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM FOUNDATION BOARD:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Approve the Recommended Appointment to the Bloomington-Normal Sister Cities Committee.

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

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Approve the Recommended Appointment to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board.

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

Mayor pro tem Reece announced Ms. Becky Goeckner had been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Chizuko Tsukamoto from the Bloomington-Normal Sister Cities Committee, said term to expire in March of 2012, and Ms. Sue Farrell-Stroyan had been appointed to the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation Board, her term to expire on June 30, 2011.

7. COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON VARIOUS FY 2010-11 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Go to a Committee of a Whole.

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

Mayor Koos announced the Council would go to a Committee of a Whole at 7:16 p.m.

City Manager Mark Peterson reiterated the basic discussion from the October 19, 2009, Council Meeting and explained the four budgetary scenarios prepared by staff reflecting the possible revenue enhancements and expense reductions. Mayor Koos suggested the Council begin by reviewing Senario No. 2, which is a mixture of both revenue enhancements and expense reductions. Councilmember Fritzen suggested the Council review suggested general expense reductions contained in Senario No. 4, pointing out the impact to the community if these reductions were to be implemented, thus, in turn, explaining the need for the proposed revenue enhancements.

Councilmember Fritzen briefly outlined some of the service reductions outlined in Senario No. 4, followed by a lengthy Council discussion concerning the revenue enhancements and the expenditure cuts contained in Senario No. 2.

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Chambers, the Council Return to Regular Session.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

After considerable Council discussion, Mayor Koos summarized that the Council appeared to be in favor of Senario No. 2 and requested Council to verbalize any variations to Senario No. 2 in an effort to direct staff to enact the revenue enhancements and the expense reductions. General Council discussion ensued resulting in the direction to staff to eliminate the implementation of the refuse fee from the 2010-2011 budget year, thus leaving this implementation to the 2011-2012 budget year; to implement the property tax increase for underfunded Social Security and IMRF, subject to annual review; and to remove the proposed "convenience fee" from the revenue enhancements. It was further suggested that although the Parks and Recreation Brochure and the Normal Newsline publication costs had been eliminated from the budget and these publications would only be available on-line, perhaps a few could be printed and available for persons without access to on-line services.

Council further requested adjournment to Executive Session to discuss staff's proposed possible employee reductions.

8. CONCERNS:

There were none.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Koos called for a Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel.

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Personnel.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to Executive Session to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Personnel at 9:17 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2009.