

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 20, 2017.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2017.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Jeff Fritzen, Scott Preston, R.C. McBride, Kathleen Lorenz, Kevin McCarthy, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Koos announced he had received requests to address the Council concerning the Rules and Regulations for Public Comments for meetings held in the Town of Normal.

Mr. Craig Stimpert, addressed the Council and encouraged the Council adopt a public comment policy that is speaker friendly, including all aspects set forth by the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Stimpert indicated the public comment should not be limited to items pertaining to items listed on the agendas for meetings.

Mr. Garrett Scott, 202 Foster Drive, Normal, Illinois, addressed the Council in support of the proposed Resolution, indicating the speakers should comment on items contained in the agenda and offered alternative methods to contact the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Marc Tiritilli, 1212 Timber Ridge Court, Normal, Illinois, indicated the citizens of the Town had a lot to add to Council's discussions and the citizens should be able to comment on items other than what is on a current agenda. Mr. Tiritilli also suggested the speakers should not have to give their residential address to speak before the Council.

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 PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 6, 2017, PERTAINING TO THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET:
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 6, 2017, PERTAINING TO THE CDBG 2017-2018 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2017:

- B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF MARCH 15, 2017:
- C. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REFUSE CONTAINERS FROM SCHAEFER SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,259: Resolution No. 5390:
- D. RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE TAMARACK AREA (IRONWOOD SUBDIVISION) AND HOVEY AVENUE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECTS TO GEORGE GILDNER, INC., AT A TOTAL COST OF \$947,743 PLUS UP TO A POTENTIAL \$15,000 BONUS FOR EARLY COMPLETION: Resolution No. 5391:
- E. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL DISPLAY SYSTEMS, INCORPORATED, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN UPGRADE TO THE PASSENGER INFORMATION DISPLAY SYSTEM (PIDS) FOR THE NEW SOUTH BOARDING LOBBY AND SOUTH PASSENGER PLATFORM: Resolution No. 5392:
- F. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LED TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT REPLACEMENTS FROM MOBO TREX, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,552: Resolution No. 5393:
- G. RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CARDINAL INFRASTRUCTURE L.L.C., FOR PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO SECURE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR UPTOWN 2.0 AND THE PEDESTRIAN RAILROAD CROSSING PROJECT: Resolution No. 5394:
- H. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE VANTAGECARE RETIREMENT HEALTH SAVINGS PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN CLASSIFIED FIRE PERSONNEL: Resolution No. 5395:
- I. RESOLUTION APPROVING A SALARY SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES TO REFLECT A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT: Resolution No. 5396:
- J. ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 4 OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND CHAPTER 25 – MISCELLANEOUS – DIVISION 16 FEES:
- K. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF A ZONING MAP: Ordinance No. 5683:
- L. ORDINANCE CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE MP-ONE SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS (2012 WEST COLLEGE): Ordinance No. 5684:

Mayor Koos excused himself from voting on any expenses he may have incurred while performing his Mayoral duties.

Item J was removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

AYES: Fritzen, Preston, McBride, Lorenz, McCarthy, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Items, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, and L were approved by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

J. ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 4 OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND CHAPTER 25 – MISCELLANEOUS – DIVISION 16 FEES: Ordinance No. 5685:

MOTION:

Councilmember Lorenz moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Approve an Ordinance Amending Division 4 of the Fire Prevention Code and Chapter 25 – Miscellaneous – Division 16 Fees.

Councilmember Lorenz requested clarification from Corporation Counsel Brian Day of the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Day explained the Ordinance referred to the location of above-ground storage tanks and set fees for hazardous material incidents responses by the Normal Fire Department.

AYES: Preston, McBride, Lorenz, McCarthy, Gaines, Fritzen, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AT MEETINGS OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL AND OTHER TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Resolution No. 5397:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Adopt the Resolution Amending the Rules for Public Comments at Meetings of the Normal Town Council and Other Town Boards and Commissions.

Corporation Counsel Brian Day presented Council with an extensive background on the Rules for Public Comment and the Town's position for comments. Mr. Day indicated a letter had been sent to the Attorney General's Office to get some clarifications on the statute. Mr. Day indicated the Attorney General's opinions have been erratic and feels the opinion from the Attorney General is inadequate, as the Town did not get the clarity it wished for.

Councilmember McBride posed questions concerning the request for an address of individuals addressing the Council, indicating the Council asked for an address, but did let individuals speak if they chose not to provide their address. Mr. Day indicated that was correct. Councilmember Fritzen agreed with the comments concerning the request for addresses, indicating that due to same or similar names, it is helpful to have an address to make certain the correct person is credited as the person actually speaking. Councilmember Fritzen also commented on the rule in which a person wishing to speak at a meeting give at least two hours-notice prior to the meeting indicating their desire to speak, Councilmember Fritzen pointed out that Council meetings are at 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. would be the time staff would be leaving their offices and not be accessible to be contacted.

Councilmember Lorenz commented on the proposed changes and also indicated the Council is accessible to the citizens of Normal by phone and email. Councilmember Lorenz also commented about a recent Saturday “meet the Council” session held at the Activity Center in which two councilmembers held a coffee and talked with citizens about issues within the Town. Councilmember McBride also agreed the Saturday session had been beneficial. Councilmembers McCarthy and Preston made suggestions of how the public can contact the Mayor and Council and address their concerns.

AYES: McBride, Lorenz, McCarthy, Gaines, Fritzen, Preston, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no Items to be considered under New Business.

7. CONCERNS:

1. HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS:

Councilmember Fritzen indicated Heartland Community College President Rob Widmer had addressed the Council at their last meeting, indicating the College worked with the community to bring forth programs that are beneficial to the community. Councilmember Fritzen commented that one such program that Heartland was providing was offering BASSET (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education Training) to local liquor license holders.

2. RECENT BOIL ORDER:

Councilmember Fritzen commented on the recent water main break and the quick response of the Town’s Water Department to get this matter under control. Councilmember Fritzen thanked those in the Water Department and the other departments that assisted in this incident and thanked the citizens of Normal for their understanding during this event. City Manager Mark Peterson echoed the comments made by Councilmember Fritzen and explained a section of the actual water main was on display in the hall outside of the Council chambers.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

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

AYES: Lorenz, McCarthy, Gaines, Fritzen, Preston, McBride, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:48 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2017.