

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, 100 E. PHOENIX AVENUE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 4, 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, Jason Chambers, and Cheryl Gaines. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Assistant City Manager Pamela Reece, Deputy Corporation Counsel Wayne Karplus, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt.

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 her Council duties.

No items 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 JULY 30, 2008: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF JULY 30, 2008: Omnibus Vote.

C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE SHOOTING RANGE FACILITY WITH THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON: Resolution No. 4239: Omnibus Vote.

- D. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO'S BID FOR THE 2016 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES: Resolution No. 4240:
Omnibus Vote.
 - E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO DECLARE ITS EXEMPTION FROM THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA): Resolution No. 4241: Omnibus Vote.
 - F. RESOLUTION OF INTENT 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. 4242: Omnibus Vote.
 - G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ONE MAIN DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., FOR THE PARKING LOT BEHIND 114-122 EAST BEAUFORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 AND APPROVAL OF A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$241,650: Resolution No. 4243: Omnibus Vote.
 - H. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT GRANT FROM EVERGREEN FS: Resolution No. 4244: Omnibus Vote.
 - I. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF THE WESTWOOD INDUSTRIES SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS: Resolution No. 4245: Omnibus Vote.
 - J. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR THE BRADFORD-RAAB SUBDIVISION LOT 1 BY EXPEDITED PROCESS: Resolution No. 4246: Omnibus Vote.
 - K. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2007-2008 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET: Ordinance No. 5206: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

There were none.

GENERAL ORDERS

- 6. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2008, TO BE USED FOR VARIOUS UPTOWN PROJECTS: Ordinance No. 5207:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008, to be Used for Various Uptown Projects.

Finance Director Ron Hill introduced Mr. Todd Krzyskowski, Managing Director with Merisow Financial, Inc., who gave a brief presentation concerning the proposed bond sale, including a financing overview and market update. Mr. Krzyskowski also answered questions from Council.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

7. ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TAX INCREMENT MAIN/I-55 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND INITIATING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF NORMAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Ordinance No. 5208:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Approve an Ordinance Approving the Tax Increment Main/I-55 Redevelopment Plan and Initiating an Amendment to the Town of Normal Comprehensive Plan.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

8. ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE MAIN/I-55 REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENT AREA: Ordinance No. 5209:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Chambers, the Council Approve an Ordinance Designating the Main/I-55 Redevelopment Tax Increment Area.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

9. ORDINANCE ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR THE MAIN/I-55 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA: Ordinance No. 5210:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve an Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Main/I-55 Redevelopment Project Area.

Councilmember Fritzen commented on the Tax Increment Financing and its effect on other taxing bodies. General Council discussion ensued.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

10. RESOLUTION APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY AT 8 TRADERS CIRCLE: Resolution No. 4247:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Adopt a Resolution Approving a Redevelopment Agreement with Global Hotel Management for the Property at 8 Traders Circle.

Councilmember Nielsen questioned the status of the work to be done to the property, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MCLEAN COUNTY – 415, 419, AND 419 ½ WEST VERNON: Resolution No. 4248:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Sale of Real Estate with Habitat for Humanity of McLean County – 415, 419, and 419 ½ West Vernon.

Mayor Koos offered comments concerning this property and the proposed Habitat homes. Councilmember Gaines posed questions concerning sales of Habitat homes, which questions were answered by Mr. Bob Lundeen, 125 Manor Circle, Bloomington, Illinois, Board President of Habitat for Humanity.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

12. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE LYNN MARIE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY): Resolution No. 4249:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Adopt a Resolution Conditionally and Partially Approving the Final Plat of the Lynn Marie Meadows Subdivision by Expedited Process (Habitat for Humanity).

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

13. PRESENTATION BY CATHY ALLEN OF GUTHOFF, MEHALL, ALLEN & COMPANY, PC, CPA, ON THE RECENT INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITS CONDUCTED BY THIS FIRM FOR THE TOWN:

Finance Director Ron Hill presented a brief history behind the internal and external Town audits conducted by Guthoff, Mehall, Allen & Company, PC, CPA. Ms. Cathy Allen of Guthoff, Mehall, Allen & Company, PC, CPA, presented a brief synopsis of the findings of the audits and responded to questions from Council.

14. PRESENTATION BY CRYSTAL HOWARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MCLEAN COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:

Ms. Crystal Howard presented the Council with an update of the activities of the McLean County Convention and Visitors Bureau and responded to general questions from Council.

15. MOTION TO APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY MUSEUM FOUNDATION BOARD:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Approve an 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 Mr. Garrett Williams, Associate General Counsel in the Corporate Law Office of State Farm Insurance Company had been appointed to the Children's Discovery Museum Board. His term of office will expire March 31, 2012. Mrs. Reece stated Mr. Williams will fill the seat vacated by Mr. Adam Nielsen.

16. MAYOR'S MOMENT:

There was no Mayor's Moment.

17. CONCERNS:

1. FUTURE COUNCIL DISCUSSION IDEAS:

Councilmember Chambers suggested the Council discuss the consideration of a parental responsibility ordinance and a gang injunction ordinance.

18. 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 approve the Minutes of the Executive Session of July 7, 2008, and to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining and pending legislation.

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2008, Executive Session and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Collective Bargaining and Pending Legislation.

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 to Executive Session to Approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2008, Executive Session and to Discuss Matters Pertaining to Collective Bargaining and Pending Legislation at 8:20 p.m., Monday, August 4, 2008.