

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, OCTOBER 4, 2010.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:02 p.m., Monday, October 4, 2010.

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, Jason Chambers, and Cheryl Gaines. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: Councilmember Chuck Scott.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Koos announced Item J had been withdrawn from consideration at this time to give staff time to evaluate new information that was submitted after Council Packet had been prepared. This item will be considered at the October 18, 2010, Council Meeting.

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

Councilmember Reece excused herself from voting on any bills submitted by Advocate BroMenn Healthcare and any bills she may have incurred while performing Council duties.

Councilmember Fritzen excused himself from voting on any bills he may have incurred while performing his Council duties.

Item D was removed from Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Scott.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2010: Omnibus Vote.

- B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2010: Omnibus Vote.
- C. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND ACCEPT A QUOTE FROM HOERR NURSERY FOR GRASS SOD FOR THE SHEPARD PARK PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,365: Omnibus Vote.
- E. MOTION TO APPOINT THE FIRE CHIEF AND CORPORATION COUNSEL TO THE FIRE PENSION BOARD: Omnibus Vote.
- F. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BID PROCESS AND ACCEPT A PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,800 FROM TARTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR THE REMODELING OF THE EAST WING OF THE 305 S. LINDEN BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: Omnibus Vote.
- G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION AND RATE ADJUSTMENT TO A CONTRACT WITH LAESCH ELECTRIC, INC., FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND HIGHWAY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE: Resolution No. 4558: Omnibus Vote.
- H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER: Resolution No. 4559: Omnibus Vote.
- I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CLARK-DIETZ, INC., RELATING TO THE DESIGN AND LEED CERTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS AND SERVICE CENTER: Resolution No. 4560: Omnibus Vote.
- J. RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE ONE MAIN DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT: Delayed to Next Council Meeting.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:
- D. MOTION TO ACCEPT A BID AND AWARD A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900,784 TO ROWE CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR THE 2010 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Accept a Bid and Award a Contract in the Amount of \$900,784 to Rowe Construction Co. for the 2010 Street Resurfacing Project.

Councilmember Nielsen posed questions concerning the time-line for this project, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Scott.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS

6. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.4-17 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A PERMIT SYSTEM FOR OPEN BURNING AND RECREATIONAL FIRE CONTAINERS: Ordinance No. 5350:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve an Ordinance Amending SECTION 6.4-17 of the Municipal Code Establishing a Permit System for Open Burning and Recreational Fire Containers.

Councilmember Gaines expressed concern with the Ordinance, particularly that permits are not required. Fire Chief Mick Humer responded that permits were still required for the large-scale fires, but not the small fires. Councilmember Gaines indicated these small fires can be an issue in neighborhoods, as people with asthma could experience problems with smoke drifting into their windows from such fires. Councilmember Gaines stated if a permit was required, it would cut down on the amount of impromptu fires in neighborhoods. Councilmember Nielsen commented that only wood is allowed to be burned in the fire pits and outdoor fireplace structures. Councilmember Reece encouraged families with asthmatic individuals to share the health information with their neighbors to appeal to the common sense of the neighbors.

Fire Chief Humer indicated the Fire Department intended to do an extensive campaign to educate the residents of Normal concerning the new rules and regulations.

Councilmember Gaines expressed concern with the ability to have a fire with no means of containment, such as a fire pit, fireplace, ring of stone, etc.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved the Proposed Ordinance be Amended to Require all Fire Pits to have Some Sort of Ring Around the Area, Not Simply Bare Ground.

The Motion died for a lack of a Second.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

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

NAYS: Gaines.

ABSENT: Scott.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

7. PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY-WIDE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND 2035 REPORT:

Mayor Koos announced this item had been delayed until the October 18, 2010, Council Meeting.

8. CONCERNS:

1. TOWN'S ANNIVERSARY:

Mayor Koos announced that 145 years ago was the first Town of Normal Council Meeting held at the Post Office. Wesley Pearce was elected President, and S.J. Reeder was elected Clerk.

2. “TIME TO TALK” DAY:

Councilmember Gaines indicated that Tuesday, October 5, 2010, was “Time to Talk” Day - focusing on domestic violence. Councilmember Gaines encouraged all citizens to wear purple to support this cause.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Scott.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:19, Monday, October 4, 2010.