

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, AUGUST 15, 2011.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:02 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2011.

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, Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: None.

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 Council duties.

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

Councilmember Fritzen excused himself from voting on any bills submitted by Bloomington Offset Process, Inc.

Items E and I were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, 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 PUBLIC HEARING OF AUGUST 1, 2011: Omnibus Vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2011: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF AUGUST 10, 2011: Omnibus Vote.

- C. MOTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR CONCRETE TO PRAIRIE MATERIAL OF BLOOMINGTON, IL, AT A PRICE PER SQUARE YARD UNIT PRICE OF \$86.88 FOR HIGH EARLY MIX AND \$82.75 FOR S.I. MIX: Omnibus Vote.
 - D. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT) TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO STARK EXCAVATING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,125,371.10 FOR THE GATEWAY PLAZA AND MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER LANDSCAPING PROJECT: Omnibus Vote.
 - F. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$400,000 OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR THE BITUMINOUS RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS FOR THE 2011 MFT STREET RESURFACING PROJECT: Resolution No. 4649: Omnibus Vote.
 - G. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$600,000 OF THE TOWN'S ALLOTMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR THE FORT JESSE ROAD – BLAIR DRIVE TO TOWANDA AVENUE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT: Resolution No. 4650: Omnibus Vote.
 - H. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EASEMENT FROM APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH – WATERMAIN: Resolution No. 4651: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Councilmember Scott left the table at 7:05 p.m.

- E. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PERTAINING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS: Resolution No. 4652:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Various Governmental and Institutional Organizations Pertaining to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

Councilmember Nielsen questioned if any local businesses had requested charging stations. Assistant City Manager Geoff Fruin explained that after the governmental and institutional organizations have installed the charging stations as determined by this Resolution, it will be evaluated to see if there are additional charging stations to be made available to local businesses and the costs involved. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated some businesses had shown an interest in obtaining a charging station, and the current cost for the charging stations was approximately \$4,500 per unit, plus installation charges.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Scott.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Scott returned to the table at 7:09 p.m.

I. ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE STRUCTURE AT 305 E. PINE STREET, NORMAL, ILLINOIS, A HISTORIC LANDMARK: Ordinance No. 5394:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Approve an Ordinance Designating the Structure at 305 E. Pine Street, Normal, Illinois, a Historic Landmark.

Councilmember Nielsen posed questions for clarification purposes, which were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS

6. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING INITIAL REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR COMMERCE BANK WITH WAIVERS FROM THE UPTOWN DESIGN REVIEW CODE, CHAPTER 15, DIVISION 17 (SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BROADWAY AND COLLEGE): Resolution No. 4653:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Adopt a Resolution Conditionally Approving the Initial Redevelopment Plans for Commerce Bank with Waivers from the Uptown Design Review Code, Chapter 15, Division 17 (Southeast Corner of Broadway and College).

City Manager Mark Peterson made introductory comments concerning the Redevelopment Plans for Commerce Bank, acknowledging the sacrifice the bank has made operating for the past several years in a modular office in Uptown Normal. City Manager Mark Peterson presented a brief overview of the three items concerning Commerce Bank on the Council Agenda: the Redevelopment Plan, the Redevelopment Agreement, and the Final Plat.

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions concerning on-street parking in the area and expressed concern with two drives into the Bank property which seem to be side-by-side. City Manager Mark Peterson explained a couple of on-street parking places would be eliminated by this plan; however, additional parking would be added directly behind the businesses located on North Street. City Manager Mark Peterson further explained the elevation changes in this area required two drives to serve the development.

Councilmember Chambers commented the Old House Society was going to go through the property and remove any materials they deem as useful and questioned if any of the stonework façade was going to be salvaged. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated an attempt was going to be made to salvage some of the stonework façade to be made available to the Masons.

Councilmember Chambers expressed concern with the waiver for the LED sign, indicating he felt this was an additional distraction along College Avenue when the area contained a crosswalk with a high amount of pedestrians crossing. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated Town Staff did not see a concern with a LED sign on the property.

Councilmember Scott commended the Commerce Bank for the design of the building, indicating the structure fits nicely in the Uptown Area. Councilmember Scott also expressed concern with the LED sign, questioning the frequency of the turnover of the messages. Building Commissioner Greg Troemel responded the sign would comply with the Town Sign Code standards.

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

NAYS: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH COMMERCE BANK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW BRANCH BANK FACILITY IN UPTOWN NORMAL AND AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER MASONIC LODGE BUILDING LOCATED AT 102 BROADWAY: Resolution No. 4654:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Commerce Bank for the Development of a New Branch Bank Facility in Uptown Normal and Authorizing the Demolition of the Former Masonic Lodge Building Located at 102 Broadway.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

8. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE COMMERCE BANK SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS: Resolution No. 4655:

MOTION :

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Adopt a Resolution Conditionally and Partially Approving the Final Plat of the Commerce Bank Subdivision by Expedited Process.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

9. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH NORMAL MAIN, LLC, PERTAINING TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF KINGSLEY AND OSAGE: Resolution No. 4656:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Adopt a Resolution Approving an Amended Redevelopment Agreement with Normal Main, LLC, Pertaining to the Redevelopment of the Property Located at the Southeast Corner of Kingsley and Osage.

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions concerning the cap on the developer's ability to capture TIF revenue, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson. Councilmember Chambers also posed questions concerning the TIF recapture provision, which concerns were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson.

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

NAYS: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

10. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE MAIN AND OSAGE SUBDIVISION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS: Resolution No. 4657:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Adopt the Resolution Conditionally and Partially Approving the Final Plat of the Main and Osage Subdivision by Expedited Process.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A STATION LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE NEW NORMAL, ILLINOIS, STATION WITH THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION (AMTRAK): Resolution No. 4658:

MOTION:

Councilmember Chambers moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Station Lease Agreement for the New Normal, Illinois, Station with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK).

Councilmember Reece posed questions for clarification purposes concerning the provision for Amtrak to pay utilities based on a proportionate share of the leased space, which questions were responded to by Uptown Director Wayne Aldrich and City Manager Mark Peterson.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

12. PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF THE BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL AREA:

Ms. Jennifer McDade and Mr. Dave Magers, Campaign Co-Chairmen of the *Forging Ahead* campaign for the Economic Development Council, addressed the Town Council presenting an overview of the role of the Economic Development Council in the community, including the future goals of the Council. Ms. McDade and Mr. Magers also formally requested a five-year funding pledge of \$500,000 from the Town and responded to questions from Council.

Councilmember Fritzen questioned if another campaign was underway to reach out to the private business sector. Mr. Magers indicated the campaign for the private business sector was just getting started. Councilmember Fritzen encouraged local businesses to do business locally whenever possible.

Councilmember Chambers posed questions concerning how the Economic Development Council recruited businesses to come to the Community. Mr. Marty Vanags, Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Council, explained the Council's recruitment procedure.

Councilmember Nielsen acknowledged his support of the Economic Development Council and indicated he would like to see a measurement of the goals of the Council in the future. Mayor Koos commented on the difficulty in measuring the goals of the EDC and indicated it may be easier to measure the specific goals set for the EDC for the next five years. Further Council discussion ensued.

Councilmember Reece commented on the importance of the One Voice program. Councilmember Scott expressed concerns with the number of vacant commercial buildings in the community and the need to market these buildings to new businesses coming to the community.

City Manager Mark Peterson indicated the representatives from the Economic Development Council were requesting a commitment this evening to increase the Town's five-year funding commitment to the Economic Development Council from \$80,000 per year to \$100,000 per year. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated this was not a contractual obligation to the Town, merely a budget increase request to be considered with the next budget discussion.

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Receive the Report from the Economic Development Council of the Bloomington-Normal Area and Direct Staff to Increase the Five-Year Funding Commitment from \$80,000 to \$100,000 Per Year to Be Considered with the Proposed 2012-2013 Budget.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

13. PRESENTATION BY TOWN STAFF ON THE PROPOSED AUTOMATED WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM AND CORRESPONDING ROUTE CHANGES:

Public Works Director Robin Weaver explained the proposed automated waste program changes to be implemented in early September and responded to questions from Council.

14. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND COMMENDATION FOR RONALD J. HILL IN HONOR OF HIS 32 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF NORMAL: Resolution No. 4659:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation for Ronald J. Hill in Honor of His 32 Years of Dedicated and Exemplary Service to the Town of Normal.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos read the Resolution of Appreciation and Commendation for Ronald J. Hill and thanked Ron for his 32 years of service to the Town. The Council also voiced their thanks to Ron Hill for his outstanding tenure with the Town.

Ron Hill thanked the Council for the Resolution and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve the Town over the years.

City Manager Mark Peterson announced a public celebration for Ron would be held at the Marriott in Uptown Normal on August 26, 2011, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

15. CONCERNS:

1. MCLEAN COUNTY RECOVERY COURT:

Councilmember Gaines announced a golf outing to benefit the McLean County Recovery Court would be held at Ironwood Golf Course on September 19, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. and encouraged golfers to participate in this worthwhile cause.

2. UPTOWN MARKETING MANAGER:

City Manager Mark Peterson introduced Joe Tulley as the new Uptown Marketing Manager.

16. 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 Scott, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:50 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2011.