

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, APRIL 2, 2012.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2012.

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 Mayoral duties.

Councilmember Scott excused himself from voting on any expenses he may have incurred while performing Council duties and from voting on Item L.

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

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

No items were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, 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 MARCH 19, 2012: Omnibus Vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF MARCH 19, 2012: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF MARCH 28, 2012: Omnibus Vote.

- C. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND PURCHASE TURF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$45,590.80: Omnibus Vote.
  - D. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND PURCHASE TURF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$29,615: Omnibus Vote.
  - E. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARD A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT TO ILLINOIS PORTABLE TOILETS FOR THE LOW QUOTE: Omnibus Vote.
  - F. MOTION TO ACCEPT A BID FROM GEORGE GILDNER, INC., AND AWARD A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$839,395.00 FOR THE GROVE STREET AND OAK STREET WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT: Omnibus Vote.
  - G. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF THE TOWN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MICA INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PLAN YEAR 2012-13 BEGINNING ON MAY 1, 2012: Omnibus Vote.
  - H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MCLEAN COUNTY FOR ANIMAL WARDEN SERVICES: Resolution No. 4733: Omnibus Vote.
  - I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MCLEAN COUNTY FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES: Resolution No. 4734: Omnibus Vote.
  - J. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$280,740.00 OF THE TOWN'S ALLOTMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR THE RAAB ROAD/MILLENNIUM DRIVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT: Resolution No. 4735: Omnibus Vote.
  - K. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UPTOWN NORMAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION DOING BUSINESS AS UPTOWN PARTNERS TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS & SERVICES TO PROMOTE AND MARKET UPTOWN NORMAL: Resolution No. 4736: Omnibus Vote.
  - L. RESOLUTION CORRECTING THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON AN EASEMENT GRANT TO ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY: Resolution No. 4737: Omnibus Vote.
  - M. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT – COMMERCE BANK: Resolution No. 4738: Omnibus Vote.
5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

There were none.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

6. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO IMPLEMENT A RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-STREAM CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Council Approve a Motion to Authorize Staff to Implement a Residential Single-Stream Curbside Recycling Program.

City Manager Mark Peterson clarified facts set forth in the Council Report as well as the Frequently Asked Questions section of the information contained in the packet. Mr. Peterson indicated the suggested date of implementation of the program would be July 9, 2012, if approved.

Councilmember Gaines posed questions concerning the sizes of the garbage containers and the recycle containers, which questions were responded to by City Manager Mark Peterson. Mr. Peterson also responded to questions posed by Councilmember Gaines concerning the current fees charged for waste collection and the amount of the actual fees that are being subsidized. Councilmember Gaines indicated she was happy the Town was considering curbside recycling.

Councilmember Scott questioned if there was a drop box to be included in the Illinois State University campus area. City Manager Mark Peterson stated the plan was to have one in the campus area.

Councilmember Fritzen indicated he had received a lot of public input on this topic and commented it was a "misconception" the program was voluntary, as it is not voluntary when everyone is being charged the fees. Councilmember Fritzen suggested removing the current drop-box at the Wal-Mart in Bloomington, indicating all drop-box locations should be located in the Town. Councilmember Fritzen further suggested implementing the curbside recycling on an every-other week pickup, as the costs would not be as great as to implement weekly pickup. Councilmember Fritzen further indicated this was not the time to add a new service and fee.

Councilmember Reece also indicated she had heard from many people concerning curbside recycling, including comments concerning the addition of another cart that needs to be stored by the residents. Councilmember Reece also indicated this is not the time to implement a new service and additional fees.

Councilmember Nielsen indicated that given the chance, seven people would probably design a recycling program different ways; however, staff had devised a plan that seems to work well with the current refuse collection system. Councilmember Nielsen indicated this recycling system will be more convenient for people to recycle, saving gas and travel time to go to the drop boxes.

Mayor Koos indicated he agreed with much of what had been said and that staff had done a good job to accommodate all the residents of Normal in waste removal services, at the lowest cost to the residents.

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

NAYS: Fritzen, Reece.

Motion declared carried.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURE AND PURCHASE UP TO FIVE (5) REFUSE COLLECTION TRUCKS FROM CUMBERLAND

SERVICECENTER, INC., IN THE NET AMOUNT OF \$1,167,840.00 AND TO APPROVE AN FY 2012-13 BUDGET AMENDMENT, IF NEEDED:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Waive the Formal Bidding Procedure and Purchase Up to Five (5) Refuse Collection Trucks from Cumberland ServiceCenter, Inc., in the Net Amount of \$1,167,840.00 and to Approve an FY 2012-13 Budget Amendment, if Needed.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

8. MOTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY FROM A BULK SUPPLIER:

MOTION:

Councilmember Reece moved, seconded by Councilmember Fritzen, the Council Enter into a Thirty-Six Month Contract to Purchase Electricity from Ameren Energy Marketing.

Mayor Koos announced there was an updated Council Report at the table reflecting the bids that had been received today from four bulk electricity suppliers. City Manager Mark Peterson stated this item is to purchase electricity only for use by the Town for Town facilities.

Councilmember Gaines posed questions for clarification purposes, which were responded to by Mr. Don Frontone, President of The Stone River Group.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

9. CONCERNS:

1. CONGRATULATIONS:

Mayor Koos, on behalf of the Council, congratulated Councilmember Chambers on his recent successful election to win the Republican Primary for McLean County States Attorney.

2. BICYCLE TRAIL:

Councilmember Reece indicated a citizen had expressed concern regarding the Trail realignment on Linden Street under I-55. Councilmember Reece indicated the cyclist was concerned about the tight turns and wondered if some "bumpers" could be installed to cushion this area. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated the Town Engineer would look into this situation.

3. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

Councilmember Gaines suggested a future newsletter article could contain a breakdown of the property tax distribution, emphasizing that Normal has not increased property taxes in recent years, and further explaining how the investment in Uptown Partners is designed to help stimulate sales tax revenue in an effort to potentially lower property taxes in the future.

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

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:00 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2012.