

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, MAY 16, 2016.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, 2016.

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.

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 REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 2, 2016:
- B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF MAY 11, 2016:
- C. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT FROM EA ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,000 FOR THE BUILDING EXPANSION AT THE 621 LINDEN STREET MAINTENANCE FACILITY: Resolution No. 5283:
- D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SUBSTATION ON ORLANDO AVENUE WITH PRIA, INC.: Resolution No. 5284:
- E. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS FROM ADVOCATE HEALTH AND HOSPITALS CORPORATION FOR THE VIRGINIA AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Resolution No. 5285:
- F. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$880,000 OF THE TOWN'S ALLOTMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF GREENBRIAR DRIVE FROM APPROXIMATELY 900' NORTH OF SHEPARD ROAD TO HERSHEY ROAD: Resolution No. 5286:

- G. RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$1,367,000 OF THE TOWN'S ALLOTMENT OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HERSHEY ROAD FROM SHEPARD ROAD TO GREENBRIAR DRIVE: Resolution No. 5287:
- H. ORDINANCE APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH METRO FIBERNET LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FIBER OPTIC HUT ON TOWN PROPERTY AT 700 PINE STREET: Ordinance No. 5638:

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

No items were removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

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

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos announced Items, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H were approved by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

No items were removed.

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO P.J. HOERR, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,856,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS FIRE STATION: Resolution No. 5288:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Lorenz, the Council Adopt a Resolution Accepting Bids and Awarding a Contract to P.J. Hoerr, Inc., in the Amount of \$5,856,000 for Construction of the New Headquarters Fire Station.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

7. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT INVOLVING THE PURCHASE AND RESTORATION OF 305 PINE STREET (THERESSA RYBURN) AND APPROVAL OF A \$148,000 ALLOCATION FROM THE 1% SALES TAX PROCEEDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE PARKING LOT: Ordinance No. 5639:

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, the Council Approve the Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Development Agreement Involving the Purchase and Restoration of 305 Pine Street (Theresa Ryburn) and Approval of a \$148,000 Allocation from the 1% Sales Tax Proceeds for Replacement of the Parking Lot.

Councilmember Gaines commented on the return on this investment, as we are currently missing out on the number of people traveling Route 66 that do not stop in Normal. Ms. Gaines indicated these people will spend money in Normal, but currently they by-pass Normal and go directly to the museum in Bloomington. Councilmember Fritzen also commented on the potential for tourism to increase in Normal. Councilmember Lorenz expressed her opinion that Normal should “tap-in” to the Route 66 tourism market.

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions for clarification purposes, concerning the parking lot improvement, the daily maintenance, and the future for the property without the Town’s involvement. City Manager Mark Peterson responded to the questions and concerns voiced by Councilmember Fritzen. General Council discussion ensued concerning the future of the property if the Town did not become involved, and the possibility that this historic site could simply go away in the future.

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

NAYS: Preston.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no items to be considered under New Business.

8. CONCERNS:

1. SHARING OF SALES TAX RECEIPTS:

Councilmember McBride acknowledged Council had received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Council, and the Bloomington Normal Advantage Group endorsing the concept of sharing sales tax receipts.

2. VIDEO GAMING AND SIGNAGE:

Councilmember Fritzen expressed concern with the signage at various video gaming establishments in Normal, as they advertise as a gaming location, but do not mention the establishment is open to serve food as well. Councilmember Fritzen further commented on the signage that remains after a local package liquor establishment is no longer in business.

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 McCarthy, 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 7:42 p.m., Monday, May 16, 2016.