

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, AUGUST 15, 2016

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, 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, Deputy Corporation Counsel Jessica Woods, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: Corporation Counsel Brian Day.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Koos announced the items to be considered by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2016:

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF AUGUST 10, 2016:

C. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM MID-ILLINOIS MECHANICAL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HEATING BOILER AT THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,237.00, TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH DYNAMIC SYSTEMS, INC., FOR BUILDING AUTOMATION CONTROLS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000.00 AND TO APPROVE AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Resolution No. 5315:

D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE/AD&D PROGRAM: Resolution No. 5316:

E. CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION PARTIALLY APPROVING THE TENTH ADDITION TO VINEYARDS SUBDIVISION: Resolution No. 5317:

F. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.3-2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF NORMAL REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF POSSESSION OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PARAPHERNALIA:

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

Item F was removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember McBride, 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, and E had been approved by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

- F. ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.3-2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF NORMAL REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF POSSESSION OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PARAPHERNALIA: Ordinance No. 5653:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Ordinance Amending Section 17.3-2 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Normal Regarding the Prohibition of Possession of Cannabis and Cannabis Paraphernalia.

Councilmember Fritzen commented he understood the so called “benefits” of the Ordinance, but expressed concern with the change, as he believes the perception of marijuana’s risk drops and expressed concern this may lead to an increase of marijuana use. Councilmember Fritzen stated that marijuana use in our community is a large problem and indicated Bloomington/Normal Community Campus Committee subsidiary Bloomington/Normal Parents have obtained a five-year Drug Free Community Grant to alert people of the dangers of this drug. Councilmember Fritzen expressed his gratitude the Town’s fines were staying higher than those set forth in the new state law.

Councilmember Gaines expressed concern with the THC levels in the newer marijuana products and their addictive powers.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS:

6. ORDINANCE GRANTING A TELEVISION CABLE FRANCHISE TO CMN-RUS, INC., DOING BUSINESS AS METRONET: Ordinance No. 5654:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Council Approve an Ordinance Granting a Television Cable Franchise to CMN-RUS, INC., Doing Business as Metronet.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SELECTION OF AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT WITH WSP/PARSONS BRINKERHOFF FOR PHASE I ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN RAILROAD CROSSING IN UPTOWN NORMAL: Resolution No. 5318:

MOTION:

Councilmember McBride moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Adopt a Resolution Approving the Selection of and Authorizing Staff to Negotiate a Contract with WSP/Parsons Brinkerhoff for Phase I Engineering Services Related to the Proposed Pedestrian Railroad Crossing in Uptown Normal.

Councilmember Fritzen posed questions concerning the proposed timeframe of this contract and the expected deliverables. Public Works Director Wayne Aldrich indicated a technical document will be created that will include the behind the scenes negotiations with other involved entities. Councilmember Fritzen stated the cost of the study is significant. Mr. Aldrich responded to questions from Councilmembers Preston and Lorenz. City Manager Mark Peterson stated the Town expects extensive federal support on this project and this study will assist the Town in its efforts to obtain federal dollars.

Councilmember Lorenz posed questions concerning a proposed timeline for the project. Mr. Aldrich indicated Phase 1 of the project will encompass the study and will probably run approximately two years; Phase 2 will be assembling the construction plans and could take eight months to a year; and Phase 3 will be the actual construction which will take approximately two years to complete.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. MOTION TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE FIRE PENSION BOARD AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the Council Approve the Recommended Appointments to the Fire Pension Board and the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Gaines announced Ms. Pamela Reece had been appointed to the Fire Pension Board, replacing Mr. Steve Mahrt as the Mayoral appointee to this Board. Councilmember Gaines further announced Mr. Christopher Nieber will replace Mr. Bob Ward on the Historic Preservation Commission, his term of office to expire on March 31, 2018. Councilmember Gaines also indicated Mr. Bob Ward will hold “emeritus” status on the Historic Preservation Commission, as Mr. Ward was an original member of this Commission and has served for more than twenty-five years on this Commission.

9. CONCERNS:

1. WELCOME ISU STUDENTS:

Councilmember McBride reminded everyone that Illinois State University students are on their way back to Normal and encouraged everyone to welcome them to our community.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy, moved, seconded by Councilmember Gaines, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

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

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the regular meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:35 p.m., Monday, August 15, 2016.