

Regular City Council Meeting (February 13, 2018)

City Council Members present

Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, Councilman Jeff Doherty, Councilman Tom Grant, Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, Councilman Navreet Kang, Councilman Adam Loos, and Mayor John M Henry

Meeting called to order at 7:45 PM

A Local Liquor Control Commission meeting was held prior to the City Council Meeting.

5. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

5.1 Roll Call

5.2 General Announcements and Proclamations

Councilwoman Harvey announced that the African American Museum along with local African American journalists will host a workshop on Saturday, February 17, for sixth through twelfth grade students.

Councilwoman Bradshaw announced the 4th annual Girls Rock Carbondale fundraiser on Saturday, February 17, at Hangar 9, and the 40th annual Big Muddy Film Festival starting Monday, February 19, through Sunday, February 25.

5.3 Citizens' Comments and Questions

Elius Reed asked each Councilperson to answer a question regarding the number or names of Carbondale residents who have been employed on local Carbondale area construction projects and inquired about the positions of Community Service Officer and Affirmative Action Officer. Council responded to Mr. Reed's inquiries. Mr. Reed also inquired about the annual march in memory of SIU student Pravin Varughese.

Ginger Rye announced that Women for Change will host a bazaar on Saturday, February 17, at the Eurma C. Hayes Center for the purpose of raising funds and showcasing community entrepreneurs; she invited the community to attend.

6. Public Hearings and Special Reports

6.1 Proposed Sale of Property at 403 N. University Avenue

The City of Carbondale received an offer from HIDK Land Trust/Et Al., for \$15,000, for 403 North University Avenue. HIDK Land Trust is the real estate holding company for Southern Illinois Healthcare. The lot is adjacent to the site where the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and Southern Illinois Healthcare will construct a family medical clinic and teaching facility, scheduled to break ground later this year. HIDK Land Trust/Et Al. will use the vacant lot for parking for this facility. The notice of the proposed land sale was published in the *Southern Illinoisan* on January 31, 2018.

The public hearing was declared open at 8:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was declared closed at 8:00 p.m.

7. Consent Agenda of the City Council

7.1 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2018

Resolution: Approve the minutes from the City Council meeting of January 23, 2018

7.2 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 01/15/2018 FY 2018 Warrant 1321 in the Amount of \$852,584.82

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 01/15/2018 totaling \$852,584.82 (*Exhibit A – 02-13-2018*)

7.3 Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 12/31/2017 FY 2018 Warrant # WF 12/2017 in the amount of \$105,011.84

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 12/31/2017 totaling \$105,011.84 (*Exhibit B – 02-13-2018*)

7.4 Acceptance of Approved Meeting Minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Resolution: Accept the Approved Meeting Minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees and place them on file.

7.5 Award of Purchase of Various Water Treatment Chemicals for FY 2019

Resolution: Award the purchase of these water treatment plant chemicals to the respective lowest qualified bidders for FY 2019 purchases:

1. Liquid Alum to Chemtrade Chemicals US in the amount of \$0.0926 per pound
2. Ammonium Sulfate to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$0.175 per pound
3. Anionic Polymer to SNF Polydyne in the amount of \$1.64 per pound
4. Carbon to Cabot Norit Americas in the amount of \$0.65 per pound
5. Cationic Polymer to SNF Polydyne in the amount of \$0.379 per pound
6. Caustic Soda to PVS Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$0.169 per pound
7. Chlorine to DPC in the amount of \$0.2245 per pound
8. Fluoride to Mosaic Co. in the amount of \$0.15 per pound
9. Potassium Permanganate to Hawkins Inc. in the amount of \$3.295 per pound

7.6 Notification of Lease Renewal for 5 years for the City Farm Property to Shields Farms

Resolution: Council is requested to take note of the Lessee exercising their option to extend/renew the existing lease of City Farm property to Shields Farms

7.7 A Resolution Dedicating an Additional \$19,000 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Revenues to Pay the City's Share of the Project Cost for the West Side Bicycle and Pedestrian Path

Pulled by Elius Reed

7.8 An Ordinance Granting an Easement to Ameren Illinois Company Across City Property for Natural Gas Distribution Lines

Resolution: Approve an Ordinance Granting an Easement to Ameren Illinois Company Across City Property for Natural Gas Distribution Lines (*Exhibit D – 02-13-2018; Ordinance 2018-04*)

7.9 Approve the Purchase of Decorative Lights and Poles for the South Illinois Avenue Streetscape Project - Phase 2 from Sternberg Lighting in Roselle, IL in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Resolution: Approve the Purchase of Decorative Lights and Poles for the South Illinois Avenue Streetscape Project - Phase 2, from Sternberg Lighting in Roselle, IL in the amount \$150,000.00.

7.10 Award of Purchase of Replacement Handguns, Holsters, Magazines, and Magazine Pouches from Ray O'Herron Co. of Danville, Illinois, in the Amount of \$27,048

Resolution: Declare seventy-four (74) City-owned handguns and handgun magazines surplus property; Approve the purchase of eighty (80) handguns, seventy-six (76) magazines, seventy-six (76) holsters, and seventy-six (76) magazine pouches from Ray O'Herron Co. of Danville, Illinois in the amount of \$27,048.00

7.11 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Resolution: Approval of all Consent Agenda Items which were not pulled for separate consideration

Approve Consent Agenda Items 7.1 - 7.6 and 7.8 - 7.10.

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Tom Grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

7.7 A Resolution Dedicating an Additional \$19,000 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Revenues to Pay the City's Share of the Project Cost for the West Side Bicycle and Pedestrian Path

This item was pulled for clarification.

MOTION: Adopt a Resolution Dedicating an additional \$19,000 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Revenues to Pay the City's Share of the Project Cost for the West Side Bicycle and Pedestrian Path

Motion by Carolin Harvey, second by Jessica Bradshaw.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry (*Exhibit C – 02-13-2018; Resolution 2018-R-02*)

8. General Business of the City Council

8.1 Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Sale of Land and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Quitclaim Deed for the Conveyance of Land at 403 N. University Avenue to HIDK Land Trust/Et Al. in the Amount of \$15,000

There was discussion as to why some Councilmembers would be voting in opposition to this item. Elius Reed inquired about the future development by SIU and SIH.

MOTION: Approve an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for the Sale of Land and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed for the conveyance of said land at 403 N. University Avenue to HIDK Land Trust/Et Al. in the Amount of \$15,000

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Carolin Harvey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, John M Henry

Nay: Navreet Kang, Adam Loos (*Exhibit E – 02-13-2018; Ordinance 2018-05*)

8.2 Discussion Regarding Community Agency Funding for the FY 2019 Budget

Council members commented on the improved funding process, thanked Staff and the organizations for their efforts, recommended additional fundraising for the organizations, and provided feedback as to appropriate funding levels.

Elius Reed asked for the names of the organizations and Ginger Rye asked if new organizations could apply for funding.

8.3 A Resolution Approving and a Resolution Denying Help at Home, LLC's Request for a Special Use Permit for a Group Home I in an R-1-8, Low Density Residential, District at 615 South Terrace Drive

Persons speaking in opposition to granting the Special Use Permit included Jerre Pfaff, Ronald Stadt, Dr. Diane Muzio, Richard Cannon, and Laura Hughes.

Councilman Kang noted that he will be abstaining from discussion and voting as the property is next door to his own home.

Council commented on the calls for emergency services, the receipt of a petition in opposition to the SPU, the absence of the applicant from the discussion of their application, concerns about the increasing number of group homes in R-1 zoning, reconsidering the Ordinance which allows this permitted use, considering how to view this subject from a different perspective, the possibility of mitigating some of the nuisance factors, the challenges in regulating the locations through zoning, and the current Code addressing the issues at the nearby group home.

MOTION: Adopt a Resolution denying the Special Use Permit for a Group Home I in an R-1-8, Low Density Residential District at 615 South Terrace Drive.

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Tom Grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Adam Loos, John M Henry

Abstain: Navreet Kang

(*Exhibit F – 02-13-2018; Resolution 2018-R-03*)

9. Council Comments for the City Council

9.1 An opportunity for City Council members to offer general comments

It was asked if the upcoming special meeting for approving the budget will be held at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m. due to the recent change in start time for regular City Council meetings. The Council will be polled for an alternate date and/or time.

10. Executive Session

10.1 Vote to Enter into Executive Session

The City Council is asked to hold an Executive Session as permitted under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, citing the specific exemption(s) for which they will be meeting

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives.as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (c)(2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Jessica Bradshaw, second by Tom Grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry *Open Session recessed at 9:01 p.m.*

10.2 Leave Executive Session and Return to Open Session

MOTION: Return to Open Session

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Navreet Kang.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Jeff Doherty, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry *Open session resumed at 10:23 p.m.*

11. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

11.1 Adjourn meeting

There being no further business to come before the public body, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date