

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Public Hearing on Proposed Vacation of the East-West Alley
Located South of East Walnut Street and Extending 215 Feet East of South Marion Street
August 17, 2004

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a public hearing on Tuesday, August 17, 2004, in the City Council Chambers, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, for the purpose of soliciting comments on the proposed vacation of the east-west alley located south of East Walnut Street and extending 215 east of South Marion Street. Mayor Cole called the public hearing to order at 8:20 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

Present: Councilwoman Margaret Flanagan, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel and Mayor Brad Cole

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Janet M. Vaught, City Manager Jeff Doherty and various members of the City's administrative staff.

Development Services Director Tom Redmond noted that Randol M. York, Managing General Partner of York Family Limited Partnership, had requested that the east-west alley located south of East Walnut Street and extending 215 feet east of South Marion Street be vacated. The York Family Limited Partnership plans to develop a Save-A-Lot grocery store on the properties to the north of the alley. If the alley is vacated, the entire alley would be acquired by the proposed grocery store site because the alley was originally platted out of the same subdivision. The alley vacation would accommodate the development plans for the property. The letter from the developer requesting the alley vacation and a location map have been provided for Council review.

Mr. Redmond noted that Illinois Compiled Statutes require that a public hearing be held prior to taking any action on vacating public right-of-way. The Statutes require that notice of the public hearing be published at least fifteen days prior to the hearing; the required notice was published on August 1, 2004. Illinois Statutes also require the affirmative vote of 3/4 (six) members of the City Council to vacate a street or alley right-of-way. An Ordinance to consider vacating the east-west alley located south of East Walnut Street and extending 215 feet east of South Marion Street will be considered later in the Council agenda.

Mayor Cole invited comments or questions from the public. There was no one in the audience who indicated a desire to speak on this issue. Mayor Cole twice repeated his invitation for public comments or questions. Again, there was no one who indicated a desire to speak during this public hearing.

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There being no further comments or questions at this hearing, Mayor Cole declared the public hearing closed at 8:22 p.m.

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
