

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
October 19, 2004

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, in City Council Chambers of the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Mayor Brad Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

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

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

Police Chief Steve Odum introduced Calvin Stearns who was just promoted to Deputy Chief of Operations and Jeff Grubb who was just promoted to Lieutenant.

Mayor Cole noted that the next City Council meeting would be held on November 9 rather than November 2 to avoid a conflict with the election.

Mayor Cole announced that petitions for City Council would be available beginning on November 3rd for the April consolidated election.

Mayor Cole noted that the City had hosted a meeting of the Southern Illinois Mayors Association on the SIUC campus the prior weekend. He thanked SIU for providing meeting space and football tickets.

Mayor Cole noted that Carbondale Community High School had hosted the Illinois High School Association Girls State Golf Tournament the prior weekend. He congratulated CCHS on conducting an outstanding tournament and added that the City of Carbondale was proud to serve as the host community.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

There was no one present who indicated a desire to speak during this portion of the meeting.

4. Consent Agenda

Presented for Council approval on the Consent Agenda were the following items and corresponding recommendations:

1. Approval of Minutes. Recommendation: Approve minutes of the Regular City Council meeting and Public Hearing on Proposed Use of LLEBG funds, both held on October 5, 2004.

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2. Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #935 for the period ended September 27, 2004, in the amount of \$1,032,422.37. (Exhibit A-10-19-04)
3. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the East Walnut Street/Giant City Road Intersection Improvements (ST0205). Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2004-R-85; Exhibit B-10-19-04)
4. Award of purchase of two full-size one-ton trucks with flat-bed bodies, tool boxes, and rear lift gates for Street Maintenance. Recommendation: Declare the 1992 GMC 3500 flat-bed truck, tool boxes and lift gate (VIN #1GDHC34K8NE524753, City Tag #7540) as surplus property and award the purchase of two 2005 GMC 3500 Sierra Truck Cab/Chassis with flat-bed bodies, tool boxes and rear lift gates to Auffenberg of Carbondale in the amount of \$55,150.00.
5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur in appointment of Joe Robinson to the Carbondale Information and Telecommunications Commission through June 30, 2005; AJ Mayes to the Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission through May 1, 2005; Tequia Hicks to the Human Relations Commission through May 31, 2005 and Kevin Winstead to the Liquor Advisory Board for a term to start on January 1, 2005 and extend through May 1, 2005.
6. Illinois Municipal League Legislative Bulletin 2004-19. Recommendation: Accept and place on file and authorize the Mayor to contact state legislators regarding the City's position on HB 4651, SB 3150 and SB 728.
7. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Testing Service Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for New Era Road, Route 13 to Glenn Road (CIP ST9502). Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2004-R-86; Exhibit C-10-19-04)

Mayor Cole asked if anyone would like any items removed from the Consent Agenda. No items were removed.

S. Simon moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1 through 4.7. VOTE: Ayes: S. Simon, C. McDaniel, M. Flanagan, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Application for Housing Rehabilitation Grant from Community Development Assistance Program:

The minutes of this public hearing were transcribed separately.

6. General Business

1. Resolution Authorizing Submission of CDAP Housing Rehabilitation Grant Application:

S. Haynes moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Assistance Program housing rehabilitation grant application. DISCUSSION: There was discussion about the source of the in-kind and City funds. Councilman Haynes inquired as to whether the persons in the community who could benefit from the program were notified of the public hearing. Mr. Monty responded that a notice of public hearing was placed in the newspaper, but individual notifications are not sent out. Councilwomen Flanagan and

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McDaniel added that they personally notify persons who might be interested in the program. Mayor Cole added that this is an ongoing program in which the City has participated since the mid-1970s. Mr. Monty added that once the grant funding is approved, there is wide public dissemination about the availability of the program funds. VOTE: Ayes: S. Simon, C. McDaniel, M. Flanagan, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2004-R-87; Exhibit D-10-19-04)

2. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with SCN Properties, LLC for Sale of Real Property on Reed Station Road and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Quitclaim Deed for the Conveyance of Such property

S. Haynes moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the Council adopt an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Contract for Sale of Land with SCN Properties, LLC for five acres on the east side of Reed Station Road and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Quit Claim Deed for conveyance of said land. VOTE: Ayes: S. Simon, C. McDaniel, M. Flanagan, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2004-80; Exhibit E-10-19-04)

3. Resolution approving Miles Place Subdivision and Subdivision Agreement located at 2916 Alveria Drive

C. McDaniel moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council adopt the Resolution approving the subdivision plat and subdivision agreement for Miles Place Subdivision. VOTE: Ayes: S. Simon, C. McDaniel, M. Flanagan, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2004-R-88; Exhibit F-10-19-04)

4. Report on East Walnut/Cedarview Intersection Traffic Signals

City Manager Doherty presented the report on the possibility of traffic signals being installed at the East Walnut/Cedarview intersection. The report concluded that traffic signals at this location were not warranted under the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Report on East Walnut/Cedarview Intersection be received and accepted and placed on file. DISCUSSION: Councilwoman Flanagan said that although she understands that the analysis leading to the recommendation might be technically correct, with the pedestrians, bicyclists and residents who use that intersection to exit the subdivision, she believes a signal is necessary at that location and should remain a consideration. Councilman Wissmann noted that it is this area at which the speed limit increases from 30 to 45 and there is some risky behavior that occurs. He agreed with not placing the stoplight but asked about the possibility of placing a lighted pedestrian crosswalk with a flashing yellow light. Mayor Cole noted that it is incumbent on the drivers to proceed through the area cautiously, adding that the speed does not increase to 45 until past the curve where Walnut Street splits off. Furthermore, he added, pedestrians need to be aware of their surroundings when they cross through traffic, noting that adding a pedestrian crosswalk may provide a false sense of security for pedestrians. Councilwoman Simon said the report is centered around vehicles but looking at it from the perspective of a bicyclist, she believes more attention should be paid to the needs of pedestrians and bicyclist. She added, too, that many traffic signals are only triggered by cars moving over a magnetic loop in the pavement, but a bicyclist does not trigger

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the loop. Therefore, if a bicyclist is waiting for a light to change but no car approaches from behind to trigger the light, the bicyclist is forced to proceed through the red light. She also questioned the suggestion to use an alternate exit from the subdivision, noting that it is not reasonable to expect pedestrians and bicyclists to go well out of their way to exit the area. Mayor Cole noted that Walnut Street is a state highway and it would be up to the Illinois Department of Transportation to approve the placement of a traffic control device at this intersection. VOTE ON MOTION: Ayes: S. Simon, C. McDaniel, M. Flanagan, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

7. Council Comments

In response to Councilman Wissmann’s inquiry, most spectators in attendance indicated that they were present due to a class requirement rather than because of their interest in City government. Councilman Wissmann expressed the hope that they found the meeting interesting and that they will consider attending future Council meetings.

Councilman Jack reminded everyone of the November 2nd election and urged everyone to get out and vote.

Mayor Cole announced that Trick or Treat hours have been set for Saturday, October 30, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m..

Mayor Cole announced again that Carbondale Community High School had hosted the IHSA girls golf tournament the prior weekend which gave the community the opportunity to showcase its beauty and resources to persons all over the state.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:53 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
