

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Public Hearing on Proposed Vacation of the Ellis Street Right-of-Way
Located Within Block 2 of Miller and Ellis's First Subdivision
September 21, 2004

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a public hearing on Tuesday, September 21, 2004, in the City Council Chambers, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, for the purpose of soliciting comments on a proposed vacation of the Ellis Street right-of-way located within Block 2 of Miller and Ellis's First Subdivision. Mayor Cole called the public hearing to order at 7:48 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

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

Absent: Councilwoman Margaret Flanagan

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 Ward Chrysler Center has requested that the Ellis Street right-of-way within Block 2 of Miller and Ellis's First Subdivision be vacated. A letter from Ward Chrysler requesting the street vacation and a location map have been provided to the Council. Ward Chrysler owns the land on both sides of the right-of-way, which extends approximately 320 feet north from Linden Street. The existing use of the property is for vehicle storage associated with the Ward Chrysler Dealership and there are plans to redevelop the property. Mr. Redmond added 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 notice was published on September 5, 2004. Illinois Compiled Statutes also require the affirmative vote of 3/4 of the members of the City Council to vacate a street or alley right-of-way. An ordinance to consider vacating the Ellis Street right-of-way will be considered later on the Council agenda. Mr. Redmond concluded by recommending that the City Council conduct the public hearing.

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.

There being no further comments or questions at this hear, Mayor Cole declared the public hearing closed at 7:50 p.m.

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
