

**City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 15, 2005**

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, in City Council Chambers of the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Following a meeting of the Local Liquor Control Commission, Mayor Brad Cole called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

**1. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Councilman Steven N. Haynes

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

**2. General Announcements and Proclamations**

Mayor Cole announced that the Carbondale Community High School Terrier basketball team was playing in Supersectional in Edwardsville this evening and wished them luck. If they win, they will advance to the State Tournament this weekend. Also, the CCHS Scholar Bowl Team won the Sectional competition and is also headed to the State Tournament. In addition, the SIUC Saluki basketball team is playing in the NCAA tournament this weekend. Mayor Cole noted how all these accomplishments bring positive attention to the community and encouraged everyone to support the competitors.

Mayor Cole announced that the proposed budget for FY 2006 had been distributed to Council members and Council candidates. The budget will be available for review in the City Clerk's Office, City Manager's Office, Mayor's Office and Carbondale Public Library. The Public Hearing on the budget will be held at the March 29, 2005, Council meeting.

**3. Citizen Comments and Questions**

Elius Reed stated that he attended a Laborer Local #773 meeting on March 6th and learned from Union Vice President Ed Smith that they were going to build a new District Council building and offices for union officials and that inside the building there would be a credit union. Mr. Reed said Mr. Smith added that if the union got more money, they would build a new union hall. Mayor Cole asked Mr. Reed what he is requesting from the City Council. Mr. Reed said that he is simply providing updates to the Council so the Council will know what is going on with the situation of the union hall. He is not requesting any Council action.

**4. Consent Agenda**

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

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1. Approval of Minutes. Recommendation: Approve minutes of the Regular City Council meeting and Public Hearing on Proposed Vacation of an Alley, both held on March 1, 2005.
2. Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #945 for the period ended February 28, 2005, in the amount of \$1,042,372.24. (Exhibit A-3-15-05)
3. Acceptance of minutes of boards, commissions and committees. Recommendation: Accept Electrical Commission of October 19, 2004 and February 8, 2005; Fire Fighters Pension Fund Board of Trustees of January 11 and February 8, 2005; and Human Relations Commission of February 7, 2005.
4. Illinois Municipal League Legislative Bulletins 2005-06 and 2005-07. Recommendation: Accept and place on file and authorize Mayor to send letters in support of HR 117 and SB 94 and in opposition to HB 152, HB 730/SB 42; HB 1389, SB 91, SB 1700 and SB 1727.
5. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into Contracts for Services under the Violence Against Women Act. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2005-R-11; Exhibit B-3-15-05)
6. Acceptance of deeds and easements. Recommendation: Accept easement from Barrett Rochman for a storm sewer in the 200 block of South Marion Street.
7. Resolution proclaiming the results of the February 22, 2005, Primary Election. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2005-R-12; Exhibit C-3-15-05)
8. Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur in reappointment of Everett G. Hughes and Genevieve Houghton to the Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission through May 1, 2009; reappointment of Carlton Smith as member and Chairman of the Building Board of Appeals through May 1, 2008; reappointment of Steve Payne as ex-officio to the Liquor Advisory Board (LAB) through May 1, 2008, Eric Waltmire as GPSC representative to the LAB through May 1, 2005 and appointment of Eden Thorne to the LAB from May 1, 2005 through May 1, 2008; reappointment of Marcia Sinnott to the Preservation Commission through October 31, 2007; reappointment of LaRue Love to the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees through May 1, 2007; reappointment Virginia Edwards to the Personnel Board through June 30, 2008; and reappointment of Pat Justice to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners through May 1, 2008.
9. Budget Adjustment to provide for Refunding of the 1995 General Obligation Bonds with the Series 2004 General Obligation Bonds. Recommendation: Approve BA in Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$5,696,973.
10. Authorization for the City Manager to submit a Justice Assistance Grant Application. Recommendation: Approve.

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

S. Simon moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1 through 4.10. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, M. Flanagan and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

### 5. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Vacation of the East-West Alley Located North of East Stoker Street and extending 180 feet East of South State Street; East Stoker Street extending 180 feet East of South State Street; and the East-West Alley located south of East Stoker Street between South State Street and South Wall Street

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The minutes of this Public Hearing were transcribed separately.

### 6. General Business

1. Ordinance vacating the East-West Alley located North of East Stoker Street and Extending 180 Feet East of South State Street; East Stoker Street Extending 180 Feet East of South State Street; and the East-West Alley located South of East Stoker Street between South State Street and South Wall Street

S. Simon moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinance vacating the east-west alley located north of E. Stoker Street and extending 180 feet east of S. State Street; Stoker Street extending 180 feet east of S. State Street; and the east-west alley located south of E. Stoker Street between S. State Street and S. Wall Street. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, M. Flanagan and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2005-14; Exhibit D-3-15-05)

2. Ordinance establishing Stop Signs on West Sycamore Street where it intersects with North Springer Street

S. Simon moved, M. Flanagan seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinance which establishes stop signs for east and west bound traffic on West Sycamore Street where it intersects with North Springer Street. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, M. Flanagan and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2005-13; Exhibit E-3-15-05)

3. Award of contract for Community Welcome Signs

S. Simon moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council award the contract for Community Welcome Signs to Weatherford Design Group of Carbondale, Illinois, in the amount of \$38,800. DISCUSSION: Joel Fritzler asked why the signs were not put out for bid; Mayor Cole responded that the Code allows an exception to bidding for professional or artistic services. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, M. Flanagan and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

4. Resolution declaring "Fair Days" for the Southern Illinois Irish Festival

M. Flanagan moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council approve the Resolution declaring Fair Days for the Southern Illinois Irish Festival on April 22-23, 2005, at Lenus Turley Park. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, L. Jack, S. Simon, M. Flanagan and B. Cole. Nays: C. McDaniel. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2005-R-13; Exhibit F-3-15-05)

### 7. Council Comments

Councilwoman Simon noted that earlier in the meeting the Council had taken action to approve execution of contracts related to the Violence Against Women Act. She commended the Carbondale Police Department and expressed her appreciation for its efforts to bring in grant money to promote safety for women.

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Mayor Cole repeated his earlier announcement that the proposed FY 2006 was available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office, City Manager's Office, the Mayor's Office and the Carbondale Public Library. The public hearing on the budget will be held on March 29, 2005.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:51 p.m..

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Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:

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