

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Public Hearing on Proposed Vacation of a Portion of the
North-South Alley located West of South Logan Street
May 17, 2005

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, in the City Council Chambers, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, for the purpose of soliciting comments on a proposed vacation of a portion of the north-south alley located west of South Logan Street. Mayor Cole called the public hearing to order at 7:14 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

Present: Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilman Joel Fritzler, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon 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.

City Manager Jeff Doherty noted that Greg Szubartowski had requested that a portion of the north-south alley located west of South Logan Avenue be vacated. The portion of the alley requested for vacation lies approximately 160 feet west of South Logan Avenue and approximately 160 feet north of East College Street and is approximately 200 feet in length. The letter from Mr. Szubartowski requesting the vacation and location map have been provided to the Council. Mr. Szubartowski currently owns property on both sides of the unimproved alley. The proposed alley vacation will join Mr. Szubartowski's properties and facilitate development.

Mr. Doherty 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 notice of the hearing was published on May 1, 2005. In addition, staff sent letters to adjoining property owners notifying them of the public hearing. Mr. Doherty added that 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 alley will be considered later on 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.

There being no further comments or questions at this hear, Mayor Cole declared the public hearing closed at 7:16 p.m.

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:

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