

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
December 19, 2006

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, 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: Councilman Lance D. Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilman Joel Fritzler, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes and Mayor Brad Cole.

Absent: None

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

Councilwoman McDaniel announced that Santa Claus had visited the parks throughout Carbondale and the Carol Mosely Braun Center and thanked everyone involved in these special visits. She added that over 600 children were served.

Mayor Cole announced that City offices would be closed on Monday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday, on Monday, January 1, for the New Year's holiday and on Monday, January 15, for the Martin Luther King holiday. City refuse collection will be delayed one day during all three weeks.

Mayor Cole announced that the next City Council meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.

Mayor Cole presented Certificates of Appreciation to Cleveland Matthews and Harvey Welch, Jr., for their service on the Board of Directors of Carbondale Crimestoppers and D.A.R.E. of Carbondale from 1992, the year both organizations were chartered, through 2006. He also recognized Jane Boyd, an additional charter member of both Boards who was unable to attend this Council meeting.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

There was no one in the audience who indicated a desire to speak during this portion of the agenda.

4. Public Hearings

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5. 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 held on December 5, 2006.
2. Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #996 for the period ended November 11, 2006, in the amount of \$1,351,197.99 (Exhibit A-12-19-06)
3. Acceptance of minutes of boards, commissions and committees. Recommendation: Accept Fire Fighters Pension Board of Trustees of September 12, 2006 and Human Relations Commission of November 6, 2006.
4. Removed from Consent.
5. Illinois Municipal League Legislative Bulletin 2006-23. Recommendation: Accept and place on file.
6. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Modification No. 1 to an Engineering Service Agreement with J.T. Blankinship and Associates for Reed Station Road (ST0102). Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2006-R-55; Exhibit B-12-19-06)

Mayor Cole asked if any Council members would like any item removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Fritzler asked that 5.4 be removed.

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5 and 5.6. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5.4 Authorization for City Manager to Submit an Arts Tour Grant Application to the Illinois Arts Council.

S. Simon moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Illinois Arts Council for an Arts Tour grant in the amount of \$15,000 and execute an agreement with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra contingent upon receipt of the Arts Tour grant. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

6. General Business

1. Ordinance Adopting the 2006 Property Tax Levy

S. Haynes moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the Council approve an Ordinance adopting the 2006 Tax Levy in the amount of \$702,260. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2006-65; Exhibit C-12-19-06)

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2. Ordinance Establishing the 2006 Tax Levy for Downtown Special Service Area No. 1

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve an Ordinance adopting the 2006 Tax Levy in the amount of \$40,000 for the Downtown Special Service Area Number One. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2006-66; Exhibit D-12-19-06)

3. Ordinance Abating the 2006 Tax Levy for the 2006 General Obligation Bonds Debt Service
4. Ordinance Abating the 2006 Tax Levy for the 2004 General Obligation Refunding Bonds Debt Service
5. Ordinance Abating the 2006 Tax Levy for the 2003 Series General Obligation Refunding Bonds Debt Service
6. Ordinance Abating the 2006 Tax Levy for the 1992 Series General Obligation Refunding Bonds Debt Service

C. Wissmann moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Council approve (1) an Ordinance abating the 2006 Tax Levy for the 2006 General Obligation Bonds Debt Service with revenues from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and the Local Improvement Fund; (2) an Ordinance abating the 2006 Tax Levy for the 2004 General Obligation Refunding Bonds Debt Service with general revenues of the General Fund; (3) an Ordinance abating the 2006 Tax Levy for the 2003 Series General Obligation Refunding Bonds Debt Service with general revenues of the General Fund; and (4) an Ordinance abating the 2006 Debt Service Tax Levy for the 1992 Series General Obligation Refunding Bonds Debt Service with Water and Sewer revenues as provided for in Bond Ordinance No. 2002-10 for the remaining 1992 Series General Obligation Refunding Bonds. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. Nos. 2006-67, 2006-68, 2006-69 and 2006-70 respectively; Exhibits E-12-19-06, F-12-19-06, G-12-19-06 and H-12-19-06 respectively.)

7. Award of contract for the Carbondale Wireless Initiative

C. Wissmann moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council award a Contract for the Carbondale Wireless Initiative to SlingShot Wireless Communications, LLC, of Woodlawn, Illinois, in the amount of \$19,495.00. DISCUSSION: Mayor Cole acknowledged Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn for his assistance in obtaining the grant for Carbondale Main Street that will cover the cost of this initiative. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

8. Request from Keith Spires for Amendment to the City Code regarding Adult Entertainment

After a brief presentation by Keith Spires, Mayor Cole invited a motion from the City Council. There was no Council discussion and no motions offered. After inviting a motion three times and having no motion brought forward, Mayor Cole declared that there would be no action on this item.

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7. Council Comments

Councilman Wissmann said that in the discussion regarding the street improvement program at an earlier meeting he had mentioned there would be about a \$900,000 savings by going to the street improvement program over the oil-and-chip program that had previously been used. However, he noted that he erroneously added the amount that the City had been spending on the oil-and-chip program into the amount that was planned to be spent on the street improvement program to come up with the \$900,000 savings, which was about twice what the actual figure should have been. Mayor Cole noted that the street improvement program has been very successful and very well received.

Mayor Cole extended his wishes for a pleasant holiday season.

8. Closed Meeting

C. Wissmann moved, S. Simon seconded, that the City Council hold a closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 7:41 p.m..

C. McDaniel moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: S. Haynes. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 9:10 p.m.

There was no formal action taken as a result of the closed meeting.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:12 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
