

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2007

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, 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 7:25p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

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

Mayor Cole announced that on future City Council agendas the section entitled "Public Hearings" would be renamed "Public Hearings and Special Reports", adding that a special report by the Building and Neighborhood Services Manager would take place during that portion of this meeting.

Councilman Jack reminded everyone that the City's primary election would be held on Tuesday, February 27, and encouraged citizens to exercise their right to vote.

Mayor Cole administered the Oath of Office to new Carbondale Fire Fighter Ryan Hall.

Mayor Cole announced changes developed by the Carbondale Police Department that he would be presenting to the City Council during the upcoming budget process. First, a "Street Crimes Unit" will be created within the Department comprised of two officers and a supervisor. Second, there will be two additional detectives assigned to the Investigations Section and a Patrol Investigator will be designated. Third, patrol districts will increase from four to five with the addition of the central core of the City. The Mayor said that to accommodate the new district and support the other changes being made, the City Manager has been asked to budget for the hire of eight additional police officers to be phased in over the next two years. The additional cost will be approximately \$127,000 in the first year and a combined cost of \$263,000 in the second year.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

Ed Van Awken, 1009 West Sycamore, reiterated comments he made at the last City Council meeting suggesting that the City purchase the vacant area behind the former Lincoln Junior High School building and then convert the southern portion to commercial and the northern portion to park lands.

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois - February 20, 2007

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

1. Special Report from Building and Neighborhood Services

Tom Grant, Manager of Building and Neighborhood Services, reported on the "Permit-It" software program by WindoWare, Inc.. The software is being utilized by BNS for keeping track of rental versus owner-occupied residences, tracking building code, housing code and environmental inspections, issuance of building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and sign permits and for business licensing. The program has been successful in streamlining mandatory rental housing inspections. City Manager Doherty added that new computers are being purchased for the inspectors to allow them to better utilize the new system.

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 February 6, 2007
2. Approval of Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1001 for the period ended January 29, 2007, in the amount of \$789,958.15. (Exhibit A-2-20-07)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of September 29, 2006 and Human Relations Commission of January 8, 2007.
4. Acceptance of deeds and easements. Recommendation: Accept permanent easement from Andy Wallace for the Brehm Avenue Development (CIP SP9604) and authorize recording.
5. Removed from Consent.
6. Illinois Municipal League Legislative Bulletin 2007-02. Recommendation: Accept and place on file.
7. Resolution approving Ross Subdivision 2nd Plat and Subdivision Agreement at 2351 South Illinois Avenue. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2007-R-06; Exhibit B-2-20-07)

Mayor Cole asked if any Council members would like any item removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilwoman Simon asked that Item 5.5 be removed..

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6 and 5.7 be approved. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5.5 Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to submit a Contract Renewal Request and Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Annual Contributions Contract and Rent Schedule for the Mill Street Apartments Section 8 Project No. IL200NC0005/IL06-0018-005 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

S. Simon moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Council approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to submit a Contract Renewal Request and Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Annual Contributions Contract and Rent Schedule for the Mill Street Apartments Section 8 Project No.

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois - February 20, 2007

IL200NC0005/IL06-0018-005 for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. DISCUSSION: In response to Councilwoman Simon's inquiry, the City Manager reviewed the procedures for handling complaints filed by tenants, how complaints can be made and what the City's role in with respect to complaints. He said that persons tenants with complaints should contact Community Relations Officer Marilyn James. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2007-R-07; Exhibit C-2-20-07)

6. General Business

1. Ordinance approving Joyce Fligor's request to amend the Wireless Communication Facilities Siting Regulations and Development Standards with Regard to Wireless Communication Facility (WCF) Height in the BWA, Wholesale and Automotive District

S. Haynes moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council adopt an ordinance approving an amendment to Section 15-2L-10 of the Carbondale Revised Code relative to wireless community facility (WCF) height in the BWA, Wholesale and Automotive District. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: J. Fritzler. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2007-06; Exhibit D-2-20-07)

2. Award of purchase of Sixty-six (66) Duty Handguns with Holsters and Other Accessories for the Police Department

C. McDaniel moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Council reject the bid from Glock, Inc., of Smyrna, Georgia, in the amount of \$21,384.00 as incomplete; reject the bid from OMB Police Supply, Inc., of Lenexa, Kansas, in the amount of \$25,047.00 as incomplete; and award the purchase of sixty-six (66) handguns with holsters and other accessories to Ray O'Herron Co., Inc., of Danville, Illinois, in the amount of \$26,184.00. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

3. Authorization to purchase Police Package Vehicles for the Police Department

S. Haynes moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council declare the vehicles (1996 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FALP71W2TX157657, 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FAFP71WXXX117345, 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #2FAFP71W4XX182014, 1996 Chevrolet Lumina VIN #2G1WL52M6T9281884, and 1996 Chevrolet Lumina, VIN #2G1WL52M2T9284961 as surplus property; award the purchase of three (3) 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Package Interceptors to Landmark Ford of Springfield, Illinois, in the amount of \$59,122.00; and award the purchase of two (2) 2006 Chevrolet Impala Police Package Interceptors to Miles Chevrolet, Inc., of Decatur, Illinois, in the amount of \$30,327.32. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

4. Report on the Life Community Center's Sanitary Sewer

After the presentation of this Report by City Manager Doherty, S. Simon moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the City pay one-half of the actual cost of Alternative #3 (as listed in the Asaturian Eaton Report dated January 11, 2007).

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois - February 20, 2007

DISCUSSION: Park District Director Brian Ramsey and Park Board President Michael Heck spoke in support of the City providing financial assistance to correct the sewage surcharge into the Life Community Center. Armen Asaturian of Asaturian Eaton was available to answer questions and indicated that he had signed off on the report. Charles Howe and Ed Van Awken also addressed the Council.

During the course of the discussion, Mayor Cole suggested two friendly amendments to the motion on the floor: (1) to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Park District for the funding and (2) to place a maximum amount on the cost to be paid. Motioner Simon agreed with both amendments, adding that the maximum amount should be \$20,000 which was the amount of contribution originally suggested by Mayor Cole. Secunder McDaniel also agreed to both friendly amendments.

MOTION NOW READS: that the City pay one-half of the actual cost of Alternative #3 (as listed in the Asaturian Eaton report dated January 11, 2007) in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 and authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Park District for the funding. VOTE: Ayes: S. Simon, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and L. Jack. Motion declared defeated.

Mayor Cole concluded discussion by noting that the report of the City Manager will be accepted and placed on file.

7. Council Comments

Councilman Fritzler asked that the Preservation Commission be invited to make a presentation at the next meeting or a future meeting under the new Council agenda section "Special Reports".

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:18 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
