

**City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 6, 2007**

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, 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: Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilman Joel Fritzler, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Lance D. Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon 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**

City Manager Doherty said the WiFi network in downtown Carbondale is operational and can be accessed at the City Hall/Civic Center, all four quadrants of the Town Square, the Amtrak station and Friendship Plaza. A device will also be installed at the Superblock and the Library will be added. A demonstration will be arranged for the City Council at a later date.

Mayor Cole announced that Monday, February 19th, is Presidents Day. City Offices will be closed and the refuse and recycling schedule will be postponed one day that week.

Mayor Cole announced that both the SIU Men's and Women's basketball teams are first in their conferences and commended Coaches Chris Lowery and Dana Eikenberg for their successes. He also congratulated Brittany Riley of the SIU Track and Field team for setting a world record in the weight throw.

Mayor Cole proclaimed February 2007 as "Black History Month" and presented the proclamation to Carolin Harvey.

**3. Citizen Comments and Questions**

Ed Van Awken, 1009 W. Sycamore, asked that the Council consider a vision for the future by developing an urban renaissance. He referred to the unused former CCHS athletic fields and the vacant areas behind the former Lincoln Junior High School as areas that could be redeveloped and encouraged the Council to hold public meeting to discuss the revitalization of these areas.

Elius Reed presented a written statement to Council members which referred to a 1994 letter from City Manager Doherty to NAACP President Linda Flowers suggesting that he would like a program to be developed in the community that would encourage and assist Carbondale citizens to prepare themselves for good jobs. Mr. Reed asked for a written response to five questions related to the 1994 comment and whether the summer cleanup program was developed for that purpose. Mayor Cole said that City Manager Doherty would provide a response to Mr. Reed's letter.

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**4. Public Hearings**

**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 January 16, 2006.
2. Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #999 for the period ended January 2, 2007 (FY 2007) in the amount of \$1,048,616.91. (Exhibit A-2-6-07)
3. Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1000 for the period ended January 15, 2007 (FY 2007) in the amount of \$2,005,315.53. (Exhibit B-2-6-07)
4. Acceptance of minutes of boards, commissions and committees. Recommendation: Accept Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission of October 16, 2006, Library Board of December 13, 2006 and Liquor Advisory Board of January 4, 2007.
5. Acceptance of deeds and easements. Recommendation: Accept permanent easement from Gateway Foundation for a water line through property located on East Park Street and one permanent easement from Carbondale Meadow Ridge Homeowners Association and one permanent and one temporary easement from the SIU Board of Trustees for the Wall Street Improvement Project and authorize the easements to be recorded.
6. Award of purchase of three clarifier meters for the Water Treatment Plant. Recommendation: Award purchase of three clarifier meters for the Water Treatment Plant to Midwest Meter, Inc., of Cape Girardeau, in the amount of \$17,820.00.
7. Ordinance amending Title Two of the Carbondale Revised Code as it Relates to Halloween Restrictions. Recommendation. Approve. (Ord. 2007-04; Exhibit C-2-6-07)
8. Acceptance of Motor Fuel Tax Audit No. 70 for the Period Beginning May 1, 2005 and ending April 30, 2006. Recommendation: Accept and place on file.
9. Illinois Municipal League Legislative Bulletin 2007-01. Recommendation: Accept and place on file.
10. Resolution approving Reed Station Crossings 2nd Plat Subdivision and Subdivision Agreement located on Reed Station Parkway. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2007-R-04; Exhibit D-2-6-07)
11. Resolution approving Final BPL, Planned Business, Development Plan for Office Place at Reed Station Crossing located at 2250 Reed Station Parkway. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2007-R-05; Exhibit E-2-6-07)

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

C. Wissmann moved, S. Simon seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.11. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: C. McDaniel. Motion declared carried.

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**6. General Business**

1. Award of purchase of one 2007 Model Extended Length Passenger Minivan FFV for the Police Department Crime Scene Services

S. Haynes moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the Council declare the trade-in vehicle (1999 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #1FAPP71W0XX182012, City ID #9596) as surplus property and award the purchase of one 2007 model extended length passenger minivan FFV to Ward Chrysler Center of Carbondale in the amount of \$17,660.00 for a 2007 Dodge Grand Caravan for the Police Department. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

2. Award of contract for Public Works Administrative Building, CIP No. PB0303

Mayor Cole noted that this item was being brought back from the prior meeting because there was incomplete information from the low bidder related to the EEO/Affirmative Action paperwork. City Manager Doherty noted that the City's EEO Officer worked with Schimpf Construction who has now submitted the required forms and have met the requirements. Mayor Cole noted that the Council did not have information on the low bidder or on the other bidders at the previous Council meeting and still does not have information on the other bidders. In response to the City Manager's inquiry, Purchasing Manager Laura Butler noted that the EEO/AA documentation is generally requested only of the low bidder following the bid opening. City Manager Doherty said that the process would need to be adjusted if the Council would like information on the other bidders.

C. Wissmann moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council award a contract for the construction of the Public Works Administration Building (CIP No. PB0303) to Schimpf Construction of Carbondale in the amount of \$128,250.00 which includes the base bid of \$136,500.00 and the deductive alternate bid #4a in the amount of \$8,250.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute a change order which adds 880 sq. ft to the building and deletes the building insulation and minor drywall work from the contract for the Maintenance and Environmental Services Division in an amount not to exceed \$47,521.00. DISCUSSION: Rod Schimpf of Schimpf Construction noted that it is impossible to get the EEO/AA information filled out prior to the bid opening, adding that one page requires signatures from all subcontractors and they do not know who the subcontractors are until minutes before the bid opening. He reiterated that there is usually time given afterwards to submit the documentation to the City. Mayor Cole said the issue is not what the process is before the bids are opened but how the information is compiled after the bid opening and then presented to the Council. He said he would like the information presented on all bidders so the Council can make an educated decision. Councilwoman McDaniel requested clarification, asking if there are multiple bidders with one low bidder, the information is going to be required from all the bidders so the Council can choose to whom to make the award. Mayor Cole said that was correct. VOTE ON MOTION: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. City Manager Doherty said City staff would adjust its process to make sure the Council has information about the other bidders.

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3. Ordinance amending Title One of the Carbondale Revised Code as it relates to Oaths of Office for Mayor and City Council Members

S. Haynes moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinance amending Title One of the Carbondale Revised Code as it relates to Oaths of Office for Mayor and City Council members. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2007-05; Exhibit F-2-6-07)

4. Consideration of Community and Economic Development Organizations Funding Requests

City Manager Jeff Doherty recommended FY 2008 funding for community organizations in the following amounts: Attucks Community Services Board, \$71,221; Senior Adult Services, \$34,881; Southern Illinois Regional Social Services (Youth Services program), \$12,660; The Women's Center, \$12,111; Carbondale Community Arts, \$71,078; Abundant Health Resource Clinic, \$29,107; Good Samaritan Ministries, \$18,560; The Science Center, \$9,725; New Zion Missionary Baptist Church (Summer Food Program), \$4,000; Carbondale Junior Sports, \$1,500; Carbondale Lions Club Fireworks, \$3,000; The Southern Illinois Center for a Sustainable Future, \$2,000; the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, \$30,870; and Splash 'N Saturday, \$2,000. Randy Osborne of The Boys and Girls Club addressed the Council and presented additional information in support of that organization's request.

Councilman Fritzler expressed concern about the increases in funding for the organizations based on other financial issues facing the City including the funding of salary adjustments for City employees.

City Manager Jeff Doherty recommended FY 2008 funding for economic development organizations in the following amounts: Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, \$305,000 and Carbondale Main Street, \$11,319. In response to Councilwoman Simon's inquiry, Mayor Cole noted that the amount being suggested for funding to the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau is from the 5% hotel/motel tax collected by the City.

Councilwoman Simon echoed the concerns raised earlier by Councilman Fritzler and the automatic 2.9% increase based on calculations by another entity and asked the City Manager to explain the background of why there are automatic increases. City Manager Doherty said in the 1980s there were agencies that were funded primarily through federal revenue sharing funds. When revenue sharing was discontinued, a decision was made to continue funding the agencies and organizations so for a few years the funding requests came and the City Council struggled with how much they were going to fund them. Staff developed a process where there would be automatic annual increases based on the Municipal Cost Index which is similar to the Consumer Price Index except that it measures the goods and services found with municipalities. The Municipal Cost Index is published in the November issue of American City and County magazine. This method of calculating increases takes away the controversy on how much the agencies should be funded. Councilwoman Simon said that as long as it is manageable in the budget she would like to be able to fund the increases but she would also be willing to hold the line if that is what is needed to manage the budget.

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Mayor Cole noted that the amount of funding for community organizations is recommended at approximately \$303,000. Councilman Wissmann added that a significant percentage of that amount is in-kind contributions in the form of free rent to Attucks Community Services and Abundant Health Resource Clinic.

C. Wissmann moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Council approve tentative funding amounts as recommended for the community organizations and economic development organizations. DISCUSSION: Mayor Cole again noted that these are only tentative approvals and will be voted upon as part of the FY 2008 budget. He said discussion points like what Councilwoman Simon raised will probably be brought back as part of the Council's discussion on the budget. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: J. Fritzler. Motion declared carried.

Mayor Cole said the funding of these organizations is a much smoother and refined process than it was a few years ago, adding that the Council should occasionally review how the organizations should be funded and whether the increase in the municipal cost index is how the funding should be determined. Mayor Cole said when he raised the issue a number of years ago he felt that perhaps some organizations should get more and some organizations should get less. Although at that time the Council did not agree, he still believes that funding is not necessarily representative of what some of these organizations do. He said he would challenge the Council or future Councils to review how these organizations are funded and not just give them the annual increase but ask what they are doing and how important it is to the City. If it is that important, it should be funded; if it is not, then it should not be funded. He said this should be discussed at some point in the future.

Councilman Fritzler asked about the other agencies and organizations that were not on the list, specifically the Jackson County Business Development Corporation (JCBDC). He asked that a representative of JCBDC be asked to attend a Council meeting and talk about why Carbondale should provide \$20,000 when Jackson County and the City of Murphysboro have both withdrawn funding. Mayor Cole said he has relayed similar concerns to some of the JCBDC Board members, adding that the City was funding \$10,000 but when Jackson County backed out, the City picked up the County's portion. He said someone needs to pay for economic development in Jackson County and, unfortunately, Jackson County is not. Mayor Cole noted that the City of Murphysboro is likely going to be continuing contributing their amount, adding that it is scheduled to come back to the Murphysboro City Council for approval. He said he has shared with some of the JCBDC Board members his thoughts on how they can capitalize on funding and he expects the Board to discuss those ideas in the near future. After that, discussion would be an appropriate time for the JCBDC to come to a City Council meeting for a presentation.

Councilwoman Simon suggested that there also be some recommendations from City staff on funding for that group. Mayor Cole said he has talked with the other mayors from Jackson County communities and they need Carbondale's help because they don't have funds (for economic development). He said he sees Carbondale's investment in the JCBDC as an investment in the rest of the county.

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**7. Council Comments**

Mayor Cole announced The Women's Center Taste of Chocolate to be held on Friday night at the Civic Center.

Councilman Wissmann announced the WDBX Valentine's Ball to be held on Saturday night at the Civic Center.

Kris Schachel of the Southern Illinois Center for a Sustainable Future announced that on Wednesday, February 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. the Association of Professional Energy Consultants (APEC) is presenting a free seminar entitled "Take Control of Your Electric Bill".

**8. Closed Meeting**

L. Jack moved, S. Haynes 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 and collective negotiating matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (c)(2). VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 8:19 p.m..

C. Wissmann moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, J. Fritzler, C. Wissmann, L. Jack, S. Simon and B. Cole. Nays: S. Haynes. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 9:36 p.m.

Mayor Cole announced that in the Closed Meeting the Council had concluded the annual performance review of the City Manager and had reached consensus on awarding the City Manager a 3% salary adjustment including the 2% across-the-board increase and a 1% merit increase retroactive to December 8, 2006.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:37 p.m..

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Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:

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