

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Public Hearing on Proposed Vacation of a Portion of the North-South Alley
Located West of North Bridge Street
March 4, 2008

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a public hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, in City Council Chambers, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, for the purpose of soliciting comments on the proposed vacation of a portion of the north-south alley located west of North Bridge Street. Mayor Cole called the public hearing to order at 7:39 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

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

Planning Services Manager Rob Keehn noted that Michael Asa has requested that a portion of a north-south alley located west of North Bridge Street be vacated. The portion of the alley requested for vacation lies approximately 100 feet west of North Bridge Street and adjoins the south side of the West Rigdon Street right of way. The alley area requested for vacation is currently unimproved, measures 10 feet wide and approximately 120 feet in length and is not currently used for utilities or drainage. The west one-half of the proposed alley vacation will join Mr. Asa's property and facilitate the construction of a new single family dwelling unit. The east one-half of the proposed alley vacation will join the parcel to the east.

Mr. Keehn noted that Illinois Compiled Statutes require 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 was published on February 17, 2008. 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, no one indicated a desire to speak during this public hearing.

There being no further comments or questions at this hearing, Mayor Cole declared the public hearing closed at 7:42 p.m.

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
