

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2008

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, 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 City Council meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

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 Jeffrey W. Doherty and various members of the City's administrative staff.

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

Mayor Cole announced that Item 5.12 would be removed from the Consent Agenda.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

Elius Reed, 2012 South Illinois Avenue, asked for confirmation on whether eight specific statements were included in the 1981 Affirmative Action Policy and distributed a copy of a letter he sent to Community Relations Officer Marilyn James which outlined the statements about which he was inquiring. Mr. Reed also noted that Ed Smith, Laborers International Union Vice President and Midwest Regional Manager in Laborers Local 773, has announced he will retire in May 2008 to accept another job. He said it was Smith's plan in 2003 which closed the Carbondale Laborers union hall and other halls without union members being allowed to vote on the issue. He said Smith also collected money from the closed union hall bank accounts and said that the money would be used to build a consolidated union hall but instead the money was used to build offices for union officials.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

1. Public Hearing on the Proposed Vacation of a Portion of a North-South Alley located West of North Bridge Street

The minutes of this public hearing were transcribed separately.

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 12, 2008.

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2. Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1029 for the period ended January 28, 2008, (FY 2008) in the amount of \$1,179,004.16. (Exhibit A-3-4-08)
3. Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1030 for the period ended February 11, 2008 (FY 2008) in the amount of \$1,116,333.59. (Exhibit B-3-4-08)
4. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept Library Board of January 9, 2008.
5. Removed from Consent.
6. Award of purchase of Water Line Materials for Union Hill Road Raw Water Line Relocation, CIP No. WS0801. Recommendation: Award the purchase to Cregger Company Inc. of Mt. Vernon in the amount of \$69,283.60.
7. Approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the FY 2008 Fire Department Budget and Award of purchase of Breathing Air Compressor. Recommendation: Approve the Ordinance authorizing the Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$36,500 and award purchase to Towers Fire Apparatus Company of Freeburg, Illinois, in the amount of \$26,544. (Ord. 2008-08; Exhibit C-3-4-08)
8. Illinois Municipal League Legislative Bulletins 2008-02 and 2008-03. Recommendation: Accept and place on file.
9. Acceptance of Deeds and Easements. Recommendation: Accept easement from First Southern Bank for a sanitary sewer line to serve 2500 West Murphysboro Road.
10. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Purchase of Parking Software for the Parking Fund. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2008-R-12; Exhibit D-3-4-08)
11. Purchase of outdoor warning siren for Sunset Drive. Recommendation: Approve purchase from Global Technical Systems for \$17,800.00 pursuant to 1-6-13.E.1 and 1-6-13.E.7 of the City Code.
12. Removed from consideration on City Council agenda.
13. Removed from Consent.
14. Approval of Amendment to the Five-Year Community Investment Program. Recommendation: Amend to include Crab Orchard Water District Improvements (WS0803) at an estimated cost of \$36,000 and Northwest Water Reclamation Plant Terminal Lift Station Improvements at an estimated cost of \$13,696 and approve a budget adjustment.

Mayor Cole asked if any Council members would like any items removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Jack asked that Item 5.5 be removed. Councilman Fritzler asked that Item 5.13 be removed. Item 5.12 had already been removed by Mayor Cole.

L. Jack moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11 and 5.14. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack and B. Cole. Nays: J. Fritzler. Motion declared carried.

5.5 Ordinance vacating a portion of the north-south alley located west of North Bridge Street.

C. McDaniel moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the Council adopt the Ordinance vacating the north-south alley right-of-way located south of West Rigdon Street between North Almond Street and North Bridge Street. DISCUSSION: Councilman Jack noted that he was one of the adjoining property owners so would abstain from the vote. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Abstentions: L. Jack. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2008-07; Exhibit E-3-4-08)

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5.13 Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Solemnize Marriages

C. Wissmann moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Solemnize Marriages. DISCUSSION: Councilman Fritzler suggested that the ordinance be amended to allow all City Council members to solemnize marriages. Mayor Cole responded that rather than amending this ordinance that he would bring a recommendation on Councilman Fritzler's request back to the Council at a future time. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2008-08; Exhibit F-3-4-08)

6. General Business

1. Resolution Commending Neighborhood Inspector Karen Anderson for Service to the City of Carbondale

C. McDaniel moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Council approve the Resolution commending Neighborhood Inspector Karen Anderson for service to the City of Carbondale. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2008-R-11; Exhibit G-3-4-08)

2. Introduction of Design Consultants for the Public Safety and the Fire Station

Representing FGM Architects, consultants for the architectural and engineering design of the new Fire Station, were: Tim Kwaitkowski, Vice President, Barry Moyer, Project Manager and Ryan Mason, Project Architect.

Representatives of Arcturis, consultants for the architectural and engineering design of the Public Safety Center, were unable to attend due to the inclement weather.

There was no formal action on this item.

3. Request to Initiate a Public Hearing to Consider Amending the Zoning Ordinance Relative to the Regulation and Amortization of Mobile Homes in the City of Carbondale's Zoning Jurisdiction

Councilman Wissmann suggested that when the staff and Planning Commission review this issue they take into consideration the age of the mobile homes, the occupancy of the mobile homes and whether they are rental or owner-occupied and, if legal, the possibility of tying the amortization to lease expirations so no one is evicted from their residences. Mayor Cole asked that staff be provided with information concerning who spoke on this issue when it was considered in 2004.

C. Wissmann moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council direct staff to initiate a public hearing to consider amending the zoning ordinance relative to the regulation and amortization of mobile homes in the City of Carbondale's zoning jurisdiction. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

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7. Council Comments

Councilman Fritzler announced that Wednesday, March 5, is “Crispus Attucks Day”.

Mayor Cole reminded everyone that Daylight Savings Time would begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9th.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:12 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on
