

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
March 31, 2009

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, in City Council Chambers of the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South 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 Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilman Joel Fritzler, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann and Mayor Brad Cole

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Janet M. Vaught, City Manager Allen D. Gill and various members of the City's administrative staff.

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

Mayor Cole announced that City Hall offices would be closed on Friday, April 10, for the Good Friday holiday. The City's refuse collection schedule will not be affected.

Mayor Cole announced that local elections would be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. As a result, there will be no City Council meeting that evening. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

Mayor Cole made note of a tragic vehicle accident which occurred on March 17, 2009, at which the first police officer arrived in less than one minute after the first 911 call came in. Additional Carbondale police officers and fire fighters also arrived very quickly, joined by Jackson County Ambulance Service, SIUC Department of Public Safety and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. In all, 26 first responders were joined by three members of the community to provide assistance. Seven people including three children were transported to the hospital where chaplain services were also provided. Unfortunately, one child did not survive the accident and thoughts and prayers go out to that family. Mayor Cole extended his gratitude to the public safety employees, civilians and hospital personnel who fought so hard to save lives and take care of those that were injured. He also thanked those who have provided comfort and assistance to the families of those involved. The Mayor noted the personal impact a tragic event such as this has on the public safety personnel as they arrive on the scene to help others and those persons should be recognized and thanked for their efforts.

Mayor Cole noted that the City of Carbondale had been named a finalist in the 60th Annual All America City awards competition presented by the National Civic League. The award is given to ten cities each year for outstanding civic accomplishment. Carbondale previously applied for the award in 1971 and was named an All America City that year. An application

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was submitted which addressed community challenges and youth-driven efforts. Specifically, Carbondale's application focused on the Varsity Center for the Arts, the City's neighborhood revitalization efforts through local programs and community organizations and the Carbondale Futures program. A three-day competition will be held this summer with a delegation from each of the 32 finalist communities being given an opportunity to make a presentation before a jury of national experts. Mayor Cole thanked Kevin Baity and Ama Hapke for their work on the application.

Councilman Wissmann announced a Press Conference to be held on April 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the Marion Carnegie Library sponsored by a consortium of interest groups including the American Association of Retired People regarding Illinois House Bill 3922, the Health Insurance Fairness Act. People interested in the bill are invited to attend and learn more.

City Clerk Janet Vaught announced the Attorney General's Internet Safety Seminar to be held on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

Mayor Cole proclaimed April 2009 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and presented the proclamation to Jesslyn Jobe.

Mayor Cole proclaimed April 17-19, 2009, as "Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Days" and presented the proclamation to Charles Alexander.

Mayor Cole proclaimed March 2009 as "Athletic Training Month".

3. **Citizen Comments and Questions**

Barry Spehn, 500 Charles Road #31, stated that his car had been towed from private property the prior Thursday evening and added the tow notice in the lot where he was parked was in a location where it could not be seen clearly. He said he called the Police Department when he thought his car might have been stolen and was treated rudely by the dispatcher. Mayor Cole said Building and Neighborhood Services will check the signage in the lot and Interim Police Jeff Grubbs will speak with Mr. Spain and provide him with a complaint form if he would like to file a complaint about the telecommunicator.

4. **Public Hearings and Special Reports**

1. Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2010 City Budget

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 of the Regular City Council meeting held on March 17, 2009. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Approval of Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1060 for the period ended March 9, 2009, in the amount of \$871,777.20. (Exhibit A-3-31-09)

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3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission of February 19, 2009; Human Relations Commission of February 2, 2009; Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees of February 11, 2009; Planning Commission of March 4 2009; and Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees of February 3 and February 24, 2009.
4. Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the FY 2010 Program for Maintenance of Streets and Alleys. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-16; Exhibit B-3-31-09)
5. Award of Purchase of Various Water Treatment Chemicals for FY 2010. Recommendation: Award FY 2010 purchases as follows: Liquid Alum to G.S. Robins & Company of St. Louis, Missouri, for \$35,850.00; Caustic Soda to KA Steel Chemicals of Lemont, Illinois, for \$60,140.00; Chlorine to DPC Enterprises of Festus, Missouri, for \$19,700.00; Fluoride to Solvay Fluorides of Houston, Texas, for \$15,698.43; Potassium Permanganate to Brenntag Mid-South of Calvert City, Kentucky, for \$12,775.84; and Powdered Activated Carbon to Univar of Berkeley, Missouri, for \$23,400.00.
6. Award of Two-Year Mowing Contract for FY 2010 and FY 2011. Recommendation: Award to Matt Crain of Carterville and Paul Hicks of Carbondale in the amount of \$68,121.06 and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement.
7. Award of Contract for Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation, CIP No. SA0901. Recommendation: Award contract to Walden Associated Technologies, Inc., of Glen Carbon, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00.
8. Resolution authorizing the Submission of FY 2009 COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant Application. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-17; Exhibit C-3-31-09)
9. Ordinance Annexing 16.1 Acres of Abandoned Railroad Right-of-Way located off of New Era Road. Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2009-18; Exhibit D-3-31-09)
10. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to Apply for Grants. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-18; Exhibit E-3-31-09)
11. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Water Purchase Contract with Lakeside Water District. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-19; Exhibit F-3-31-09)

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

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.11. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

6. General Business

1. Resolution Declaring "Fair Days" for the Carbondale Park District Sunset Concert Series

C. Wissmann moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Council approve the Resolution declaring Fair Days for the Carbondale Park District for the 2009 Sunset Concert Series at Lenus Turley Park. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: C. McDaniel. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2009-R-20; Exhibit G-3-31-09)

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2. Award of Purchase of Land Development Software for the Building and Neighborhood Services Division

M. Pohlmann moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the Council approve the purchase of the LAMA Software Program from The Davenport Group and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement for services as specified. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2009-R-21; Exhibit H-3-31-2009)

3. Discussion of FY 2010 Budget and Five Year Community Investment Program

Mayor Cole noted that the requisite Public Hearing had been held earlier in the meeting and public comments had been offered. Mayor Cole invited comments or questions from the City Council.

Council members made comments and asked questions concerning the budget. There were no changes to the budget from how it was presented. Mayor Cole noted that the proposed draft budget will remain on file for public inspection in various locations and work will continue on it over the next few weeks. The budget and Community Investment Program will be placed on the City Council agenda for final action on April 21st.

7. **Council Comments**

There were no Council comments.

8. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:19 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
