

**City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois  
Regular Meeting  
May 5, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, in City Council Chambers of the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue.

**Oath of Office and  
Seating of Newly Re-Elected City Council Members**

City Clerk Janet Vaught administered the Oath of Office and seated Re-Elected City Council Member Corene McDaniel. Assisting were Councilwoman McDaniel's granddaughters, Sheridan Kevonne Coleman and Marleny Evonne McDaniel.

City Clerk Janet Vaught administered the Oath of Office and seated Re-Elected City Council Member Chris Wissmann.

City Clerk Janet Vaught administered the Oath of Office and seated Re-Elected City Council Member Joel Fritzler. Assisting was Councilman Fritzler's wife, Julie Fritzler.

Following the seating of re-elected Council members, Mayor Brad Cole called the City Council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

**1. Roll Call**

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

Councilwoman Pohlmann announced that April 16th was National Health Care Decisions Day and encouraged people to talk with their families about future health-care decisions and to complete advance directives. She noted that advance directive forms and state-specific information is available from the National Health Care Decisions Day website, from the Illinois State Medical Society website or from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Councilwoman Pohlmann announced that the Carbondale Park District and Southern Illinois University are co-sponsoring the Carbondale Senior Games on June 4-6. Anyone 50 years or older is eligible to participate. The deadline for entries is May 22 and entry forms are available on the Carbondale Park District website or at the Life Center.

Mayor Cole proclaimed the month of May as "Mental Health Month" and presented the proclamation to Karen Freitag, Director of Southern Illinois Regional Social Services.

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Mayor Cole announced that Danny Piquard, Superintendent of the City's Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant, had been named Outstanding Illinois Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator of the Year by the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators.

### 3. Citizen Comments and Questions

William Dunkel, 2643 Old U.S. Highway 51, Makanda, said he is a candidate for Eagle Scout and is working on his Eagle project which is a Family Safety Festival to be held on May 16 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club. There will be free giveaways such as smoke detectors donated by State Representative Mike Bost and the owner of Wright Do-It Center and free crank radios and safety kits. There will be multiple presenters such as the American Red Cross talking about 72-hour kits, EMT Jerry Bozeman talking about first aid training, Totsie Harris talking about health diseases that can occur during emergencies as well as the current issue of swine flu, Harvey Henson of the SIU Geology Department talking about earthquakes, the Carbondale Police Department and Carbondale Fire Department, John Mead talking about emergency communication and preparedness, Curt Mezo from Murdale Water District will talk about water safety and preparedness, City Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann will talk about Map Your Neighborhood and community unity and Jim Razor will talk about weather hazards.

Elius Reed, 2012 South Illinois Avenue, noted that Page 16 of the newly-adopted Affirmative Action Plan states that all employees should be provided with exit questions or interviews at the time of their separation of employment with the City. Mr. Reed asked if Tom Grant was provided with an exit questionnaire or interview form. Mayor Cole responded that this was a personnel matter and is not for public discussion. Mr. Reed asked if Police Officer James Gaddis had been terminated as an employee of the City of Carbondale. Mayor Cole responded that Gaddis was terminated on April 7, 2009.

### 4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

1. Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation Agreement Between the City of Carbondale and Allen Cissell for the Cissell Subdivision

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 April 21, 2009 and the Special City Council meeting held on April 30, 2009. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Approval of Warrant. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1062 for the period ended April 6, 2009, in the amount of \$1,823,714.65. (Exhibit A-5-5-09)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept Comprehensive Plan Review Committee of January 26, February 11, February 25, March 11, March 25 and April 8, 2009; Liquor Advisory Board of March 5, 2009; and Preservation Commission of February 9, 2009.
4. Acceptance of Deeds and Easements. Recommendation: Accept deed and permanent easement from S& H Land Trust for the Reed Station Road Reconstruction Project.

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5. Resolutions declaring Fair Days for Carbondale Main Street Downtown Art and Wine Fairs on June 5 and October 2, 2009. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-30 and 2009-R-31 respectively; Exhibits B-5-5-09 and C-5-5-09 respectively)
6. Resolution approving Cissell Subdivision and Subdivision Agreement Located on Dogwood Road. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-32; Exhibit D-5-5-09)
7. Ordinance approving an Annexation Agreement between the City of Carbondale and Allen Cissell for the Cissell Subdivision. Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2009-24; Exhibit E-5-5-09)
8. Resolution Proclaiming the Results of the April 7, 2009, Municipal Election. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-33; Exhibit F-5-5-09)
9. Resolution authorizing the Submission of a Community Development Assistance Program Economic Development Grant Application. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-34; Exhibit G-5-5-09)
10. Ordinance Amending the Five-Year Community Investment Plan to Include the Resurfacing of Wall Street, Washington Street and Oakland Avenue and Approving a Budget Adjustment From Grant Funds and Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with IDOT. Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2009-25 and Res. 2009-R-35 respectively; Exhibits H-5-5-09 and I-5-5-09 respectively)

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

C. McDaniel moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.10. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

Following the vote, Councilwoman Pohlmann noted that although she had no objection to Item #10 on the Consent Agenda, she has received complaints with regard to street resurfacing. She asked that when streets are resurfaced that City engineers and/or the contractors who are chosen for the resurfacing projects ascertain that the underlying surfaces for these streets are of such quality that the resurfacing materials to be applied will not fail in a short period of time. In addition, she would like assurance that the edges of the resurfaced streets will not cause unsafe shoulders, ditches or gutters.

### 6. General Business

1. Authorization for the City Manager to Execute an Engagement Letter with Kerber, Eck & Braeckel for the City's FY 2009 Audit

M. Pohlmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Engagement Letters with Kerber, Eck and Braeckel for the FY 2009 audit services. DISCUSSION: Councilman Fritzler noted the Kerber, Eck and Braeckel had been retained for the City's audit for a number of years, adding that it might be good to have fresh eyes look at the City's financial records. City Treasurer Ernest Tessone explained the process of requesting proposals. Mayor Cole said that Requests for Proposals will be distributed for next year's audit. VOTE: Ayes: L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

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**7. Council Comments**

Councilwoman McDaniel introduced her daughter, Zenetta, who was seated in the audience.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:34 p.m..

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Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:

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