

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2009

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, in City Council Chambers of the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Mayor Brad Cole called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilman Joel Fritzler, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann, Councilman Chris Wissmann 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 Monday, September 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. All City refuse collection routes will be pushed back one day.

Mayor Cole announced that the next City Council meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

Barry Spehn, 500 Charles Road #31, noted that although State law requires brake light bars on the rear of tow trucks when the tow truck's rear lights cannot be seen around a car being towed, quite often tow trucks do not use the required light bars. He asked that a City ordinance be passed which would require the use of a rear light bar at all times when a vehicle is being towed. Mr. Spehn also suggested that the maximum fee set by City ordinance for towing a vehicle be reduced. Mayor Cole asked Mr. Spehn to present his concerns to City staff, then staff can prepare a report and recommendation for City Council consideration.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

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 August 18, 2009.
Recommendation: Approve.
2. Removed from Consent.

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3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of April 24, 2009; Energy and Environmental Advisory Commission of March 19, June 18 and July 16, 2009; Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees of June 23 and July 28, 2009; Preservation Commission of July 20, 2009.
4. Reappointment to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur in Mayor's reappointment of Don Prosser to Senior Adult Services through September 30, 2012.
5. Resolution Eliminating the Child Care Advisory Board. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. No. 2009-R-55; Exhibit A-9-1-09)

Mayor Cole asked if any member of the City Council would like any items removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Fritzler removed Item 5.2.

S. Haynes moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

5.2 Approval of Warrant.

C. Wissmann moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council approve Warrant #1074 for the period ended August 10, 2009, (FY 2010) in the amount of \$1,070,560.95. DISCUSSION: Councilman Fritzler asked about the expenditure for Brinks and whether the Police Department could transport a City staff person to deposit funds. City Manager Gill said the matter had been discussed internally but he will prepare a report for Council consideration. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Exhibit B-9-1-09)

6. General Business

1. Resolution Commending Police Lieutenant Paul Echols for Service to the City of Carbondale

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the City Council approve the Resolution commending Police Lieutenant Paul Echols for service to the City of Carbondale. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2009-R-54; Exhibit C-9-1-09)

2. Ordinance Amending Title One, Section 14F of the Carbondale Revised Code to Create a Sustainability Commission

C. Wissmann moved, L. Jack seconded, that the City Council approve the Ordinance Amending Title One, Section 14F, of the Carbondale Revised Code to Create a Sustainability Commission. DISCUSSION: Councilman Fritzler encouraged residents with expertise in the areas enumerated in the Ordinance to volunteer their service to the Commission. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2009-43; Exhibit D-9-1-09)

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3. **Appointments to Sustainability Commission**

S. Haynes moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council concur in the Mayor's appointments of John Stewardson and Kimberly Elsenbroek to the Sustainability Commission to complete unexpired terms ending May 1, 2011. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

7. **Council Comments**

Councilman Jack invited everyone to attend the 13th Annual Carbondale Main Street Pig Out to be held in the 710 parking lot on September 18 and 19, 2009.

Councilman Fritzler noted that over the Labor Day holiday, persons might be out in the nice weather replanting trees that were lost in the May 8th storm. He reminded everyone to not plant trees in the right-of-way under electrical wires or over other utility lines. Anyone who doesn't know where their water/sewer, natural gas or other utility lines are located should contact J.U.L.I.E..

8. **Closed Meeting**

S. Haynes moved, M. Pohlmann 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 pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 7:30 p.m..

M. Pohlmann moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Council return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 8:47 p.m..

There was no formal action taken as a result of the Closed Meeting.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:48 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
