

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2009

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 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 Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, for Thanksgiving. Thursday's refuse collection route will be collected on Friday.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

Alan Asp of Herrin referenced a letter he had sent to Mayor Cole on November 4, 2009, related to problems he was having with Building and Neighborhood Services about properties he owns at 803 North Bridge and 522 North Michaels. Mayor Cole noted that City Manager Gill had responded to the letter and would also be following up with Mr. Asp the following day.

John Holmes, Chair of the City of Carbondale Human Relations Commission, presented a letter from the Commission opposing the elimination of the position of Community Relations Officer.

Elius Reed, 2012 South Illinois Avenue, asked when the elimination of the Community Relations Officer position will take place. Mayor Cole noted that the City Council has taken no formal action on that issue. Mr. Reed also asked if the City Council put a referendum on the ballot when it passed the sales tax increase for Saluki Way. Mayor Cole responded that there was no referendum.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

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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 November 3, 2009. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Warrant for Period Ended October 19, 2009, Warrant #1079. Recommendation: Approve in amount of \$2,463,349.19. (Exhibit A-11-17-09)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees of October 14, 2009, and Human Relations Commission of September 14, 2009.
4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur in Mayor's appointment of Adrian Miller, CCHS Student, to the Sustainability Commission through May 1, 2010, and James A. Muhlhausen to the Sustainability Commission through May 1, 2012 .
5. Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment Establishing FY 2010 Police Department Contingency Account. Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2009-54; Exhibit B-11-17-09)
6. Ordinance Authorizing the Addition of an Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Grant to the Police Department Budget. Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2009-55; Exhibit C-11-17-09)
7. Approval of Purchase of Pumps and Approval of Budget Adjustment for Reed Station Road Lift Station, Kent Drive Lift Station and Pine Lake Lift Station. Recommendation: Approve purchase and budget adjustment.
8. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate on New Era Road for Expansion of the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-70; Exhibit D-11-17-09)
9. Resolution Approving the Plat of Deer Trail Subdivision West of Alveria Drive. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-71; Exhibit E-11-17-09)
10. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Grant by Freeway Release, Easements of Access to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-72; Exhibit F-11-17-09)
11. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract with Littleton Storm and Timber Services, Inc., for Removal of Trees from Cedar Lake Property. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2009-R-73; Exhibit G-11-17-09)

The Mayor asked if anyone would like any items removed from the Consent Agenda. There were no items removed.

C. Wissmann moved, L. Jack seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 as revised, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10 and 5.11. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

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6. General Business

1. Review and Action on the FY 2009 Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Other Supplemental Financial Reports

Mark Dallas of Kerber, Eck and Braeckel presented the Financial Report and answered City Council questions.

S. Haynes moved, M. Pohlmann seconded, that the Council accept and place on file the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended April 30, 2009. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

2. Review of 2009 Proposed Tax Levy, Truth in Taxation Act Determination and Public Library Board's Tax Levy Requirements

C. Wissmann moved, L. Jack seconded, that the Council direct staff to submit a Tax Levy Ordinance for the December 15, 2009, City Council meeting containing the recommended Tax Levy and Tax Levy Abatements that will result in a net 2009 Tax Levy in the amount of \$2,102,721. DISCUSSION: City Council members discussed issues related to reinstating the property tax versus an increase in sales tax to meet the financial needs of the City. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, L. Jack, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: S. Haynes and J. Fritzler. Motion declared carried.

Following the vote, Mayor Cole presented six options for Council consideration related to budget planning discussions. There was no additional Council discussion following the Mayor's presentation.

7. Council Comments

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:36 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
