

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
August 3, 2010

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, in City Council Chambers of the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Following a meeting of the Local Liquor Control Commission, Mayor Brad Cole called the meeting to order at 7:20 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, Councilman Chris Wissmann and Mayor Brad Cole

Absent: Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann

Also present were City Clerk Janet M. Vaught, City Manager Allen D. Gill and various members of the City's administrative staff. Mayor Cole noted that Councilwoman Pohlmann had notified the City Council that she would be unable to attend this meeting.

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

There were no general announcements or proclamations.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

Elius Reed, 2012 South Illinois Avenue, referenced a newspaper article about construction projects in Carbondale which said that City leaders are counting on the projects to create jobs and asked whether the jobs will be created for Carbondale residents or for Southern Illinois residents; Mayor Cole responded that jobs will be created for both. Mr. Reed also asked if the City's housing inspector had checked the distance between the houses being developed on the City's northeast side. Mayor Cole noted that the side yard setbacks had been checked and were in compliance, adding that a letter had been sent to Mr. Reed providing that information.

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 July 20, 2010. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Warrant for Period Ended June 28, 2010, FY 2011, Warrant #1100. Recommendation: Approve in amount of \$1,271,051.76. (Exhibit A-8-3-10)
3. Warrant for Period Ended July 12, 2010, FY 2011, Warrant #1101. Recommendation: Approve in amount of \$1,177,458.35. (Exhibit B-8-3-10)
4. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees: Recommendation: Accept Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of April 30, 2010; Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees of June 16, 2010; and Preservation Commission of April 19 and June 21, 2010.

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5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur in appointment of Dave Loftus to the Liquor Advisory Board as the SIUC Undergraduate Student Government representative through May 1, 2011, and the appointment of Bill Ryan to the Sustainability Commission as the SIUC Undergraduate Student Government representatives for the remainder of an unexpired term through May 1, 2011.
6. Approval of 2011 Calendar of City Council Meetings. Recommendation: Approve.
7. Review and Action on the Preservation Commission's Annual Certified Local Government Report for Fiscal Year 2010. Recommendation: Accept and place on file.
8. Removed from Consent.
9. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Economic Development Tax Increment Financing Agreement Related to Construction of Parking Facilities on East Monroe Street between Washington and Marion Street. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2010-R-32; Exhibit C-8-3-10)

The Mayor asked if anyone would like any items removed from the Consent Agenda. Donald Monty, 418 South Giant City Road, asked that Item 4.8 be removed. There were no additional items removed.

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

Mayor Cole introduced David Loftus and Bill Ryan, new Undergraduate Student Government representatives to the Liquor Advisory Board and Sustainability Commission respectively, who were present in the audience.

4.8 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with the Board of Education of Carbondale Elementary School District #95 for the purchase of 501 South Marion Street

S. Haynes moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Contract with the Board of Education of Carbondale Elementary School District No. 95 to purchase property located at 501 South Marion Street. DISCUSSION: Donald Monty, 418 South Giant City Road, encouraged the Council to keep the property as open space to benefit the neighborhood. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2010-R-33; Exhibit D-8-3-10)

6. General Business

1. Ordinance Amending Title Two, Chapters One and Four, of the Carbondale Revised Code Relative to Liquor Licenses for Bed and Breakfast Establishments

J. Fritzler moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinance Amending Title Two, Chapters One and Four, of the Carbondale Revised Code Relative to Liquor Licenses for Bed and Breakfast Establishments. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2010-28; Exhibit E-8-3-10)

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2. Informational Report of Actions Taken by City of Carbondale on Behalf of Carbondale Public Library

Library Director Diana Brawley Sussman was present to answer questions. Mayor Cole noted that the Library is in default of the agreement with the City to establish a reserve account, a restricted account, to be set aside and used in times of financial exigency. However, the Library has been operating with significant deficits in the last couple of years and has been unable to follow through with the agreement to maintain that reserve account. In addition, the Library is not meeting its own internal policy of minimum contribution toward books and materials. Mayor Cole noted that the Library is not wholly independent, adding that the City of Carbondale has fiduciary responsibilities associated with the Library, including the levy and collection of taxes to be provided for the operation of the Library. The Mayor pointed out that the operation of the Library is administered by the Library Board of Trustees which is appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council, emphasizing that significant reforms need to be made by the Library Board to address these issues and stating that if the Board doesn't follow through, the Mayor and City Council may have no choice but to take action.

C. Wissmann moved, L. Jack seconded, that the Informational Report of Actions Taken by City of Carbondale on Behalf of Carbondale Public Library be accepted and placed on file. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

7. Council Comments

There were no Council comments.

8. Closed Meeting

J. Fritzler moved, S. Haynes 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, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 7:57 p.m..

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: S. Haynes, L. Jack, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 8:18 p.m..

There was no formal action taken as a result of the closed meeting.

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:
