

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
November 23, 2010

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, 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: Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Joel Fritzler, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel 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 offices would be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thursday's refuse collection route will be collected on Friday.

Mayor Cole announced that the next City Council meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010.

Mayor Cole presented the Cost and Reimbursement Approximate Summation for "Operation Windy City", the windstorm which occurred on May 8, 2009. Total storm damage expenditures were \$3,591,390.66; reimbursements included \$631,143.00 from the Federal Highway Administration, \$1,355,967.17 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and \$887,445.41 from insurance. The net expenditure to the City of Carbondale was \$716,835.08.

Mayor Cole announced that the Reed Station Parkway Extension was opened on November 21st. At the December 21st City Council meeting, an ordinance will be presented to name the street "Veterans Parkway".

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

There was no one present who indicated a desire to address the City Council during this portion of the meeting.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

1. Swearing In of City Councilman Michel G. Neill

City Clerk Janet Vaught administered the Oath of Office to newly-appointed City Councilman Michel G. Neill.

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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 and the Public Hearing on the Proposed annexation Agreement with the V.A. Beadle Trust, both held on November 9, 2010. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Warrant for Period Ended October 18, 2010, FY 2011, Warrant #1108. Recommendation: Approve in amount of \$2,722,527.86. (Exhibit A-11-23-10)
3. Warrant for Period Ended November 1, 2010, FY 2011, Warrant #1109. Recommendation: Approve in amount of \$1,590,839.15. (Exhibit B-11-23-10)
4. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees: Recommendation: Accept Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees of September 8, 2010; Human Relations Commission of October 4, 2010; Planning Commission of October 20, 2010; Preservation Commission of October 18, 2010; and Sustainability Commission of September 16, 2010.
5. Acceptance of Easement for Chili's Water Line. Recommendation: Accept permanent easement from University Outparcel LLC and have the easement recorded.
6. Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment Establishing FY 2011 Police Department Contingency Account. Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2010-37; Exhibit C-11-23-2010)
7. Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Funding to Facilitate the Implementation of the 2010 Safe Routes to School Program Project. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2010-R-43; Exhibit D-11-23-2010)
8. Award of Contract for One Year Exclusive Contractual Vehicle Towing Services with a Contractor's Option for One Additional Year. Recommendation: Award to Express Towing, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000 to be paid in quarterly installments of \$3,000.

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

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

Subsequent to the vote and as related to the Safe Routes to School program, Councilwoman Pohlmann suggested that the City of Carbondale look into becoming a "Let's Move City". Mayor Cole said the National League of Cities has also endorsed the program and he will be obtaining more information to share with the school boards and others that may be interested.

6. General Business

1. Discussion of Proposal to Transfer Ownership of the Eurma C. Hayes Center to the Eurma C. Hayes Center Corporation

James E. Scales, Chair of the Attucks Community Services Board and Acting Chair of the Eurma C. Hayes Center Building Committee and Earl Daniels, Executive Director of the Eurma C. Hayes Center Building Committee.

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There was no action taken on this item. The transfer of the property will be brought back for formal action on December 21, 2010.

2. Ordinance Approving and Resolution Denying Campus Colonial LLC's Request to Rezone 0.78 Acres Located at 617 and 621 East Campus Drive from R-1-15, Low Density Residential, to R-2, Medium Density Residential

Mr. Bruce Chrisman of Campus Colonial LLC spoke in support of the request. There was no one who spoke in opposition to the request.

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council adopt the Ordinance approving the request to rezone 0.78 acres located at 617 and 621 East Campus Drive from R-1-15, Low Density Residential, to R-2 Medium Density Residential. VOTE: Ayes: M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2010-38; Exhibit E-11-23-10)

3. Review and Action on the FY 2010 Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Other Supplemental Financial Reports

Mark Dallas, Partner in Kerber, Eck and Braeckel, presented the FY 2010 Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

M. Pohlmann moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council accept and place on file the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2010. VOTE: Ayes: M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

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

The Council discussed the proposed Tax Levy, Truth in Taxation Act Determination and the Tax Levy for the Carbondale Public Library. There was no one present from the Carbondale Public Library to answer questions.

There was no Council action taken; formal Council action was scheduled for December 21, 2010.

7. Council Comments

Councilman Haynes expressed disappointment about a number of derogatory comments that were posted about an article which appeared in The Southern Illinoisan online. He noted that to remain silent about such comments could be perceived as condoning it, adding that persons need to speak out against injustice.

Mayor Cole announced that he would present his annual State of the City Address at the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce luncheon on December 14th. \$5 from the ticket price goes toward one or more scholarships for Carbondale Community High School students attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

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Mayor Cole noted the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and all for which we should be thankful.

8. Closed Meeting

M. Pohlmann moved, M. Neill seconded, that the Council hold a closed meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of one or more employees and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the public body has been filed and is pending before a court or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (c)(11). VOTE: Ayes: M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 8:30 p.m..

S. Haynes moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the Council return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 9:06 p.m..

There was no 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 9:08 p.m..

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
