

**City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 21, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, in City Council Chambers, 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 Michael Neill, 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 offices would be closed on Friday, December 24, for the Christmas holiday and on Friday, December 31, for the New Years holiday. City refuse collection routes will not be affected.

Mayor Cole announced that the next City Council meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

**3. Citizen Comments and Questions**

Barry Spehn, 500 Charles Road #31, expressed concern about the appearance of the City and opined that the City Council should be addressing more important issues than alcohol being consumed in unlicensed establishments. Mr. Spehn also said his road is terrible and needs a permanent resolution rather than patches. Mayor Cole noted that Mr. Spehn lives on a private drive off of Charles Road and maintenance is the responsibility of the owner of the road.

**4. Public Hearings and Special Reports**

**1. Swearing In Ceremony - Carbondale Police Officers**

Mayor Cole administered the Oath of Office to new Police Officers Theodore Lattan and DeAndre Payne.

**2. Recognition of G.R.E.A.T. Program and D.A.R.E. Program Award Winners**

The D.A.R.E. poster winner recognized was Brooklyn Irvin. The D.A.R.E. license plate winners recognized were Brianna Sanders and Gilliam Collie.

The G.R.E.A.T. "Making My School A Great Place" project winners recognized were Kristina Houser and Zaire Davis.

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### 3. American Planning Association Award Presentation

Rob Kowalski, President of the Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association, presented the City of Carbondale with the 2010 Daniel Burnham Award for the City's 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

### 4. Public Hearing on an Annexation Agreement with Dean Amley for Property Located at 214 Health Department Road

The minutes of this Public Hearing were transcribed separately.

### 5. Public Hearing on an Annexation Agreement with V.A. Beadle Trust for Property Located at 4 Crown Lane

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 November 23, 2010. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Warrant for Period Ended November 15, 2010, FY 2011, Warrant #1110. Recommendation: Approve in amount of \$1,109,776.17. (Exhibit A-12-21-10)
3. Warrant for Period Ended November 29, 2010, FY 2011, Warrant #1111. Recommendation: Approve in amount of \$2,309,842.25. (Exhibit B-12-21-10)
4. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees: Recommendation: Accept Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees of October 13, 2010; Fire Fighters Pension Board of Trustees of August 10, 2010; Human Relations Commission of November 1, 2010; and Planning Commission of November 17, 2010.
5. Reappointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur in Mayor's recommended reappointment of Michael Brazley, Navreet Kang and Janet Lilly to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, all through January 31, 2015.
6. Acceptance of deeds and easements. Recommendation: Accept deed from the Jackson County Tax Sale for 309 East Birch Street.
7. Ordinance Naming the New Roadway that Connects Reed Station Parkway to Illinois Route 13 "Veterans Parkway". Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2010-39; Exhibit C-12-21-10)
8. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment for the Fire Department. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2010-R-45; Exhibit D-12-21-10)
9. Ordinance Annexing 24.44 Acres on Dogwood Road. Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2010-40; Exhibit E-12-21-10)
10. Ordinance Annexing 9.65 Acres at 1701 New Era Road. Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2010-41; Exhibit F-12-21-10)
11. Ordinance Approving and Resolution Denying Dean Amley's Request to Rezone a 21.422 Acre Parcel located at 214 Health Department Road from AG, General Agriculture, to SB, Secondary Business and an Ordinance initiating an Annexation Agreement between the City of Carbondale and Dean Amley. Recommendation: Approve the Ordinance approving the rezoning and the Ordinance authorizing the

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Annexation Agreement. (Ord. 2010-42 and 2010-43 respectively; Exhibits G-12-21-10 and H-12-21-10 respectively)

12. Award of Purchase of SCADA System Hardware, Amendment of Contract for Computer Programming and Engineering Services, and Budget Adjustment for the Water Treatment Plant SCADA System, CIP No. WS1101. Recommendation: Approve Action to Award to Vandevanter Engineering in amount of \$39,173.38.
13. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Petition the Illinois Department of Transportation for Construction of the East Main Street Water Line Improvements CIP No. WS0803. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2010-R-46; Exhibit I-12-21-10)
14. Ordinance Increasing the Overall FY 2011 Budget to Purchase a Sign for Oakland Cemetery. Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2010-44; Exhibit J-12-21-10)
15. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Resource Management Associates to Conduct an Assessment Center to Evaluate Candidates for the Rank of Police Sergeant and Police Lieutenant. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2010-R-47; Exhibit K-12-21-10)
16. Resolution Urging Governor Quinn to Approve SB 3538 Regarding Police and Fire Pension Reform. Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2010-R-48; Exhibit L-12-21-10)

The Mayor asked if anyone 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, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.14, 5.15 and 5.16. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

### 6. General Business

1. Resolution Commending Augustus G. McKinley for Service to the City of Carbondale

C. McDaniel moved, S. Haynes seconded, that the Council approve the Resolution commending Augustus McKinley for Service to the City of Carbondale. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2010-R-44; Exhibit M-12-21-10)

2. Appointment of City Clerk

C. Wissmann moved, M. Neill seconded, that the Council consent to the Mayor's appointment of Rachael Keehn as the new City Clerk to begin on February 18, 2011. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

3. Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for Sale of the Eurma C. Hayes Center and Resolution Authorizing a Contract with the Eurma C. Hayes Center Corporation Concerning Provision of Services

Elius Reed, 2012 South Illinois Avenue, and Evelyn Koine, 1104 North Pierce, addressed the Council concerning this item.

S. Haynes moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council adopt the Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for Sale of the Eurma C. Hayes Center and

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adopt the Resolution Authorizing a Contract with the Eurma C. Hayes Center Corporation Concerning Provision of Services. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2010-45 and Res. 2010-R-49 respectively; Exhibits N-12-21-10 and O-12-21-10 respectively)

4. Ordinance Approving and Resolution Denying V.A. Beadle Trust Request to Rezone a 1.36 Acre Parcel Located at 4 Crown Lane from RR, Rural Residential, and AG, General Agriculture, to PA, Professional Administrative Office, and an Ordinance Initiating an Annexation Agreement Between the City of Carbondale and V.A. Beadle Trust

Speaking on this agenda item were Don Prosser, the Attorney representing the V.A. Beadle Trust, as well as Lance Jack and Priscilla Pimentel of Carbondale.

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinance Approving the Request to Rezone 1.36 Acres Located at 4 Crown Lane from RR, Rural Residential, and AG, General Agriculture, to PA, Professional Administrative Office, and adopt the Ordinance Initiating an Annexation Agreement Between the City of Carbondale and V.A. Beadle Trust. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ords. 2010-46 and 2010-47 respectively; Exhibits P-12-21-10 and Q-12-21-10 respectively.)

5. Ordinances Abating the 2010 Tax Levies for General Obligation Bonds

M. Pohlmann moved, M. Neill seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinances abating the 2010 Debt Service Tax Levy for the 2003, 2004, 2006, 2010A and 2010B General Obligation Bonds. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ords. 2010-48, 2010-49, 2010-50, 2010-51 and 2010-52 respectively; Exhibits R-12-21-10, S-12-21-10, T-12-21-10, U-12-21-10 and V-12-21-10 respectively)

6. Ordinance Adopting the 2010 Property Tax Levy

Speaking on this agenda item were Library Director Diana Brawley Sussmann, Charlie Howe, Priscilla Pimentel, Julia McQueen, Lance Jack, Donald Monty, Elius Reed, Genervieve Houghton, Eugene Koehn and Jeff Pauline.

Following Council discussion, M. Pohlmann moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinance adopting the 2010 Tax Levy in the amount of \$1,664,004 (\$810,729 City Purposes and \$853,275 Library Program). VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, C. McDaniel and M. Pohlmann. Nays: M. Neill, J. Fritzler and B. Cole. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2010-53; Exhibit W-12-21-10)

7. Ordinance Establishing the 2010 Tax Levy for the Downtown Special Service Area Number One

Speaking on this agenda item was Lance Jack, who noted he is a member of the Carbondale Main Street Board of Directors but was not speaking on the Board's behalf.

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C. Wissmann moved, J. Fritzler seconded, that the Council approve the Ordinance adopting the 2010 Tax Levy in the amount of \$40,000 for the Downtown Special Service Area Number One. VOTE: Ayes: C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel and M. Pohlmann. Nays: B. Cole. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2010-54; Exhibit X-12-21-10)

### 7. Council Comments

Councilman Wissmann said that in response to some of the questions asked during the discussion on the tax levy, based on the increasing costs of pensions it is likely that the issue of increasing revenue to cover costs will likely have to reoccur next year and in future years. Councilman Wissmann also noted that the Council passed a resolution urging the Governor to sign legislation on pension reform and although it may not be a perfect bill, it is a start. He encouraged everyone to contact the Governor and urge him to sign the bill into law. He also encouraged the League of Women Voters to study the issue and come up with proposals to help resolve the problems.

Councilwoman McDaniel congratulated her son and daughter who are celebrating their wedding anniversary the following day.

Mayor Cole noted that there had been about twenty police officers in the audience earlier, but they all left the meeting following the discussion on the tax levy. He said he regrets that they left because he wanted to talk about pensions. He said he worked for about two years on the pension reform bill and although it is not a perfect bill, it does have some good changes that will allow municipalities to see some savings and will still be good for the employees. He also encouraged everyone to write to Governor Quinn urging him to sign SB 3538.

Mayor Cole noted that the person who asked him to lead the effort in pension reform was Mayor Tim Davlin of Springfield. For whatever personal reasons, Mayor Davlin unfortunately took his own life on Tuesday, December 14, at the age of 53. Mayor Cole said the Mayor Davlin should be recognized for his service to the citizens of Springfield and the State of Illinois. Mayor Cole said that in addition, he would like to use this occasion to shed some light on suicide, noting that the holidays are particularly difficult for some people and one might think that everyone is happy because they're wishing you a Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah. However, he said, these are very tough days for some people and encouraged everyone to make an effort to make sure that people they care about are okay.

### 8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:22 p.m..

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Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:

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