

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2011

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 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 Joel Fritzler, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Michael Neill, and Mayor Brad Cole

Absent: None.

Also present were City Clerk Rachael E. Keehn, City Manager Allen D. Gill and various members of the City's administrative staff.

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

Mayor Cole announced that the Carbondale Community High School Scholar Bowl team won the Class AA IHSA Regional at home on Monday, February 28, 2011. by beating both Marion and Centralia. The score of the Marion match was 406-84, the score of the Centralia match was 426-68. Coach Sharon Lorinskas is in her tenth year of coaching, and this is her tenth consecutive regional win. On Saturday, March 5th, the squad, consisting of Captain Srinivas Panchamukhi, Ben Chametsky, sophomore Michael Steele, freshmen Prerak Trivedi and Anish Bhattacharya competed in the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl in Riverton, Illinois, and placed 2nd in the Class AA Division. The team went 6-1, losing only to the #1 ranked AA team, Stevenson in Lincolnshire. The closest match that the Terriers had was against the Illinois Math and Science Academy, which they won, and they also defeated Wauconda, Fremd, Peoria Richwoods, Champaign, Centennial, and sectional rival Chatham Glenwood. Besides bringing home the second place plaque, the team was awarded a check from the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois for \$1,000. The Terriers have not been beaten by any team south of I-80 since 2008.

Mayor Cole announced that the Carbondale Middle School basketball team won the Class L Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association (SIJHSAA) Large Schools Boys Basketball State Championship for the first time in 21 years. Mr. Goforth, Principal of Carbondale Middle School, and Coaches Alfred McGowan and Tommie Liggins were commended for the team's achievements. Principal Goforth spoke to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the team and the coaches. The coaches spoke and acknowledged each team member individually.

Mayor Cole announced that Tiffany Schmitt had been hired as the new Revenue Officer in the Finance Department effective February 7, 2011.

3. Citizens' Comments and Questions

Barry Spehn, 500 Charles Road #31, noted that several months before he had addressed the Council about tow truck drivers and their driving without safety straps or a light bar and he had hoped that the Council would have taken action on the matter. He informed the Council that on February 19th Larry's Towing was towing a vehicle on Marion Street north and while stopped at a traffic light got rear-ended because there was no light bar on back of the vehicle. He said he hopes the Council takes action on this matter before someone gets hurt. Mr. Spehn also said his road is terrible and needs a permanent resolution rather than patches. He said he would appreciate some gravel and smoothing out to be done on his road. He also said that he doesn't want an emergency vehicle to have to drive down the road in that condition. 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.

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4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

1. Public Hearing on a Proposed Intergovernmental Jurisdictional Boundary Agreement Between the City of Carbondale and the City of Murphysboro

The minutes of this Public Hearing were transcribed separately.

5. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on Proposed Vacation of a Portion of the North/South and East/West Alley adjacent to 508 North Bridge Street held on February 8, 2011. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Approval of Warrant for Period Ended January 24, 2011, FY 2011, Warrant # 1115. Recommendation: Approve in amount of \$1,151,175.83. (Exhibit A-3-8-2011)
3. Approval of Warrant for Period Ended February 7, 2011, FY 2011, Warrant # 1116. Recommendation: Approve in amount of \$907,664.82. (Exhibit B-3-8-2011)
4. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of January 20, 2011 and February 16, 2011; Liquor Advisory Board of February 3, 2011; Preservation Commission of January 10, 2011; Sustainability Commission of January 20, 2011; and Police Pension Fund of December 28, 2011.
5. Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur with Mayor Cole's recommended appointments of Philip Brown, Hazel Grant, and Susan Tulis to the Library Board to fill unexpired terms ending June 30, 2013.
6. Approval of Purchase of Rock Salt Through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program. Recommendation: Reaffirm that the purchase of rock salt through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program is in the best interests of the City of Carbondale, and move to Approve the Purchase of Rock Salt for highway snow and ice control; and Authorize the City Manager to submit a requisition to the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services for 900 tons of rock salt through the Joint Purchasing Program, using purchase commitment "Option 3" – renewal of the existing contract at a unit price not to exceed 5% of the current contract unit price for FY 2011.
7. Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the FY 2012 Program for Maintenance of Streets and Alleys. Recommendation: Approve a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for appropriating \$480,109 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds pending review and approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation. (Exhibit C-3-8-2011)
8. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Vandevanter Engineering for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Software and Programming for the Southeast Waste Water Treatment Plant (SEWWTP). Recommendation: Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$26,601 to provide SCADA software and programming for the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant. (Exhibit D-3-8-2011)

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

C. Wissmann moved, M. Neill 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: J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

6. General Business

1. Resolution Approving Tom Egert's Request for a Special Use Permit to Operate an Inn in the AG, General Agriculture District.

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Speaking in support of the Special Use Permit request were the applicant Tom Egert, 4760 Springer Ridge Road, Navreet Kang, 613 South Terrace Drive, and Steven Kraft, 88 Dakota Road. Also speaking was Donald Monty, 418 South Giant City Road, who noted that per the Carbondale Revised Code, if a use is not permitted it is explicitly prohibited.

Councilwoman Pohlmann noted that the Carbondale Revised Code does not provide a definition for cabins as rental units, and that the Council should consider revising the code to provide a definition for cabins.

Following Council discussion, C. Wissmann moved, M. Pohlmann seconded that the Council move to adopt the Resolution approving the request for a Special Use Permit allowing the operation of an Inn in the AG, General Agriculture, District, with the condition that the Special Use is limited to the three existing cabins. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2011-R-13; Exhibit E-3-8-2011).

7. Council Comments

Councilwoman Pohlmann asked Mayor Cole if she could comment on the Public Hearing on a Proposed Intergovernmental Jurisdictional Boundary Agreement between the City of Carbondale and the City of Murphysboro held earlier in this meeting. Mayor Cole said that she could. Councilwoman Pohlmann asked whether Murphysboro had held a public hearing on a proposed agreement. Mayor Cole answered that they had not. Councilwoman Pohlmann noted that it may not be in Murphysboro's best interest to have a boundary agreement because their city limits already come up to Country Club Road and that it is her understanding that Carbondale and Murphysboro could have overlapping zoning jurisdictions. She also noted that to her understanding, Murphysboro could come up as far as half-way to Carbondale's boundaries by annexation in absence of a boundary agreement. Mayor Cole confirmed that Murphysboro could annex properties, but that aside from Murphysboro's annexed properties, Carbondale's zoning and planning jurisdiction would supersede Murphysboro's because the City of Carbondale's zoning and planning jurisdiction extended there first, which is the law. Also, the easternmost parcel of Murphysboro's on the southwest corner of Route 13 and Country Club Road is essentially blockaded by the southeast corner which has a binding annexation agreement with the City of Carbondale. Councilwoman Pohlmann noted that at the December Carbondale City Council meeting, there was a rezoning and annexation agreement along Health Department Road and asked how that parcel would be affected should Carbondale and Murphysboro reach a boundary agreement. Mayor Cole answered that if that parcel should become contiguous with Carbondale it would be annexed in, which was a part of the rezoning request but it would be vacated if a boundary agreement was reached.

8. Closed Meeting

1. Closed Meeting to Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of specific employees.

C. McDaniel moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the 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: J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 7:58 p.m.

S. Haynes moved, M. Pohlmann seconded, that the Council return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 8:26 p.m.

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S. Haynes moved, M. Pohlmann seconded to adopt a Resolution to Include Automobile Allowances as Earnings for IMRF. VOTE: Ayes: J. Fritzler, C. McDaniel, M.

Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Res. 2011-R-14; Exhibit F-3-8-2011).

9. Adjournment