

**City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 29, 2011**

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 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: Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilwoman Mary Pohlmann, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Steven Haynes, Councilman Michael Neill, Councilman Joel Fritzler 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**

Councilwoman McDaniel announced that on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. there would be a showing of the "Freedom Riders" at the Varsity Center for the Arts. The showing will be free to the public, and all are invited to please come out and view the film, and following the showing there will be a short discussion of the film during the reception.

Councilwoman Pohlmann added that if for some reason someone was unable to attend the April 2<sup>nd</sup> showing, "Freedom Riders" will also be aired on WSIU television on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Cole announced that the next regular meeting of the Carbondale City Council would be on April 19, 2011.

Mayor Cole proclaimed April 11-15, 2011 as "Undergraduate Research Week" and urged all citizens to appropriately recognize the occasion. There was no one present to accept the proclamation. Mayor Cole noted that Southern Illinois University will be having a number of different events in recognition and in honor of Undergraduate Research Week and encouraged all to participate in those events.

Mayor Cole proclaimed the month of April, 2011 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and urged all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community of southern Illinois. There was no one present to accept the proclamation. Mayor Cole noted that this is an important issue that affects our community and society as a whole.

**3. Citizens' Comments and Questions**

Nicole Boyd, the coordinator for the southern Illinois Saluki Pow-wow, invited everybody in the community to attend their event on April 2, 2011 at the Carbondale Civic Center from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. to celebrate a traditional Native American Pow-wow.

Barry Spehn, 500 Charles Road #31, spoke concerning his complaints to the City regarding the potholes in his driveway. He wanted to make clear that he does not put the blame on the Public Works department, but rather the on code enforcement for not enforcing codes to where he can drive on his driveway without potholes. Mr. Spehn also asked whether the Council is looking to address the tow truck safety issue that he (Mr. Spehn) has been bringing before the Council at past meetings. Mayor Cole replied that he would ask staff to bring back a proposal that would address Mr. Spehn's concerns about tow truck safety issues to be considered by the Council at the second Council meeting of May. Mr. Spehn responded that he would be glad to offer his assistance to any staff in the preparation of such a proposal.

Randy Ozborn, Director of Carbondale Boys and Girls Club, invited the people of Carbondale and surrounding communities to clean out their garages and back yards of old bicycles, working or non-working, for a bicycle roundup at the Boys and Girls Club on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.. All bicycles will be collected and delivered to the St. Louis bicycle organization, which then has them reconditioned to be given back to the communities.

#### **4. Public Hearings and Special Reports**

##### **1. Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Plaque Presentation**

Chief R.T. Finney, Chief of the Champaign, Illinois Police Department, presented the City of Carbondale the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) award. Chief Finney remarked that ILEAP has developed and provided rules and regulations establishing the accreditation process that encourages and provides law enforcement agencies with a voluntary opportunity to demonstrate that they meet model standards developed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Agency Council. Chief Finney noted that the Carbondale Police Department is currently the fourth of six departments in the state of Illinois that has received this award. On behalf of the City, Chief O'Guinn accepted the award. Chief O'Guinn remarked that there are several professional standards that the department must adhere to in order to be accredited and thanked the men and women of the Carbondale Police Department for their commitment to excellence and professional service. Mayor Cole thanked both Chief O'Guinn and Chief Finney for their hard work and service.

##### **2. Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2012 City Budget**

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 and Public Hearing Held on March 8, 2011. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Approval of Warrant for Period Ending: 02/21/11 Warrant # 1117. Recommendation: Approve in the amount of \$1,270,587.72. (Exhibit A-3-29-2011)
3. Approval of Warrant for Period Ending: 03/07/11 Warrant # 1118. Recommendation:

- Approve in the amount of \$1,751,360.30 (Exhibit B-3-29-2011)
4. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept Police Pension Fund of February 22, 2011.
  5. Appointments and Reappointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur with Mayor Cole's recommended appointments of Sigrid Putnam to the Building Board of Appeals to a term to end May 1, 2013; Carlton Smith and Jeff Woodruff to the Building Board of Appeals to terms ending May 1, 2014; Rob Taylor to Liquor Advisory Board to a term to expire May 1, 2013; Dave Loftus to Liquor Advisory Board serving as USG representative, to a term to expire May 1, 2012; Elaine M. Vitello to the Southern Illinois Airport Authority Board to a term beginning April 1, 2011 and ending April 1, 2016.
  6. Ordinance Increasing the Overall Budget to Provide for the Retirement Payouts and Additional General Obligation Bond Proceeds and Uses Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2011-11, Exhibit C-3-29-2011)
  7. Resolution Proclaiming Results of the February 22, 2011 Primary Election Recommendation: Approve. (Res. 2011-R-15, Exhibit D-3-29-2011)
  8. Ordinance Annexing the Property Located at 2915 West Striegel Road Recommendation: Move to adopt the Ordinance annexing the 1 acre located at 2915 West Striegel Road. (Ord. 2011-12, Exhibit E-3-29-2011)
  9. Award of Contract for Oak Street Lift Station to Replace Existing Pumps CIP No. WW0003. Recommendation: Award the contract for Oak Street Lift Station Improvements.
  10. Award of Contract Valve Replacement at the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant. Recommendation: Award the contract for Contact Tank Valve Replacement at the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant to Dean Bush Construction Co., Carbondale, Illinois in the amount of \$26,604.00.
  11. Award of Two-Year Mowing Contract for FY 2012 and FY 2013. Recommendation: Award two-year contracts to Matt Crain, Carterville, Illinois, and Paul Hicks, Carbondale, Illinois, in the amount of \$35,717.02 for the mowing of Public Right-of-Ways, Public Works Parcels, and Drainways; and to J & S Services, DeSoto, Illinois, in the amount of \$31,797.60 for the mowing of City-Owned Property; and to Endrizzi Contracting, Buncombe, Illinois, in the amount of \$13,522.00 for the mowing of Privately Owned Small Parcels, Privately Owned Large Parcels, and Privately Owned Acreage.
  12. Award of Purchase of Portable Radios for the Police Department. Recommendation: Approve the purchase of twenty (20) portable radios and accessories from Roy Walker Communications in the amount of \$20,029.00.
  13. Ordinance Authorizing Additional V.A.W.A. Grant Fund Revenue for the Police Department. Recommendation: Approve. (Ord. 2011-13, Exhibit F-3-29-2011)
  14. Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Final PUD Plan for Prairie Living Phase II. Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution approving an amendment to the final PUD plan for Prairie Living Phase II located at 900 Villa Court. (Res. 2011-R-16, Exhibit G-3-29-2011)

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, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13 and 5.14. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler and B. Cole. Nays: None.

Motion declared carried.

**6. General Business**

1. Resolution Approving the Final BPL Development Plan for the Long John Silver's Restaurant located at 1420 East Main Street.

Lance Jack, Carbondale, Illinois, asked if any city funds were being used on this project. Mayor Cole answered that there were not.

DISCUSSION: Councilwoman Pohlmann expressed concern about the intersection where this restaurant will be located, and asked if consideration had been given to the impact of additional traffic at this intersection. Assistant City Manager Kevin Baity answered that every effort is being given to divert traffic in a way that would cause as little impact on traffic as possible. Councilwoman Pohlmann asked what would happen to the current Long John Silver's location. Mayor Cole answered that discussions with property developers are underway. Councilman Haynes asked if they tanks from the former gas station had been removed. Assistant City Manager Baity affirmed that they had. Councilman Haynes also expressed concern about the traffic in that intersection.

Following Council discussion, C. Wissmann moved, J. Fritzler seconded that the Council move to adopt the Resolution approving the Final BPL Development Plan for the Long John Silver's Restaurant located at 1420 East Main Street. 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-17; Exhibit H-3-29-2011).

2. Discussion of FY 2012 Budget and Five Year Community Investment Program

City Council members presented their requests, ideas and suggestions for modification to the budget as proposed.

There was no formal action on the budget at this meeting. Mayor Cole noted that the Proposed FY 2012 Budget and the Five Year Community Investment Program would be brought back for formal City Council action on April 19, 2011.

**7. Council Comments**

There were no Council comments.

**8. Closed Meeting**

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

C. McDaniel moved, M. Pohlmann 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: C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, J. Fritzler and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 9:37 p.m.

C. Wissmann moved, M. Neill seconded, that the Council return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 10:07 p.m.

**9. Action on any Required Elements of Closed Meeting**

C. Wissmann moved, M. Neill seconded, that City Manager Gill be given a 2% increase in salary effective May 1, 2011. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, M. Pohlmann, C. Wissmann, S. Haynes, M. Neill, J. Fritzler, and B. Cole. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

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**Rachael E. Keehn, City Clerk**

**Approved by the City Council on:**

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