

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting
September 6, 2011

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, in City Council Chambers, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Mayor Fritzler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members of the Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Donald D. Monty, Councilwoman Jane Adams, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilman Lee M. Fronabarger and Mayor Joel Fritzler

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

C. Wissmann pronounced his enthusiasm for the Carbondale Rocks Revival to be held September 9 and 10, 2011, and most particularly for SIU alum Jason Ringenberg of Jason and the Scorchers.

D. Monty recognized the passing of Jim Prowell and lauded his service to the City in the capacity of former Chief Executive of Carbondale Chamber of Commerce as well as a founding member of Keep Carbondale Beautiful.

C. Wissmann in turn noted the death of Jim Fralish, who served recently on the Carbondale Park District's Board of Directors and was active and respected member in the community.

Bill Ittner's recent passing was then brought up by J. Fritzler. He described Mr. Ittner as a pedestal of the community with his involvement in historic preservation, as well as other activities.

City Manager Allen Gill introduced the new Economic Development Coordinator, Gary Williams, and then announced the appointment of Sean Henry to the position of Public Works Director.

3. Public Hearings and Special Reports

4. 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 Hearings held on August 16, 2011. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Approval of Warrant for Period Ending: 8/08/2011, FY 2012, Warrant # 1132. Recommendation: Approve in the amount of \$813,107.89. (Exhibit A-9-6-2011)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept minutes for Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees for May 11, June 15, and July 13, 2011 and Planning Commission for August 3, 2011.
4. Removed from Consent.
5. Ordinance approving John Mills' request to rezone the property located at 1121

West Lake Road from RR, Rural Residential to R-1-15, Low Density Residential. Recommendation: Approve an Ordinance approving the Rezoning of 1121 West Lake Road from RR to R-1-15. (Ordinance 2011-39; Exhibit B-9-6-2011)

6. Approval of Repair Services for Aerators at the Southeast Waste Water Treatment Plant.
7. Removed from Consent.
8. Removed from Consent.
9. Removed from Consent.
10. Removed from Consent.

Items 4.4, 4.8 and 4.9 were pulled per D. Monty's request, Item 4.7 by C. Wissmann's request, and Item 4.10 by L. Fronabarger.

C. Wissmann moved, J. Adams seconded, that the Council approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5 and 4.6. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

4.4 Approval of Calendar Year 2012 City Council Meeting Dates

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, to approve the Calendar Year 2012 City Council Meeting Dates. DISCUSSION: D. Monty noted the addition of a couple summer meetings. Council members expressed concerns regarding other meeting dates. The motion and second to approve were withdrawn and this item will be brought back with changes.

4.7 Resolution Approving a Time Extension for Submittal of a Final BPL Development Plan by Stoltz Management for Property Located on North Giant City Road.

D. Monty moved, and L. Fronabarger seconded, to approve a Time Extension for Submittal of a Final BPL Development Plan by Stoltz Management for Property Located on North Giant City Road. DISCUSSION: There was discussion by the Council on the pros and cons of granting another extension for the final BPL Plan. City Manager Allen Gill and Development Services Director Kevin Baity added further detail to the discussion. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2011-R-48; Exhibit C-9-6-2011)

4.8 Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

J. Adams moved, and L. Fronabarger seconded, to approve a Resolution allowing Elected Officials to participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. DISCUSSION: Queries by Council members related to documentation requirements, employee/employer contribution percentages and the distribution of funds should the participant leave service prior to becoming vested were answered by the City Manager. It was suggested that some type of time sheet be submitted to Human Resources on a regular basis. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack and L. Fronabarger. J. Fritzler abstains. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2011-R-49; Exhibit D-9-6-2011)

4.9 Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) approving a Budget Adjustment to the FY2012 Budget and Authorizing the purchase of Communications Equipment

D. Monty moved, C. Wissmann seconded, to approve an Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), approving a Budget Adjustment to the FY2012 Budget, and Authorizing the purchase of Communications Equipment. DISCUSSION: D. Monty wished to offer further explanation to the public for this item. C. Wissmann pointed out that this item resulted from lobbying efforts by the National League of Cities and would ensure compatible communication equipment would be shared by all applicable departments. L. Fronabarger questioned whether or not the City's emergency responders were currently able to communicate with one another on their radios. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Fronabarger and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ordinance 2011-40; Exhibit E-9-6-2011)

4.10 Award of Contract for Construction of Cedar Lake Equipment Shed and Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to increase the FY2012 Lake Management Budget

C. Wissmann moved, J. Adams seconded, to Award a Contract for Construction of Cedar Lake Equipment Shed and approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to increase the FY2012 Lake Management Budget. DISCUSSION: L. Fronabarger questioned at what dollar amount a local bidder would be given preference over the lowest bidder. City Manager Allen Gill explained that the local bid preference is for City businesses only, not for county businesses. Mr. Elius Reed, Carbondale, asked if the City's Affirmative Action requirement of employing 16% minority workers was met with this job. The City Manager indicated that the two employees covered by the Contract are white males, but the City would not require them to hire any additional workers. VOTE: Ayes: C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ordinance 2011-41; Exhibit F-9-6-2011)

5. General Business

5.1 Ordinance Amending Title Two of the Carbondale Revised Code Affecting Micro-Distilleries, Wineries and Class H Liquor Licenses

C. Wissmann moved, J. Adams seconded, to approve an Ordinance Amending Title Two of the Carbondale Revised Code Affecting Micro-Distilleries, Wineries and Class H Liquor Licenses. DISCUSSION: D. Monty stressed that this Ordinance affects only properties inside the city limits. J. Adams voiced her approval of the Ordinance due in part to the many fruit crops grown in the region, which might help bolster the local economy and increase tourism. VOTE: C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger and J. Fritzler. L. Jack Abstains. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ordinance 2011-42; Exhibit G-9-6-2011)

5.2 Ordinance Amending Title Ten, Chapter One of the Carbondale Revised Code and Resolution Establishing a Solid Waste and Recycling Fee Schedule

Public Works Director Sean Henry and John Wallace gave an overview and presentation

on the City's recycling and solid waste programs. The City Manager then presented the agenda item. J. Fritzler expressed his thanks to the Staff for the work they performed. D. Monty moved to suspend the rules to discuss the item prior to moving to approve.

J. Adams expressed her approval of this matter being brought to the Council, she then read comments she had received by constituents and included her own concerns. Sean Henry clarified the cost to the City versus the cost paid by citizens for City Collection Stickers.

D. Monty itemized a number of concerns he found in the proposed Ordinance and Resolution. City Manager Allen Gill responded to Mr. Monty's question about eliminating a number of commercial refuse customers. D. Monty resumed his comments and concerns.

C. McDaniel gave her thanks to the workers of the Environmental Services department. She discussed recycling and then asked what minimum bill could be expected should the Ordinance pass. The City Manager and Sean Henry responded. She voiced concern about affordability of increases for individuals on fixed incomes. She suggested sharing this information through the Communiqué. Mr. Henry stated that recycling, conservation and refuse limitation is encouraged in their outreach and literature.

J. Fritzler discussed volume limitations and asked about price comparison with other towns. Sean Henry responded to his query. Both considered competitive commercial pricing.

L. Fronabarger presented his own research on public and private pricing based on collection volume. He questioned Mr. Henry about requiring City refuse service for its citizens. Additionally, L. Fronabarger asked about private groups auditing recycling efforts in an effort to educate. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Henry responded to Mr. Fronabarger.

Sandy Litecky, 603 West Walnut Street, desires refuse placed curbside to be in a receptacle other than a plastic bag. She also commented that allowing six 32 gallon containers per household is overly generous. She asked if the City had any provision for those physically unable to bring their refuse to the curb and if not, she would like that to be considered.

Matthew McGuire, 104 South Forest, made a couple of points about recycling and the learning curve on the City' refuse disposal requirements. He suggested detailed information on all refuse matters be provided in the water department.

C. Wissmann offered the suggestion of charging per bag of refuse but providing free recycling. He added further input on recycling and bagged yard waste.

L. Jack asked about the sufficiency of the proposed fee scale and Mr. Sean Henry responded. He suggested more thoroughly reviewing the possibility of a roll-out plan and offering financial assistance for low or fixed-income individuals. He questioned Mr. Henry about plastic recycling and Mr. Henry replied.

J. Adams questioned Mr. Henry about recycling and refuse containers after which L. Fronabarger questioned Mr. Henry about natural gas fueled trucks.

D. Monty suggested a two-tiered price based on the volume of refuse per household.

J. Fritzler added his comments about making the charges based on use.

D. Monty moved to delay consideration of the item until the evening's comments could be added to the Ordinance. C. Wissmann suggested that a motion was not necessary and that the Council could agree upon waiting for revisions.

6. Citizens' Comments and Questions

Barry Spehn, 500 Charles Road #31, questioned if the Ordinance requiring straps on tow trucks had taken effect. He indicated that he had witnessed tows occurring without the required equipment. He again requested the standards for disconnection of water service be addressed.

Elius Reed, 2012 South Illinois Avenue, questioned when the City Manager would respond to his correspondence. He also asked about the local bid preference ordinance.

7. Council Comments

C. Wissmann posed a question to the City Manager regarding IMRF and Social Security benefits for elected officials.

L. Fronabarger offered his thanks to the City employees who expedited the issuance of the new Class C2 liquor licenses. Additionally, he brought to the Council's attention the improvements to a prescription drug discount card available through the National League of Cities.

C. McDaniel asked City staff to look into the feasibility of electronic billing.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Rachael E. Keehn, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
