

**City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 18, 2011**

A meeting of the Local Liquor Control Commission was held immediately prior to this Council Meeting.

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, in City Council Chambers, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Mayor Fritzler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members of the Council present/absent:

**1. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Adams and Councilman Lance Jack

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

**2. General Announcements and Proclamations**

J. Fritzler announced that there would be a special meeting of the Planning Commission on October 19, 2011 with the Zoning Code consultants and the City Council.

City Manager Gill recognized employees who received Years of Service Awards at the Employee Breakfast. The Employees recognized for 10 Year Service Awards were: Christopher Piquard, Andrew Sabens, Tony Rushing, Amber Pellegrini, Corene McDaniel, Mark McDaniel, Michael Bonali, Carl Bailey, Jennifer Sorrell and Anthony Williams. The Employees recognized for 15 Year Service Awards were: Michael Greer, Teresa Richards, Scott Priddy, Jeffrey Hill and Kathy Haldeman. The Employees recognized for 20 Year Service Awards were Douglas Biggs, Jerry Koonce, Jeffrey Grubbs and Mark Goddard. The Employees recognized for 25 Year Service Awards were Richard Chapman and Kim Mathis. Recognized with a 30 Year Service Award was Donna Butcher, and George Morgan was recognized with a 35 Year Service Award.

J. Fritzler recognized Ms. Helen Deniston for her service on the Preservation Commission, serving from November 6, 1990 through October 17, 2011.

**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 held on October 4, 2011.  
Recommendation: Approve.
2. Approval of Warrant for Period Ending: 09/19/2011, FY 2012, Warrant # 1135.  
Recommendation: Approve in the amount of \$920,391.88. (Exhibit A-10-18-2011)

Item 3 was pulled per C. Wissmann's request.

C. McDaniel moved, C. Wissmann seconded, to approve Consent Agenda Items 4.1 and 4.2. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and J. Fritzler.

Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Recommendation: Accept minutes for Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees for August 10, 2011 and Carbondale Human Relations Commission for September 12, 2011.

D. Monty moved, C. McDaniel seconded, to accept Agenda Item 4.3. DISCUSSION: C. Wissmann expressed that he found the minutes of the Human Relations Commission to be confusing. Administrative Services Director Debbie McCoy clarified that the meetings are less formal than most meetings, and that there are presentations at those meetings that are not fully notated in the minutes. Dr. McCoy suggested that it would be helpful to the Council if they attended a meeting of the HRC so as to understand the format of the meetings. C. Wissmann suggested accepting the minutes with the condition that the minutes be clarified. AMENDED MOTION: C. Wissmann moved to ask the Human Relations Commission to clarify their minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting. There was no objection from the Council to the Amended Motion. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

## 5. General Business

### 5.1 Resolution Commending George D. Morgan for Service to the City of Carbondale

D. Monty moved, C. Wissmann seconded, to approve Agenda Item 5.1. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Exhibit B-10-18-2011)

### 5.2 Ordinance Amending the Water and Sewer Rate Structure

D. Monty moved, C. Wissmann seconded, to adopt Agenda Item 5.2. DISCUSSION: D. Monty commented that in order to maintain quality water service to citizens, an adequate rate structure is necessary. Additionally, Mr. Monty noted that even though having some of the rates increase will impact people, it is a necessary thing. C. Wissmann commented that the enormous expense of maintaining a Public Works Department is partly what drove discussion about the privatization of Public Works, which did not happen, but to keep it public the rates had to change. L. Fronabarger remarked that the citizens of Carbondale are very fortunate to have the high quality water system that they have, and that it is worth maintaining. J. Fritzler noted that not only is this a matter of public health and safety, but the water system is also a matter of economic development, due to its high capacity and high quality. Barry Spehn, 500 Charles Road #31, spoke in favor of the Ordinance, but also asked that the billing issues and water shut-off issues he had previously brought up be addressed. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Exhibit C-10-18-2011)

### 5.3 Resolution Regarding National League of Cities Prescription Drug Program

L. Fronabarger moved, C. Wissmann seconded, to approve Agenda Item 5.3. DISCUSSION: C. Wissmann noted that the reason this had not been approved in the past is that there was only one pharmacy that was participating in the program and that the Council did not want to be viewed as promoting a single pharmacy in the City. He also remarked that this program will help people who would otherwise be unable to obtain necessary prescriptions which might possibly save lives. L. Fronabarger commented that as a member of the National League of Cities, Carbondale is able to take advantage of benefits like this one and is glad that the City is participating in this program. C. McDaniel commented that she is strongly in favor of the program and then asked a question about the production of the prescription card, which City Manager Gill answered. Scott Thorn, 709 N. Oakland Ave., asked about which pharmacies in town were going to participate in the program. J. Fritzler and A. Gill replied. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Exhibit D-10-18-2011)

#### **6. Citizens' Comments and Questions**

Barry Spehn, 500 Charles Road #31, asked when the City would be enforcing the newly enacted towing ordinance and remarked that he sees tow truck violations like crazy. Chief O'Guinn replied that the officers have been instructed to pay attention to the tow truck drivers and issue citations where necessary.

#### **7. Council Comments**

D. Monty commented that he was able to attend a presentation sponsored by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, given by Dan Long who is the Executive Director for the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability for the State of Illinois. The Commission is responsible for preparing financial projections for the state of Illinois and D. Monty found the presentation to be very sobering. The trends for increasing expenditures in the coming years and the normal cost of living increases and pension fund contributions, etc. as compared to the projected revenue leaves a dark forecast for the financial situation in the state of Illinois, and there is potential for the situation to affect the City of Carbondale directly.

J. Fritzler announced that the City of Carbondale would recognize Trick-or-Treat Hours from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2011.

J. Fritzler commented that over the past week the City had welcomed a delegation of twelve middle school students from its Sister City, Tainai City, Japan.

#### **8. Recess Open Meeting to Hold Local Liquor Control Commission followed by Closed Meeting**

Action to be taken by Local Liquor Control Commission prior to entering into a Closed Meeting to Discuss personnel and collective negotiating matters.

C. Wissmann moved, D. Monty seconded, to recess the Open Meeting to hold a Local Liquor Control Commission Meeting and immediately following to enter into a Closed Meeting to Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of specific employees. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and J. Fritzler Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open Session recessed at 7:52 p.m. The Closed Session opened at 8:02 p.m. and recessed at 8:44 p.m.

Open session resumed at 8:45 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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**Rachael E. Moore, City Clerk**

**Approved by the City Council on:**

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