

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Special Meeting
December 18, 2012

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a special meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, in City Council Chambers, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Mayor Joel Fritzler called the special City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Also present were Acting City Clerk Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Manager Kevin Baity, and various members of the City's administrative staff.

2. General Announcements

City Manager Kevin Baity outlined the refuse schedule for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's holidays.

3. General Business

3.1 Ordinances Abating the 2012 Debt Service Tax Levy for General Obligation Bonds

C. Wissmann moved, L. Fronabarger seconded, to approve Ordinances Abating the 2012 Debt Service Tax Levy for Series 2003, 2006, 2010 A, 2010 B, and both 2011 General Obligation Bonds. DISCUSSION: D. Monty, J. Adams, and J. Fritzler offered comments on the abatement of bond tax levy. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ords. 2012-59, 2012-60, 2012-61, 2012-62, 2012-63 and 2012-64; Exhibits A-12-18-2012; B-12-18-2012; C-12-18-2012; D-12-18-2012; E-12-18-2012; and F-12-18-2012.)

3.2 Ordinance Adopting the 2012 Property Tax Levy

C. Wissmann moved, J. Adams seconded, to approve an Ordinance adopting the 2012 Tax Levy in the amount of \$1,791,692. DISCUSSION: C. Wissmann indicated the reasons for raising the tax levy were pension fund increases and declining enrollment at SIU. J. Fritzler noted that Council members do not enjoy paying higher taxes either. He commended the services the public receives through the taxes paid. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2012-65; Exhibit G-12-18-2012.)

3.3 Ordinance Establishing the 2012 Tax Levy for the Downtown Special Services Area Number One

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, to approve an Ordinance adopting the 2012 Tax Levy in the amount of \$40,000 for the Downtown Special Service Area Number One.

DISCUSSION: C. Wissmann, L. Jack, and J. Fritzler all agreed it is time to increase funding levels of Carbondale Main Street. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ord. 2012-66; Exhibit H-12-18-2012.)

4. Citizens' Comments and Questions

Barry Spehn, 500 Charles Road, disputed comments made at a previous Council meeting regarding the use of strapless wheel lifts on tow trucks.

Elius Reed, Carbondale, asked if the City's Affirmative Action Plan applied to construction work performed at SIUC. City Manager Kevin Baity responded to his question.

5. Council Comments

Councilman Wissmann thanked the City Staff for their attendance at Council meetings.

Councilwoman Adams asked for a timeline on when the Public Safety Center/Police Station signage would be changed for uniformity and City Manager Kevin Baity responded.

Mayor Fritzler added to Councilwoman Adams' comments regarding the change of Public Safety Center/Police Station signage.

Councilman Fronabarger recommended that the City Council consider adding a City Council-Staff retreat to discuss strategic planning for the City's future and to provide Staff with direction on short-term work plans.

Councilwoman McDaniel added her thanks to Staff and City employees for their work and wished happy holidays for the public.

Councilman Jack requested clarification of what days City Hall would be open during the holidays.

Councilwoman Adams added her approval to Councilman Fronabarger's suggestion of a Council-Staff retreat.

Mayor Fritzler noted that the school boards and Carbondale Park District had board seats open and recommended that interested parties contact the organizations regarding petition packets.

Councilman Monty noted that the governor had signed into law an extension for filing dates.

Councilwoman Adams asked how many petition signatures were required.

Councilman Wissmann asked about the date for the next Special City Council meeting and City Manager Kevin Baity indicated it would be held Thursday, December 27th at 7:00 p.m.

6. Closed Meeting to Review Closed Meeting Minutes

L. Jack moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that the Council hold a closed meeting to conduct the semi-annual review of closed meeting minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 7:47 p.m.

Following the closed meeting, L. Jack moved, C. McDaniel seconded, that the Council return

to open session. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 8:02 p.m.

C. Wissmann moved, L. Jack seconded, to approve the closed meeting minutes, as amended, from December 29, 2011, January 17, 2012, February 7, 2012, February 21, 2012, March 6, 2012, May 15, 2012, July 31, 2012, and November 27, 2012. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

D. Monty moved, C. Wissmann seconded, that a need for confidentiality still exists in the minutes of closed meetings held March 17, 1998, September 15, 1998, January 6, 2004, April 13, 2005, December 6, 2005, April 4, 2006, August 15, 2006, September 19, 2006, October 16, 2007, December 18, 2007, May 6, 2008, September 1, 2009, October 6, 2009, January 19, 2010, September 7, 2010, November 9, 2010, November 23, 2010, March 8, 2011, March 29, 2011, May 17, 2011, July 19, 2011, August 16, 2011, September 20, 2011, October 4, 2011, October 18, 2011, November 1, 2011, November 4, 2011, November 15, 2011, December 6, 2011, December 8, 2011, December 29, 2011, January 17, 2012, February 7, 2012, February 21, 2012, March 6, 2012, May 15, 2012, July 31, 2012, and November 27, 2012. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

D. Monty moved, L. Jack seconded, to authorize the destruction of audiotapes, in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, of all closed meetings that were conducted more than 18 months ago for which minutes have been approved. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, and J. Fritzler. Nays: C. Wissmann. Motion declared carried.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the special meeting was declared adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, Acting City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on
