

**City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois  
Regular Meeting of January 29, 2013**

Immediately following a meeting of the Local Liquor Control Commission, the City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, in City Council Chambers, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Mayor Joel Fritzler called the meeting to order at 8:31 p.m. with the following members of the Council present/absent:

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Councilman Donald D. Monty, Councilwoman Jane Adams, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilman Lee Fronabarger, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilman Chris Wissmann, 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 and Proclamations**

Mayor Fritzler announced the upcoming groundbreaking for the new Fire Station #2 on Friday, February 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Fritzler announced that the City of Carbondale is the recipient of an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant in the amount of \$330,000 for the development of a pedestrian/bicycle pathway from Mill Street to Main Street. He noted that through the combination of City-owned property and SIU-owned property, there will be a bike path that runs from the Towers to the Town Square. City Manager Kevin Baity added that the Bicycle Club of SIU forwarded monies from the green fees towards this project.

Councilman Wissmann announced that the Taste of Chocolate fundraiser benefitting the Women's Center will be held on Friday, February 1st at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Wissmann noted that the Center is one of the very first domestic violence shelters and sexual assault counseling centers in the nation.

Councilman Wissmann announced that the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau will hold an open house with a new director and new Board on February 12th at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Wissmann then announced a maple syrup making workshop to be conducted by the City of Carbondale at Cedar Lake.

Councilwoman Adams announced the Preparedness Fair will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. at the Latter-day Saints church on Old Route 13.

Councilman Wissmann announced the Boys and Girls Club "Night at the Oscars" fundraiser at the Copper Dragon on Thursday, February 21st. Mr. Wissmann commented on the beneficial work performed by the Boys and Girls Club.

Councilman Jack followed up with the date of the maple syrup making workshop, February 9th, and encouraged the attendance of the Taste of Chocolate fundraiser, noting that there will be savory items in addition to sweets.

Mayor Fritzler announced that on Friday, February 1st, the SIU Saluki Softball fundraiser will be held at the Copper Dragon at 6:30 p.m., and the Terrier basketball game will be held at CCHS at 7:00 p.m.

**3. Public Hearings and Special Reports**

None

**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 Hearing Held on January 8, 2013. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Warrant for Period Ended December 24, 2012, FY 2013, Warrant #1171 in the amount of \$940,358.20. Recommendation: Approve in the amount of \$940,358.20. (Exhibit A-1-29-2013)
3. Warrant for Period Ended January 7, 2013, FY 2013, Warrant #1172 in the amount of \$1,681,206.66. Recommendation: Approve in the amount of \$1,681,206.66. (Exhibit B-1-29-2013)
4. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Carbondale Planning Commission from December 5 and 19, 2012, Liquor Advisory Board from November 1, 2012, and Sustainability Commission from October 18 and November 15, 2012, and place them on file.
5. Reappointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Approve the reappointment of Tom Grant and LaRue Love to Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals to terms ending January 31, 2017.
6. An Ordinance Annexing Property located at 1625 New Era Road. Recommendation: Adopt the Ordinance annexing the property located at 1625 New Era Road. (Ordinance 2013-04; Exhibit C-1-29-2013)
7. An Ordinance Annexing Certain Property within and adjacent to the Lakeland Hills Subdivision. Recommendation: Adopt the Ordinance annexing certain property within and adjacent to the Lakeland Hills Subdivision. (Ordinance 2013-05; Exhibit D-1-29-2013)
8. Pulled from Consent by L. Fronabarger
9. Ordinance Authorizing Budget Adjustments to Increase the Overall Fiscal Year 2013 Budget for City Property Insurance Claims. Recommendation: Adopt an Ordinance authorizing Budget Adjustments to increase the overall FY 2013 Budget for City Property Insurance Claims. (Ordinance 2013-07; E-1-29-2013)

C. Wissmann moved, L. Jack seconded, to approve Consent Agenda items 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, and 4.9. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

- 4.8 An Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Transfer Funds into the Building and Neighborhood Services Division's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget and Declaring Vehicles Surplus Property.

L. Fronabarger moved, D. Monty seconded, to approve an Ordinance authorizing a Budget Adjustment to transfer funds into the Building and Neighborhood Services FY 2013 Budget in the amount of \$15,605 and to declare the 2002 Dodge Stratus and 1996 Dodge Grand Caravan as surplus property, pursuant to Section 1-13-3 of the Carbondale Revised Code. DISCUSSION: L. Fronabarger asked about any planned changes for the parking

location for City vehicles. City Manager Baity responded. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Ordinance 2013-06; Exhibit F-1-29-2013)

**5. General Business**

5.1 Ordinance Amending Title Two of the Carbondale Revised Code as it Relates to the Number of Class B Liquor Licenses Available

This item was removed from the agenda.

**6. Citizens' Comments and Questions**

Elius Reed, Carbondale, questioned why Jackson County fared so poorly in the poverty study based on Census figures when there are so many construction projects locally. J. Fritzler responded that figures in the poverty report are skewed in all counties with a large university population due to the number of students and university retirees. Mr. Reed then commented that Jackson County led southern Illinois in construction jobs. D. Monty remarked that the reports do not consider grants or scholarships as income, which leads to a distortion of the numbers.

**7. Council Comments**

Councilman Fronabarger presented his findings regarding Homefield Energy, namely that it is the residential electric supply option from Ameren Energy Marketing, a subsidiary of Ameren Corporation. He commented on one of the frequently asked questions addressed in Homefield Energy's letter to residents regarding price matching by Homefield Energy in the event Ameren has a lower rate. He then asked if after an individual switches back to Ameren, if they would be able to return to Homefield Energy.

Councilwoman Adams asked if the City would be informed if Ameren's rates fall lower than Homefield Energy's rates.

City Manager Baity stated that there was no means in place to inform the City that Ameren's prices had decreased lower than Homefield's. He commented on Homefield's relation to Ameren. Mr. Baity noted in the situation where Ameren's rates were lower, a Homefield Energy customer could switch to Ameren. He commented his understanding was that only a new account at a specific address could then switch back to Homefield Energy.

Councilman Monty indicated a need to follow up on this subject. His understanding was if Ameren decreases its rates, Homefield will correspondingly reduce its rates.

Mayor Fritzler noted his understanding was that if Ameren's rates were lower, Homefield likely would decrease, but that the customer had the option to switch back to Ameren.

Councilwoman Adams asked that the discussion be reviewed to verify if the contract was accurately represented to the Council and shared her recollection of the discussion.

Councilman Jack asked that Staff look into the National League of Cities' service line warranty program to determine if citizens could take advantage of the coverage of water

service lines from the City's lines to the home. He recounted his and his neighbor's experience with water line issues and costs.

Councilwoman Adams commented on the \$330,000 grant for the development of a bike pathway and noted that a small percentage of the Saluki Way tax was earmarked for various green space projects. She suggested that some thought needs to be given as to what needed projects could utilize those funds. Ms. Adams commented that WSIU television is broadcasting Saluki basketball and she acknowledged and commended the efforts of WSIU staff and students making the broadcast possible. Ms. Adams recounted the events of her ride-along with Carbondale Police Officer Brandon Weisenberg and commended his professionalism, courtesy and thoroughness. She encouraged citizens to experience a ride-along.

Councilman Fronabarger asked for clarification if the downtown pathway was intended for pedestrians and cyclists.

Mayor Fritzler indicated the City's portion of the pathway grant is coming from the greens fees. Councilwoman Adams expressed her hope that it will be beautifully landscaped. Mr. Fritzler commented that WSIU had previously broadcast some basketball games. He commented that he was glad to see Ms. Adams participating in the ride-along. Mr. Fritzler noted his enthusiasm for working with the new directors for Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.

**8. Closed Meeting to discuss personnel, the sale, purchase or lease of real property, the setting of a price for sale or lease of real property, and pending or imminent litigation**

C. Wissmann moved, C. McDaniel seconded, to hold a closed meeting for the discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, the purchase or lease of real property for use by the public body, the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, and pending or imminent litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), (c)(5), (c)(6), (c)(11). VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 8:59 p.m.

C. Wissmann moved, L. Jack seconded, to return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 11:17 p.m. There was no formal action taken as a result of the closed meeting.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 11:19 p.m.

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**Jennifer R. Sorrell, Acting City Clerk**

**Approved by the City Council on:**

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