

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting of February 12, 2013

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, in City Council Chambers, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Mayor Joel 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 Jane Adams, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilman Lee M. Fronabarger, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Donald D. Monty, 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

Councilman Wissmann announced that the Boys and Girls Club would have a movie and trivia night benefit at the Copper Dragon at 6:00 p.m. on February 21.

Councilwoman Adams announced that the League of Women Voters would be holding a City Councilmember Candidate forum on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m., which will be aired on Channel 16. She also announced that on Monday, February 25, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute would host Dianne Bystrom as the speaker for a luncheon to be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom B.

Councilman Fronabarger announced the 51st International Festival, a week-long festival at the SIU campus which will include highlights such as the International Buffet and the Cultural Show. Councilman Fronabarger then requested that Administrative Services Director Deborah McCoy apprise the public of the savings realized through the usage of the National League of Cities' prescription drug discount program.

Councilmen Wissmann and Fronabarger jointly announced Carbondale Park District's Splash of Talent show to be held at the Carbondale High School auditorium at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 16.

Councilman Wissmann announced the kickoff of the Big Muddy Film festival beginning February 20.

City Manager Kevin Baity announced that City Hall offices would be closed on Monday, February 18, for Presidents' Day and that refuse routes would be delayed by one day during that week.

Mayor Fritzler commented on highlights of the International Festival including the Parade of Flags and the International Festival Food Fair to be held Wednesday, February 13 at 11:00 a.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 Held on January 29, 2013. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Warrant for Period Ended January 21, 2013, FY 2013, Warrant #1173 in the amount of \$1,108,188.97. Recommendation: Approve in the amount of \$1,108,188.97. (Exhibit A-2-12-2013)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Carbondale Human Relations Commission from December 3, 2012, Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees from December 12, 2012, and Sustainability Commission from December 20, 2012, and place them on file.
4. Award of Purchase of Various Water Treatment Chemicals for FY 2014. Recommendation: Award the purchases of the Water Treatment Plant Chemicals to the respective low bidders for FY 2014 purchases.
5. Pulled from Consent by L. Fronabarger.
6. Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur with the appointment of Peg Falcone to the Human Relations Commission for a term ending April 15, 2016.

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

- 4.5 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Lease Agreement with MCI Communications Services, Inc.

C. Wissmann moved, D. Monty seconded, to approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Lease Agreement with MCI Communications Services, Inc. DISCUSSION: L. Fronabarger requested clarification as to where the cable would be placed and if the Lessee would be responsible for restoring landscaping. Public Works Director Sean Henry responded. L. Jack requested modification to the agreement to require a specific timeframe for repairing the landscaping. J. Adams retracted her objection to the agreement upon clarification provided by the City Manager regarding the company. D. Monty noted a past agreement between MCI and the railroad for the initial line placement. VOTE: Ayes: J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2013-R-3; Exhibit B-2-12-2013)

5. General Business

- 5.1 Consideration of Community and Economic Development Organization Funding Requests

Following Council discussion regarding opening the application process to other organizations, the history of the community organization funding process, and the possibility of funding unsolicited requests, each application for funding was considered separately.

Boys and Girls Club

Randy Osborn, Director for the Boys and Girls Club replied to D. Monty's questions and

comments regarding responses in the application. Mr. Osborn offered explanation regarding units of service and noted the organization's funding increase request stemmed from a need for security improvements following the Newtown, Connecticut violence. C. Wissmann commented that funding for Spirit of Attucks could come from the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, which could partially provide for added security measures.

Carbondale Community Arts

Nancy Stemper spoke on behalf of CCA and D. Monty asked about the narrative as it relates to separate funding requests for the S.I. Summer Music Festival. Ms. Stemper noted a number of upcoming events on their organization's calendar. D. Monty then asked about accounting for units of service.

Carbondale Main Street

Meghan Cole, Executive Director of Main Street, spoke on behalf of the organization. D. Monty suggested a need exists for considering all the funding to the agency at one time for the City Council to render a decision. J. Fritzier spoke on the City's funding commitment for Carbondale Main Street and J. Adams recommended consolidating the organization's budget for all of their contracts. Ms. Cole spoke of the value of Carbondale Main Street and itemized the organization's expenditures of City funding through the various contracts.

Science Center

Chris Walls, Director of the Science Center, spoke on behalf of the organization. D. Monty requested explanation of the disparity between the previous year's numbers versus the projected numbers. Mr. Walls noted the increased programming, improved accounting practices, and higher visibility due to their new location.

Good Samaritan Ministries

L. Jack noted the value and importance of the services provided by the organization and Mike Heath, Executive Director, gave a description of the services the organization provides and the increased demand for services.

The H Group

Ramona Girtman, Program Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, spoke on behalf of the organization. J. Adams asked about specific numbers of children and families served and the value and volume of services provided compared to the expenditure. Ms. Adams requested that numbers provided be clearer in the future. D. Monty remarked on possible errors in Exhibits E and F. J. Adams asked about the number of Carbondale children served, the amount spent per Carbondale child, and noted other organizations that provided overlapping services. Ms. Girtman spoke about services provided with each match. C. McDaniel commented that the one-on-one services provided were distinct from other programs. L. Fronabarger asked about other communities funding the program.

The Women's Center

Martha Schum, Assistant Director, spoke on behalf of the organization. D. Monty asked that the organization's projected numbers be based on actual performance history and not just using the same figures as other previous budgets. Ms. Schum indicated she would look them over and resubmit the exhibits. C. Wissmann asked about funding from any other municipal governments. L. Jack and C. Wissmann remarked on other communities benefitting from Carbondale going above and beyond. J. Fritzier shared his thoughts on

regional support for SIUC. C. Wissmann shared information about upcoming Women's Center fundraising events.

I Can Read

C. McDaniel noted that Ms. Nesbitt was not able to attend, but would be available at the next meeting.

Attucks Community Services Board

D. Monty observed that the application appeared to be a copy of last year's application. C. McDaniel affirmed his observation and shared that it had been submitted as Mr. Haqq did not receive the information soon enough to prepare an updated application. D. Monty raised the point that some months ago, he had asked the Council had requested to discuss the matter of community organization funding and noted that the City Council did not make the decision to limit the funding.

Varsity Center for the Arts

D. Monty stated it would be nice to consider this request as a one-time expenditure depending on how the budgeting process goes. L. Fronabarger expressed his disappointment in the VCA's funds having to be continually used for repairs. L. Jack commented that the VCA is a private organization and noted that other private businesses face similar struggles. J. Fritzler commented on the limited funds available and a number of worthy organizations who could benefit from those funds. Mr. Fritzler also noted the need to replace a fire truck, the importance of which was evident in response to the fire in downtown Carterville the previous night.

6. Citizens' Comments and Questions

Darlene York Anderson, Executive Director of Family Advocacy Services, and resident at 1507 West Walnut, presented information on the services provided by the organization and requested that they be able to submit a request for funding. J. Fritzler noted that there were limited funds available and that the City had not asked for additional funding requests. C. Wissmann remarked that nothing discussed at this point was final and prior to the budget being approved, they could consider funding other organizations, however that could result in cutting other funds. L. Jack explained the complications which arose when there was no limit on the agencies requesting funding. Ms. Anderson indicated that she would like to see the requests opened to other organizations in the future.

Adrian Miller, Undergraduate Student Government member and City resident, stated other organizations should be allowed to submit requests for funding. He spoke of a perceived disconnect between SIU and the community of Carbondale and offered his thoughts on the Saluki Way project. Mr. Miller commented on the need for community and business support for SIU, and that many opportunities are available to demonstrate that support. He remarked on the perception of the City being considered not business-friendly, particularly with tax rates. Mr. Miller requested that the Council voice support for a student activity fee.

Jessica Bradshaw, 512 North Carico Apt. A, announced that Nonviolent Carbondale, a project of the Human Relations Commission, was sponsoring an Eleven Days for Food Justice Event.

Kenneth Lyon, 1007 North Bridge, requested that the City Council consider allowing restaurants which hold liquor licenses to be able to continue to sell food after the hours where liquor sales must cease. He expressed that being able to continue food sales after 2:00 a.m. would make his business more competitive. J. Fritzler instructed Staff to place this item on the Liquor Advisory Board's agenda.

7. Council Comments

Councilwoman McDaniel noted that this would be her last budget process and stated she would like to encourage opening the community funding application process. She stated that some of the organizations have major fundraisers and that might be taken into consideration.

Councilman Wissmann commented that if someone receives a grant which requires matching funds, it might be a good investment and value. He recommended keeping funds available for that purpose.

Councilwoman Adams suggested that the community funding issue could be addressed during the City Council retreat which will follow after the new Council is seated. In regard to those applications, she indicated it would make sense to allow Staff to make the first cut and prioritize the funding requests. Ms. Adams also suggested that Staffing allocations and vacancies might be discussed during that retreat.

Councilman Jack spoke of a personal donation to the Varsity Center for the Arts in the event that they host a fundraiser. He commented on the need to see the organization be a year-round, week-long anchor for the downtown area.

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: J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session recessed at 9:26 p.m.

C. Wissmann moved, J. Adams seconded, to return to open session. VOTE: Ayes: J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, C. Wissmann, D. Monty and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. Open session resumed at 11:02 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 11:04 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, Acting City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
