

**City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting of October 14, 2014**

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, October 14, 2014, in City Council Chambers, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Acting Mayor Donald Monty called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. with the following members of the Council present/absent:

**1. Roll Call**

Present: Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilwoman Jane Adams, Councilman Lee Fronabarger, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw and Acting Mayor Donald Monty

Absent: None

Also present were City Manager Kevin Baity, Deputy City Clerk Alicia Burtley, and various members of the City's administrative staff.

**2. General Announcements and Proclamations**

J. Bradshaw announced Jeff Biggers will be speaking about energy at "Time for a Southern Illinois Energy Revival" on Thursday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., at Morris Library. Also, on Monday, Oct. 27, the forum on "Race, Policing, Justice and Media: Lessons from Ferguson" will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

J. Adams announced the next Downtown Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eurma Hayes Center and the topic will be "Signs and Streetscapes." The "Friends of Morris Library" fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Morris Library, the NAACP fundraiser banquet will be held Oct. 19 at 5:00 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center and "Our Sustainable Legacy & Future: Buckminster Fuller at SIU" presentation and discussion will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 4:00 p.m. at SIU Morris Library.

L. Fronabarger announced the road closure of the railroad crossing on West Walnut beginning on Monday, Oct. 27 through Tuesday, Oct. 28, by the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

D. Monty proclaimed October, "National Long Term Care Residents Rights Month." The City honors and celebrates the citizens and recognizes their rich individuality and reaffirms their sense of safety and right to better care. The proclamation was provided to Shawnee Alliance for Seniors.

D. Monty proclaimed October, "Community Planning Month." Community planning can help developments make good choices that benefit the community. The City Planning staff received the proclamation.

City Manager K. Baity celebrated the success of the "Kids Fair" held at the Carbondale Civic Center sponsored by the Carbondale Police Department, Allied Physician Rehab, and various organizations within the community.

**3. Citizens' Comments and Questions**

Margaret Nesbitt, 216 E. James & Thelma Walker Ave, announced the "I Can Read" program fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 6:00 p.m. to Midnight, at the Carbondale Elks Lodge.

Elius Reed, 2012 S. Illinois Avenue, inquired about the City's Affirmative Action Plan. D. Monty and K. Baity responded accordingly.

Ann Gaylord, 418 S. Giant City Rd. inquired about the City's process in handling the emerald ash borer disease that is currently in the region. Public Works Director Sean Henry responded accordingly.

#### **4. Public Hearings and Special Reports**

None.

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting held on September 23, 2014 and Regular City Council Meeting Held on September 30, 2014. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Approval of Warrant for Period Ending 09/15/2014 FY 2015 Warrant # 1224 in the Amount of \$2,413,010.43. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1224. (Exhibit A-10-14-2014)
3. Approval of Warrant for Period Ending 08/31/2014 FY 2015 Warrant # WF082014 in the Amount of \$173,953.35. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #WF082014. (Exhibit B-10-14-2014)
4. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Recommendation: Accept and place on file the approved meeting minutes from the Planning Commission of September 3, 2014, Liquor Advisory Board of September 11, 2014, Preservation Commission of June 16, 2014, and Carbondale Human Relations Commission of September 8, 2014.
5. Ordinance Amending Title One (1) of the Carbondale Revised Code as it Relates to Duties of the Community Development Loan and Grant Review Board. Recommendation: Adopt the Ordinance Amending Title One (1) of the Carbondale Revised Code as it relates to the Community Development Loan and Grant Review Board. (Ordinance 2014-34; C-10-14-2014)
6. Ordinance Amending the FY2015 Five Year Community Investment Program and Award of Contract for Miller Court Phase II, CIP ST1506 to Samron Midwest Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$57,653.00. Recommendation: Adopt the Ordinance amending the FY2015 Five Year CIP and award the contract to Samron Midwest Contracting, Inc. (Ordinance 2014-35; D-10-14-2014)
7. Ordinance Authorizing the Addition of a Justice Assistance Grant Acceptance to the Police Department FY2015 Budget and Approving a Budget Adjustment Increasing the Overall City Budget by \$21,933.00. Recommendation: Adopt the Ordinance authorizing the addition of the Justice Assistance Grant Acceptance to the Police Department and approve the Budget Adjustment increase. (Ordinance 2014-36; E-10-14-2014)
8. Ordinances Amending the FY2015 Five Year Community Investment Program to Add Unexpended Funds from FY2014 for the Water Storage Facility (WS0202) and Fire Station Replacement (PB0001) Projects, and Adding Funds for the Miller Court Water Main Extension (WS1504) Project, and a Resolution Adding the NWWWTP Storage Building Replacement (PB1502) Project to the FY 2015 CIP. Recommendation: Adopt the Ordinances amending the FY2015 Five Year CIP to add unexpended funds from FY2014 for the above-referenced projects and a Resolution adding the NWWWTP Storage Building Replacement project to the FY2015 CIP. (Ordinance 2014-37, Ordinance 2014-38 & Resolution 2014-R-41; F, G, & H-10-14-2014)
9. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for the Purchase of Real Property located at 1002 North Wall Street. Recommendation: Approve the authorization to enter in a Contract to purchase the real property located at 1002 North Wall Street. (Resolution 2014-R-42; I-10-14-2014)

L. Fronabarger moved, C. Harvey seconded, to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5., 5.6, 5.7, 5.8 and 5.9. VOTE: Ayes: C. Harvey, L. Jack, J. Adams, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, J. Bradshaw, and D. Monty. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

## **6. General Business**

1. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract for the Purchase of Real Property Located at 800 E. Main Street

J. Adams moved, C. Harvey seconded, to approve the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Contract for the Purchase of Real Property Located at 800 E. Main Street. DISCUSSION: D. Monty provided an explanation as to why the City Council was considering this matter and the intent to make the property available for redevelopment. VOTE: Ayes: C. Harvey, L. Jack, J. Adams, L. Fronabarger, C. McDaniel, J. Bradshaw, and D. Monty. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2014-R-43; Exhibit J-10-14-2014)

2. Discussion of Hosting a Town Hall Meeting Regarding the Special Use Permit Application of Brightfields, Inc.

Council discussion in relation to hosting a town hall meeting regarding Brightfields' special use permit included the following items: whether to host the town hall meeting, with all parties involved in attendance, in a formal or informal session, consideration of the town hall meeting being one of the two required meetings requested by Council for Brightfields to host, the mandate that Brightfields notifies all residents on the northeast side of the scheduled meeting, the layout in which the room would be assembled, organization of the agenda and questions, the timespan in which the event will be held and utilization of a well-informed facilitator.

Suggestions made by Council consisted of a website separate from the Environmental Protective Agency with very clear answers to frequently asked questions, and solicit questions in advance in order for those responding may have sufficient time to respond to the questions submitted before the scheduled meeting.

The consensus of Council allows Brightfields to proceed with scheduling a second meeting on the northeast side in compliance with Council's two-meeting request. Also, as a follow-up to that meeting, City Council will host a town hall meeting in order to participate with the public in an open discussion with representation from the Environmental Protective Agency, Beazer East and Brightfields. A facilitator will be selected from the community.

### Citizen Comments:

Brent Ritzel, 810 N. Springer St., stated he was concerned that the City Council has relied on Brightfields expertise and has not received all the information pertaining to this project in order to make an informed decision. Also, he concurred the meeting should be held on the northeast side of town.

Margaret Nesbit, 216 E. James & Thelma Walker Ave, asked the Council to look at and consider the concerns of the citizens of Carbondale, and suggested soliciting help from people to help explain how this project works, which in turn would help Council understand better in order to compete with a company like Brightfields.

Ginger Jamerson-Rye, 405 E. Willow St., commented that all people affected by this project should have an opportunity to voice their concerns, and the facilitator used in the town hall meeting should be from the community with knowledge of the history of Koppers and everything that has happened in the

process.

3. Review of FY2015 First Quarter Revenues and Expenditures

Council reviewed the first quarter revenues and expenditures of FY2015 represented by the period of May 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014. City staff prepared an electronic spreadsheet and City Manager Kevin Baity, Finance Director Don Ursini and Accounting Manager Jeff Davis responded accordingly to Council's comments and questions regarding the report.

Council thanked City staff for the hard work in creating the spreadsheet, however suggested giving a brief overview of the previous year, as well as the addition of commentary with the spreadsheet during the review of future quarterly documents.

**7. Council Comments**

None.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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**Alicia Burtley, Deputy City Clerk**

**Approved by the City Council on:**

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