

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting of March 22, 2016

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, March 22, 2016 in City Council Chambers, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with the following members of the Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilman Lee Fronabarger, Councilman Tom Grant, Councilman Adam Loos, Councilman Navreet Kang, Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, and Mayor John M. Henry

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell, Interim City Manager Gary Williams, and various members of the City's administrative staff.

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

Mayor Henry noted that planning is underway for the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017. He discussed the importance of this event and the opportunity it brings for the region, particularly as there will be another full eclipse seven years after the 2017 event. Mayor Henry stressed the importance of managing the event and performing well, as well as advancing as many improvements as can be made prior to the eclipse.

Mayor Henry proclaimed Friday, April 1, as April Pool's Day in the City of Carbondale and encouraged community participation in casting a splash of blue in our neighborhoods and businesses in support of this event. Executive Director Renfro of the Carbondale Park District expressed her gratitude, encouraged the purchase of blue light bulbs to support the Splash Park, and welcomed everyone to the grand opening to the Super Splash Park on March 28.

Councilman Grant announced Keep Carbondale Beautiful's annual native tree and plant sale on April 2 and 3 at the SIU Arena parking lot. He noted that discount coupons were available in the Civic Center.

Councilman Fronabarger reminded residents that the Preservation Commission will be hosting a Founders' Day celebration on Friday, April 15, which is a free event, but is limited to one hundred attendees. Mr. Fronabarger elaborated on the details of the event.

Councilwoman Bradshaw announced that Wednesday is National Puppy Day, noting an adoption event on that day, as well as a fundraiser occurring at S&B Burger Joint. She further commented on the appropriate response when a person or their pet disturbs a nest of baby bunnies.

Councilman Kang announced that the Southern Illinois Home and Garden Expo will be held at the SIU Arena on April 2 -3.

Interim City Manager Williams announced the proposed FY2017 Budget was available online and in the City Clerk's office.

Councilman Grant announced that Interim Chancellor Colwell attended the Carbondale Rotary Breakfast Club and informed attendees of SIU's ranking of 83rd out of all public universities in the United States.

3. Citizens' Comments and Questions

Sandy Litecky noted that trees can be pre-ordered from Keep Carbondale Beautiful's website. She announced a free homebuyer's education seminar hosted by the Neighborhood Action Group to be held on Thursday, March 31, at the Carbondale Public Library.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

None

5. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of March 8, 2016. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Warrant for the Period Ending 02/29/2016 FY 2016 Warrant # 1266 in the amount of \$1,416,714.33. Recommendation: Approve Warrant #1266. (Exhibit A-03-22-2016)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Recommendation: Accept and place on file the minutes of the Liquor Advisory Board from February 11, 2016 and the Human Relations Commission from February 1, 2016.
4. Appointment and Reappointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur with the Mayor's recommended appointment and reappointments of Gerald Edwards to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Sandy Litecky to the Planning Commission – Zoning Board of Appeals, and Paul Echols to the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees.
5. Approval of Purchase of Rock Salt through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program. Recommendation: Reaffirm the purchase of rock salt through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing program, approve the purchase of rock salt for snow and ice control, and authorize the submission of a requisition for such purchase.
6. Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the FY 2016 Program for Maintenance of Streets and Alleys. Recommendation: Approve a Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality for appropriating \$496,523.00 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds (Resolution 2016-R-13; Exhibit B-03-22-2016)
7. Ordinance amending Title Five, Chapter, Five, Section D of the Carbondale Revised Code to allow sales of food from licensed Food Trailers. Recommendation: Approve an Ordinance amending Title Five, Chapter, Five, Section D as it relates to sales of food from licensed food trailers. (Ordinance 2016-15; Exhibit C-03-22-2016)

MOTION: T. Grant moved, L. Fronabarger seconded, to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, and J. Henry. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

6. General Business

1. Ordinance to add territory to the Jackson County- Murphysboro-Carbondale Enterprise Zone (City of Carbondale)

C. Harvey moved, N. Kang seconded, to approve an Ordinance to add territory to the Jackson County- Murphysboro-Carbondale Enterprise Zone. DISCUSSION: In response to Council inquiry, Interim City Manager Williams indicated that a new corporate office would be constructed at this site for the Egyptian Electric Cooperative. VOTE: Ayes: L. Fronabarger, T. Grant, A. Loos, N. Kang, C. Harvey, and J. Henry. Nays: None. J. Bradshaw abstained. Motion declared carried. (Ordinance 2016-16; Exhibit D-03-22-2016)

7. Council Comments

Councilman Grant remarked on the lowering of flags to half-mast in honor of the victims of the attacks in Brussels, Belgium.

Councilwoman Bradshaw inquired where people could purchase the blue light bulbs which support the Super Splash Park construction. Mayor Henry and Director Renfro responded to Ms. Bradshaw.

Carbondale Community Arts Director Jessica Lynn briefly reviewed the upcoming programming, art receptions, and special events which will be held at Carbondale Community Arts, as well as events which will be cooperatively hosted with other community organizations at varying locations.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
