

**Regular City Council Meeting February 28, 2023 (Tuesday, February 28, 2023)**

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**Councilmembers present**

Councilmember Adam Loos, Councilmember Ginger Rye Sanders, Councilmember Jeff Doherty, Councilmember Lee Fronabarger, Councilmember Tom Grant, and Mayor Pro Tempore Carolin Harvey

**Councilmembers absent**

Mayor John M. Henry

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM**

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 **Roll Call**

Procedural: 1.2 **Citizens' Comments and Questions**

Citizens addressing the City Council during Citizens' Comment included Eileen Troutt Ervin, Sandy Litecky, Dylan Young, James Cooper, Jr., Raymond Lewis Ivy, and Elius Reed.

Procedural: 1.3 **Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations**

Mayor Pro Tempore Harvey extended congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Carbondale on their 75th Anniversary.

Councilmember Rye-Sanders announced a forum where men in leadership roles dialogue with youths at risk on March 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

2. Public Hearings and Special Reports

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 3.1 **Minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of February 14, 2023**

Resolution: Approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting of February 14, 2023

Action (Consent): 3.2 **Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 02/17/2023 for the FY 2023 Warrant 1453 in the Total Amount of \$1,462,195.03**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 02/17/2023 totaling \$1,462,195.03 (*Exhibit A-02-28-2023*)

Action (Consent): 3.3 **Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the FY 2023 Budgeted Expenditures for the Purchase of Vehicles Authorized by the City Council in FY 2022 and Received in FY 2023**

Resolution: Approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the FY 2023 Budgeted Expenditures for the purchase of vehicles authorized by the Council in FY 2022 and received in FY 2023 in the amount of \$92,328.00 (*Ordinance 2023-08;Exhibit B-02-28-2023*)

Action (Consent): 3.4 **Approve the Purchase of One Ford F-150 Crew Cab Hybrid Pickup from Vogler Ford of Carbondale in the Amount of \$52,870 with a trade in allowance of \$3,000 for a total of \$49,870. and Adopt a Resolution Declaring a 2003 Dodge Ram as Surplus**

Resolution: Approve the Purchase of One Ford F-150 Crew Cab Hybrid Pickup from Vogler Ford of Carbondale in the Total Amount of \$49,870 and Adopt a Resolution Declaring a 2003 Dodge Ram (VIN#1D7HU16Z43J537459) as Surplus for a Trade-In Allowance of \$3,000.00 (*Resolution 2023-R-12; Exhibit C-02-28-2023*)

**Action: 3.5 Resolution Dedicating \$500,000 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds to Pay for the Partial and Full-Depth Patching on Pleasant Hill Road From Wall Street to US 51 and a Resolution Dedicating \$500,000 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds to Pay for the Partial and Full-Depth Patching on Tower Rd from Old Murphysboro Road to Chautauqua Road**

*Pulled by L. Fronabarger*

Action (Consent): 3.6 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Resolution: Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

Agenda Item 3.2 - There was a question about the warrant regarding the purchase of vehicles listed in the warrant

MOTION: Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

Motion by Lee Fronabarger, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey

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The item was pulled to draw attention to the matter. There was a question about Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and who determines the projects that receive MFT funds.

Elius Reed asked about source of MFT funds.

MOTION: Approve Resolutions Dedicating \$500,000 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds to Pay for the Partial and Full-Depth Patching on Pleasant Hill Road From Wall Street to US 51, and Dedicating \$500,000 in MFT Funds to Pay for the Partial and Full-Depth Patching on Tower Rd from Old Murphysboro Road to Chautauqua Road

Motion by Lee Fronabarger, second by Jeff Doherty.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey  
*(Resolutions 2023-R-13 and 2023-R-14; Exhibit D- and E-02-28-2023)*

#### 4. General Business of the City Council

Discussion, Information, Reports: 4.1 **Presentation and City Council Discussion of the Carbondale Gun Violence Needs Assessment; Consideration of Staff Recommendations**

*City Clerk's Note: The presentation and discussion for this agenda item extended over one and one-half hours. To view/listen to the full verbatim transcript, visit the Streaming/Video Archive of Meetings on the City's website or contact the City Clerk's Office for assistance.*

Dr. Tammy Kochel reviewed sections of the Carbondale Gun Violence Needs Assessment Report and summarized the findings and strategies.

Staff Recommendations resulting from the assessment include the following:

1. Hire a Project Director for Gun Violence Initiatives
2. Hires (2) Additional Mental Health Advocates
3. Hire (3) Additional Code Enforcement Staff
4. Community Housing Trust
5. Lighting
6. Increase the Budget for Housing Demolition
7. Consider Additional Funding to Community Agencies
8. Make Additional Recommendations for Gun Violence Reduction Strategies

Remarks and questions from the City Council included, but were not wholly limited to, the following: an interest in receiving additional information regarding technology recommendations, including gunshot detection technology and records management; identifying, contributing factors of, and addressing truancy; questions about the roles, responsibilities, and involvement of other agencies; and discussion about juvenile detention.

Chief Reno spoke about challenges in addressing juvenile violence and the few resources available locally.

Elius Reed remarked on various events of violence, report incidents, utilize police at three or four hotspots

Raymond Ivy commented on the location of juvenile facilities in Missouri, a video referenced by Mr. Reed, and the importance of reporting and documentation.

Jane Audy continued the remarks of Eileen Troutt Ervin regarding gun safety and violence prevention programs.

An unidentified speaker commented on truancy and the myriad of factors contributing to violence.

Harold Visser spoke about incidents occurring in his neighborhood, support for police, and support for social organizations.

Diana Brawley Sussman commented about Carbondale United's Cure Violence project, indicated support for the recommendation to hire a project director, and locating more funding for agencies and organization.

Chastity Mays commented on the importance of giving consideration to organizations already doing the work and shared her suggestions regarding an appropriate person for a project director.

Following the remarks of the public, City Councilmembers identified which of the Staff recommendations that they supported.

#### Action, Discussion: 4.2 **Consideration and Approval of Carbondale Community Housing, NFP's Bylaws**

Council asked about the change from the inaugural Board for establishing the NFP to the first operational Board.

MOTION: Approve the bylaws for Carbondale Community Housing, NFP

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey

5. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 5.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the public body, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

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Date