

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, FOURTH FLOOR UPTOWN STATION, 11 UPTOWN CIRCLE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to Order at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Kathleen Lorenz, Stan Nord, Chamberly Cummings, Scott Preston, and Kevin McCarthy, also present were City Manager Pamela Reece, Assistant City Manager Eric Hanson, Corporation Counsel Brian Day, and City Clerk Angie Huonker.

ABSENT: Karyn Smith.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment.

5. MOTION TO ALLOW COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN MCCARTHY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 5 OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE TOWN CODE:

MOTION:

Councilmember Cummings moved, seconded by Councilmember Lorenz, the Council Accept a Motion to Allow Councilmember Kevin McCarthy to participate remotely under the Provisions of Division 5 of Chapter 25 of the Town Code.

AYES: Lorenz, Nord, Cummings, Preston, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: McCarthy.

ABSENT: Smith.

6. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Koos read aloud the items to be considered by the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2021:

B. REPORT TO RECEIVE AND FILE TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF DECEMBER 29, 2021:

C. RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT QUOTES TOTALING \$49,463 FROM SENERGY ELECTRIC FOR THE PURCHASE OF GENETEC LICENSES, AXIS CAMERAS, ALONG WITH INSTALLATION, AND INTEGRATION SERVICES:

No items were approved by the Omnibus Vote.
Items A, B, and C were removed from the Omnibus Vote.

7. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2021:

MOTION TO AMEND:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Cummings, the Council Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2021.

AYES: Cummings, Preston, McCarthy, Lorenz, Nord, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith.

Motion declared carried.

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Lorenz, the Council Approval to Amend the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2021.

AYES: Nord, Cummings, Preston, McCarthy, Lorenz, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord motioned to Amend the Minutes to reflect that Councilmember Stan Nord recused himself and left the Dias at 7:28 p.m. before the discussion of Chapter 11-Building Code and returned immediately following the vote.

REPORT TO RECEIVE AND FILE TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF DECEMBER 29,2021:

MOTION:

Councilmember moved Lorenz, seconded by Councilmember Cummings, the Council Approval of the Report to Receive and File Town of Normal Expenditures for Payment as of December 29,2021.

AYES: Cummings, Preston, McCarthy, Lorenz, Nord, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith.
Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz asked for clarification on refunds listed under the Water fund, CDBG expenses and Youth on a Mission expenses. City Manager Pamela Reece responded.

Councilmember Chemberly Cummings excused herself from voting on any bills she incurred while performing her duties as Councilmember.

RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPT QUOTES TOTALING \$49,463 FROM SENERGY ELECTRIC FOR THE PURCHASE OF GENETEC LICENSES, AXIS CAMERAS, ALONG WITH INSTALLATION, AND INTEGRATION SERVICES: Resolution No. 5946:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nord moved, seconded by Councilmember Cummings, the Council Approval of the Resolution to Waive the Formal Bidding Process and Accept Quotes Totaling \$49,463 from Senergy Electric for the Purchase of Genetec Licenses, Axis Cameras, Along with Installation, and Integration Services.

AYES: Preston, McCarthy, Lorenz, Cummings, Koos.
NAYS: Nord.
ABSENT: Smith.
Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Stan Nord posed questions regarding the scope of the project and if all the cameras will eventually be replaced. City Manager Pamela Reece responded. Mr. Nord asked if this package is proprietary. City Manager Pamela Reece explained that this would be locking in the system but not the vendor.

Councilmember Stan Nord asked if any local companies were considered. Director of Innovation and Technology Vasudha Gadhira explained the selection process that took place.

Councilmember Stan Nord said that he would support this if it were bid out and comes back to Council. City Manager Pamela Reece explained that if this was bid out, then the vendor would most likely be from out of state.

Mayor Koos asked if this is in violation of the Procurement Policy. Corporation Counsel Brian Day explained the Procurement Policy.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy commended staff for exploring costs and using a local vendor.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz asked again if the Town is following the Procurement Policy. Corporation Counsel Brian Day explained that Council can waive bids under the Procurement Policy.

City Manager Pamela Reece further explained reasons staff would ask Council to waive the formal bidding process.

Councilmember Stan Nord asked if installation pricing was checked or just hardware. Director of Innovation and Technology Vasudha Gadhraju responded. Mr. Nord asked approximately what percentage of the project cost is for installation.

Councilmember Stan Nord stated that he is not supportive if this item isn't bid out and believes staff needs to do their due diligence to make sure this is the best option.

Mayor Koos explained that staff did their research and made a well thought out decision.

GENERAL ORDERS:

7. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE ANNEXATION AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE VINEYARDS SUBDIVISION (SOUTHEAST CORNER OF RAAB ROAD AND AIRPORT ROAD): Resolution No. 5947:

MOTION:

Councilmember Preston moved, seconded by Councilmember Cummings, the Council Approval of the Resolution Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Annexation Agreement Pertaining to the Vineyards Subdivision (Southeast Corner of Raab Road and Airport Road).

AYES: McCarthy, Lorenz, Nord, Cummings, Preston, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith.

Motion declared carried.

8. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 332-336 TENTH ADDITION TO VINEYARDS SUBDIVISION FOURTH AMENDED PRELIMINARY PLAN NORMAL, ILLINOIS (3532-3540 Shepard Road): Resolution No. 5948:

MOTION:

Councilmember Preston moved, seconded by Councilmember Cummings, the Council Approval of the Resolution Approving the Resubdivision of Lots 332-336 Tenth Addition to Vineyards Subdivision Fourth Amended Preliminary Plan Normal, Illinois (3532-3540 Shepard Road).

AYES: Lorenz, Nord, Cumming, Preston, McCarthy, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith

Motion declared carried.

9. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 332-336 TENTH ADDITION TO VINEYARDS

SUBDIVISION (3532-3540 SHEPARD ROAD): Resolution No. 5949:MOTION:

Councilmember Preston moved, seconded by Councilmember Cummings, the Council Approval of the Resolution Conditionally Approving the Final Plat of the Resubdivision of Lots 332-336 Tenth Addition to Vineyards Subdivision (3532-3540 Shepard Road).

AYES: Nord, Cumming, Preston, McCarthy, Lorenz, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN FOR INSTALLATION OF A FITNESS COURT: Resolution No. 5950:

MOTION:

Councilmember Cummings moved, seconded by Councilmember Preston, the Council Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Participation with National Fitness Campaign for Installation of a Fitness Court.

AYES: Cumming, Preston, McCarthy, Koos.

NAYS: Lorenz, Nord.

ABSENT: Smith.

Motion declared carried.

City Manager Pamela Reece introduced the item stating that it is an opportunity to try something unique and fits well with a variety of the Towns plans including the Comprehensive Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the McLean County Community Health Improvement Plan.

Director of Parks and Recreations Doug Damery explained that the National Fitness Campaign approached the Town with this opportunity. Mr. Damery discussed all that will be included with the fitness court package including grant funding, installation support, campaign services, ambassador training, and a mobile app.

Councilmember Stan Nord asked if the grant money could be used with other vendors. Director of Parks and Recreations Doug Damery responded. Mr. Nord posed questions regarding other possible locations, the fitness courts lifespan, and cost of maintenance. Director of Parks and Recreations Doug Damery responded.

City Manager Pamela Reece stated that staff have the same concerns about maintenance and have no interest in acquiring equipment that would be a burden.

Councilmember Stan Nord asked for an explanation of the public input that went into obtaining this amenity. Mayor Koos and Doug Damery responded.

Councilmember Stan Nord also asked if this is ADA accessible. Director of Parks and Recreations Doug Damery confirmed.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz asked for clarification on the process of obtaining sponsors to defray the cost and if the National Fitness Campaign helps with this. Director of Parks and Recreation Doug Damery responded. Ms. Lorenz questioned if this would be an additional budget item if staff is unable to get sponsorship to cover the costs. City Manager Pamela Reece responded.

Councilmember Kathleen Lorenz stated that she is not convinced this is necessary and believes this would become a competitor to local gyms. Director of Parks and Recreation Doug Damery stated that he believes that this would introduce more people to fitness.

Councilmember Scott Preston asked if National Fitness Campaign is a nonprofit organization and if there are other companies that provide this or if this is something unique. Director of Parks and Recreation Doug Damery responded.

Mayor Koos confirmed NFC is a nonprofit organization and doesn't see how having workout equipment in a park will threaten gyms in the community.

Councilmember Kevin McCarthy believes that this is a great opportunity to invest in health-related public infrastructures. Mr. McCarthy asked what the timeline will look like if this gets approved. Director of Parks and Recreation Doug Damery responded.

Councilmember Chamberly Cummings asked whether sponsorships must be local. Ms. Cummings expressed her support stating that some people can't afford gym memberships and sees this as a great opportunity for everyone to have access.

Councilmember Stan Nord believes that a better solution for getting people involved would be to have more subsidized gym memberships by using CBDG funds. Mr. Nord asked whether Town staff would be paid to train people how to use the equipment. Director of Parks and Recreation Doug Damery responded.

Councilmember Stan Nord said he would be more supportive if all the sponsorships are identified ahead of time and believes this more of a want project. City Manager Pamela Reece responded.

Councilmember Nord issued a Request for Information.

Mayor Koos stated that Mr. Nord has already spoke his two, ten-minute turns and can ask staff after the meeting.

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT ARISING FROM THE NATIONAL OPIOID CRISIS CLASS-ACTION LAWSUIT: Resolution No. 5951:

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Cummings, the Council

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Settlement Arising from the National Opioid Crisis Class-Action Lawsuit.

AYES: Cummings, Preston, McCarthy, Lorenz, Nord, Koos.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Smith

City Manager Pamela Reece gave a brief overview of the Lawsuit and participation in the settlement.

Councilmember Stan Nord asked if staff has looked at how this money can be used if we get it. City Manager Pamela Reece explained that in accordance with the Class-Action Lawsuit there is a certain percentage that needs to be used towards Opioid addiction education and prevention.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment.

CONCERNS:

There were no Concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Koos called for a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council.

MOTION:

Councilmember McCarthy moved, seconded by Councilmember Cummings, the Council Accept a Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council.

AYES: McCarthy, Lorenz, Nord, Smith, Cummings, Preston, Koos.
NAYS: None.
Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 8:17 p.m., Tuesday, January 4, 2022.