

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, 100 EAST PHOENIX AVENUE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2012.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Sonja Reece, Adam Nielsen, Jeff Fritzen, Chuck Scott, and Cheryl Gaines. Also present were City Manager Mark Peterson, Deputy City Manager Pamela Reece, Corporation Counsel Steve Mahrt, and Town Clerk Wendy Briggs.

ABSENT: Councilmember Jason Chambers.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Chris Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

Mayor Koos excused himself from voting on any expenses he incurred while performing his Mayoral duties.

Councilmember Scott excused himself on voting on any expenses he may have incurred while performing his Council duties.

Councilmember Reece excused herself from voting on any bills submitted by Advocate BroMenn Healthcare and any expenses she may have incurred while performing her Council duties, as well as recusing herself from voting on Items M and N.

Item J was removed from the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Approve the Omnibus Vote Agenda.

AYES: Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 5, 2012: Omnibus Vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2012: Omnibus Vote.

B. APPROVAL OF TOWN OF NORMAL EXPENDITURES FOR PAYMENT AS OF MARCH 14, 2012: Omnibus Vote.

- C. MOTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR METER VAULT INSTALLATIONS TO STARK EXCAVATING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,740.00 AND APPROVE THE ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Omnibus Vote.
- D. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO – 2012 MITSUBISHI GALANTS FROM O’BRIEN MITSUBISHI OF NORMAL – FLEET PURCHASING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,862.26: Omnibus Vote.
- E. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO WORK WITH THE STONE RIVER GROUP TO SEEK BIDS FOR BULK PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY FOR TOWN FACILITIES: Omnibus Vote.
- F. MOTION TO INITIATE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS – DIVISION 13 (SIGNS): Omnibus Vote.
- G. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES FOR THE 2012 CONSTRUCTION SEASON WITH TESTING SERVICE CORPORATION (TSC): Resolution No. 4725: Omnibus Vote.
- H. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GATEWAY PLAZA CISTERN PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,884.64 TO FURNISH AND INSTALL A CISTERN CONTROL VAULT AND TO REMOVE AND REPLACE ELECTRICAL LINES IN CONFLICT WITH THE WATER STORAGE CISTERN: Resolution No. 4726: Omnibus Vote.
- I. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TANK INDUSTRY CONSULTANTS FOR EVALUATION, ENGINEERING, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, TESTING, AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE ELEVATED TANK #3 REHABILITATION PROJECT: Resolution No: 4727: Omnibus Vote.
- K. RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION (AMTRAK) REGARDING RELOCATION ACTIVITIES AND THE MOVE OF AMTRAK TO THE UPTOWN STATION: Resolution No. 4728: Omnibus Vote.
- L. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION (AMTRAK) REGARDING RELOCATION ACTIVITIES AND THE MOVE OF AMTRAK TO THE UPTOWN STATION: Resolution No. 4729: Omnibus Vote.
- M. RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY AND PARTIALLY APPROVING A FINAL PLAT OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 7 OF BROMENN HEALTHCARE SUBDIVISION SECOND ADDITION BY EXPEDITED PROCESS: Resolution No. 4730: Omnibus Vote.
- N. ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF FRANKLIN AVENUE: Ordinance No. 5431: Omnibus Vote.
- O. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF A ZONING MAP: Ordinance No. 5432: Omnibus Vote.

P. ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE TOWN OF NORMAL MUNICIPAL CODE – BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION: Ordinance No. 5433: Omnibus Vote.

Q. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING STRUCTURE OF THE BLOOMINGTON NORMAL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM: Ordinance No. 5434: Omnibus Vote.

5. ITEMS REMOVED FROM OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA:

J. RESOLUTION WAIVING FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM STARK EXCAVATING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184,600.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS FOR A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY OVER THE RAILROAD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE TRACKS ADJACENT TO THE GATEWAY PLAZA AND APPROVAL OF AN ASSOCIATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Resolution No. 4731:

MOTION:

Councilmember Nielsen moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt a Resolution Waiving Formal Bidding Process and Accepting a Proposal from Stark Excavating, Inc., in the Amount of \$184,600.00 for the Construction of Concrete Foundations for a Pedestrian Walkway Over the Railroad on the North Side of the Tracks Adjacent to the Gateway Plaza and Approval of an Associated Budget Adjustment.

Councilmember Nielsen posed questions pertaining to the decision to build a walkway over the railroad as opposed to constructing an underground walkway tunnel. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated the area is extremely tight and the underground walkway tunnel would require massive excavation of the area and fiber optic lines run on both sides of the tracks that would need to be relocated, which would make this option much more expensive. Uptown Director Wayne Aldrich reported the Department of Transportation had done a study and reported the cost to go underground would be approximately twice as much as the above-ground walkway. City Manager Mark Peterson indicated the Town would maintain the facility and at this time, the walkway would be available for anyone to use, not simply for AMTRAK passengers. City Manager Mark Peterson further indicated the Town continues to look into alternatives to move people from one side of the tracks to the other, but at this time, this appears to be the best solution.

Mayor Koos indicated he supported the proposed Resolution, but was not supportive of the overpass as the best solution in the matter. Mayor Koos encouraged staff to continue to work with Illinois Department of Transportation to explore other alternatives to move passengers from one side of the tracks to the other.

Councilmember Reece posed questions concerning the fencing that was included in the original plan. Uptown Director Wayne Aldrich indicated there would be a fence to close off the tracks along the corridor.

AYES: Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Gaines, Reece, Koos.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

GENERAL ORDERS

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SELECTION AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING RIGHTS FOR THE B BLOCK (UPTOWN ONE) SITE IN UPTOWN NORMAL WITH TARTAN REALTY GROUP AND HARLEM IRVING COMPANIES: Resolution No. 4732:

MOTION:

Councilmember Scott moved, seconded by Councilmember Reece, the Council Adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Selection and Execution of an Agreement for Exclusive Negotiating Rights for the B Block (Uptown One) Site in Uptown Normal with Tartan Realty Group and Harlem Irving Companies.

Mayor Koos gave a brief synopsis of the process used to select a developer to build in the B Block (Uptown One) Site. Councilmembers Scott and Nielsen commented on the excellent presentations given by the proposed developers and thanked everyone for their interest in developing this key site in Uptown Normal.

AYES: Fritzen, Scott, Gaines, Reece, Nielsen, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

7. MOTION TO APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BLOOMINGTON NORMAL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

MOTION:

Councilmember Fritzen moved, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen, the Council Approve the Recommended Appointment to the Bloomington Normal Public Transit System Board of Trustees.

AYES: Scott, Gaines, Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

Councilmember Reece announced Mr. Mike McCurdy be appointed to the Bloomington Normal Public Transit System Board of Trustees to fill the position vacated by the City Manager, who has become an ex-officio member of the Board pursuant to a recent Municipal Code Amendment. Mr. McCurdy's term of office will expire on June 30, 2013, with reappointments for four-year terms.

8. CONCERNS:

1. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

Councilmember Scott commented on the excellent turnout for the 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Uptown Normal.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Koos called for a Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember Scott, the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council be Adjourned.

AYES: Gaines, Reece, Nielsen, Fritzen, Scott, Koos.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chambers.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Normal Town Council at 7:21 p.m., Monday, March 19, 2012.