

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

October 8, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois was held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, Alton, Illinois at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sandidge.

The Council Members present on call of the roll:

PRESENT: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

ABSENT: None - 0

Mayor Sandidge led the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Sandidge presented a proclamation to Maxine Caldwell declaring Saturday, October 18, 2008 to be “Maxine’s Day Care and Learning Center, Inc. Day” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

Mayor Sandidge presented a proclamation to two representatives from the Lion’s Club declaring Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11, 2008 to be “Lions Club Day” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

Mayor Sandidge presented a proclamation to Sue Hardin, Director of Pride, Inc. declaring Saturday, October 11, 2008 to be “Pride Day” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

Mayor Sandidge presented a proclamation declaring the month of October, 2008 to be “Arts and Humanities Month” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

At this time, Mayor Sandidge recognized Christine Favilla and Laura Wallendorf, members of the Alton Beautification and Clean City Committee, to announce the winners of the “Anti-Litter Campaign” poster contest. The winners were as follows: Kaylee Bowen, 3rd place; Emma Snider, 2nd place; and Kateri Vaughn, 1st place.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2008 and the following Communication: Illinois Finance Authority, re: Allocation of \$10,000,000 to be made available in the calendar year 2009 to lend to units of local government in the Pooled Bond Program and the following Report of Officers: Department of Building and Zoning, re: Monthly Report for September, 2008. Mr. Maher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said Minutes, Communication and Report of Officers be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Martin presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of October 6, 2008; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Resolution, re: Comptroller be directed to extend the maximum permissible levy of real estate taxes available with regard to the Special Service Area #1; Resolution, re: That eight downtown businesses be allowed to place a banner across Broadway and Market to advertise the 3rd Thursday Event in October and November; Resolution, re: That certain three streets be closed on October 18 and 19, 2008 for the Lincoln Douglas Debate Sesquicentennial Festival; Resolution, re: Engagement letter with Bernardi Securities, Inc. with regard to the proposed bond issue involving the capital improvements to be made at Alton Square Mall; Resolution, re: Grant a special event liquor license to St. Mary's Catholic Church for their Oktoberfest and Wine Tasting; Resolution, re: Annual Halloween Parade; Resolution, re: Demolition of 511 A Winkler; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Alton (3530 Fosterburg Road). Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said report be placed on file. The Chair so ordered.

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Discount and Special Bills Paid; also all Expenditure Detail Bills as listed in the Comptroller's report dated October 6, 2008, be allowed and payment be made for same. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to extend the maximum permissible levy of real estate taxes available with regard to the Special Service Area #1 of the City of Alton to promote the further redevelopment of Downtown Alton. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois that eight (8) downtown businesses have taken over the 3rd Thursday Event from Marketplace and request that they be allowed to place a banner across Broadway at Market Street on

October 16 and November 20, 2008. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the following streets be closed on October 18 and 19, 2008 for the Lincoln Douglas Debate Sesquicentennial Festival, Broadway from Piasa to Alby, Market St. from 3rd St. to Front St. and Front St. from Alton to Market. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor and appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Alton the attached engagement letter with Bernardi Securities, Inc., with regard to the proposed bond issue involving the capital improvements to be made at Alton Square Mall. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, special event liquor licenses are required under the Alton Liquor Code for the sale or distribution of alcoholic liquors at appropriate activities, which are approved by the Alton City Council; and

WHEREAS, certain events require a variance from the Alton City Council for the sale or distribution of alcoholic liquors in Alton on City property; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Alton, Illinois that the following special event be approved pursuant to Alton Code 4-4-9 and a variance is hereby granted for the sale or distribution of alcoholic liquors by:

St. Mary's Catholic Church for their Oktoberfest and Wine Tasting to be held October 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2008.

Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maher, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the East End Improvement Association is sponsoring a Halloween Parade in the City of Alton which event constitutes a public purpose(s);

WHEREAS, this Halloween Parade will require the temporary closure of IL Route 140 and IL Route 67, a State Highway in the City of Alton from Main Street to Piasa Street (IL Route 140) and from 9th Street to Henry Street (IL Route 67);

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton that permission to close off IL Route 140 from Washington Avenue to the Broadway Connector and IL Route 67 from East Broadway to 9th Street as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time period between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on October 31, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State highway. (The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic.)* The detour route shall be as follows: Over marked routes under Police supervision, Southbound IL Route 67 at IL Route 3 will reroute East/South at IL Route 3 to IL Route 143, West to Southbound IL Route 67. Local traffic will reroute West on 9th Street to Henry Street, South on Henry Street to IL Route 67 South. Northbound traffic will reroute East on IL Route 143 to North/West IL Route 3 to IL Route 67 North. Local traffic will reroute North on Henry Street to 9th Street, West on 9th Street to IL Route 67 North. IL Route 140 will be closed from Washington Avenue to the Broadway Connector.

*To be used when appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alton assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Police officers or authorized flaggers shall at the expense of the City of Alton be positioned at each end of the closed section and at

other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Police officers, flaggers, and officials shall permit emergency vehicles in emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such signs, flags, barricades, etc..., shall be used by the East End Improvement Association as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the City of Alton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways, pursuant to conditions noted above. (Note: This paragraph is applicable when the Resolution pertains to a Parade or when no detour is required.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East End Improvement Association hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East End Improvement Association shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$100,000.00 per person and \$500,000.00 aggregate which has the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees, and agents as insureds and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission.

ADOPTED by the _____ of the
this _____ day of _____, 20__ A.D.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

APPROVED by the _____ of the
of _____ this _____ day of _____, 20__ A.D.

ATTEST: _____

MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR

Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to effect the demolition of certain structures deemed unsafe under 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, the owners of which have neglected or refuses to perform required demolition.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that its officials and agents are hereby authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court as listed below:

511 A Winkler

Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Pro Tem Hanrahan presented the following ordinance for first reading.

Ordinance No. 7099. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 6836 setting the salaries for elected officials of the City of Alton, Illinois, whose terms of office commence after April, 2009. Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said ordinance be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Pro Tem Hanrahan presented the following ordinance for second reading.

Ordinance No. 7096. An Ordinance establishing one handicap parking space in front of 735 Oakwood Avenue, Alton, Illinois. Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maher, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

REPORTS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the following Appearance Review Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of July 23, 2008, the Alton Zoning Board of Appeals Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of September 24, 2008 and the Alton Plan Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of September 30, 2008. Mr. Maher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said Minutes be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

The Clerk presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that a variance be granted on the property identified by permanent parcel number 23-1-08-06-09-101-008, Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 9 West of the Third Principal Meridian, also known as 2320 Morning Star Drive, Alton, Illinois, BE AND HEREBY IS APPROVED. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

The Clerk presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, to rezone from R-2 (Single-Family Residential) and CR (Conservation Recreation) to MED (Medical) on the property identified by permanent parcel numbers 23-2-07-01-17-302-004.002, 23-2-07-12-06-102-003, 23-2-07-12-06-102-004, Section 1 and 12, Township 5 North, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian, also known as 1 St. Anthony's Way, Alton, Illinois (legal attached), to provide consistent medical zoning on the entire St. Anthony's Hospital campus, BE AND HEREBY IS APPROVED. Mr. Maher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Sandidge presented the following seven (7) appointments to the Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee: Tom Hoechst (Chairman), Zeke Jabusch, Darrell McGibany, David Boulds, Wayne Politsch, Joel Schwaab and Mick McCahill. Mr. Maher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said seven (7) appointments be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mr. Ryan presented the following two (2) resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance moving a handicap parking space on the south side of Fourth Street between Easton Street and Alton Street be considered.
2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Council consider an ordinance authorizing a bond issue in relation to the establishment of a Trust to pay the annual required contributions to the Fire Fighters Pension Fund and the Police Pension Fund.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that the above and foregoing two (2) resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Maher presented the following six (6) resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance, “An Ordinance of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois, abating a portion of the 2008 Tax Levy for \$4,315,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006A”, be considered.
2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the County Clerk of Madison County, Illinois, is hereby directed to abate the pledged taxes for the retirement of the principal and interest on the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, for the tax year 2008.
3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the County Clerk of Madison County, Illinois, is hereby directed to abate the pledged taxes for the retirement of the principal and interest on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004, for the tax year 2008.
4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the County Clerk of Madison County, Illinois, is hereby directed to abate the pledged taxes for the retirement of the principal and interest on the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000, for the tax year 2008.
5. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the County Clerk of Madison County, Illinois, is hereby directed to abate the pledged taxes for the retirement of the principal and interest on the General Obligation Bonds, Series 1998, for the tax year 2008.

6. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the City of Alton accepts the improvements made to Golf Road, extending north from Baron Commerce Parkway, pursuant to the attached letter of request. Mr. Maher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that the above and foregoing six (6) resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the City of Alton to undertake a review of the sewer user charges required to cover the projected cost of providing sewer services now and in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc., Professional Engineers, have in the past prepared the appropriate studies, in accordance with their usual and customary practices for the City of Alton, which studies recommend revisions to be made to the sewer user charges for the future sewer user services to be provided by the City of Alton; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Public Works Department and the engineers of Shepard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc., that the sewer user charges should be reviewed at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor and appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to request a review of the sewer user charges by Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc., and to recommend any adjustments or modifications to be made with regard to the sewer user charges to adequately recover the costs for sewer user services provided by the City of Alton now and in the foreseeable future. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the Police Department is hereby authorized to purchase on a lease/purchase program the purchase and installation of Radio Upgrade Equipment to consist of one main site and five remote sites. Five year lease with first payment due in advance and one payment each year thereafter for five years in the amount of \$7,192.00 each payment.

Funding: Federal Prisoner Fund

Vendor: Global Technical Systems, Inc.

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance Providing Fees to Nonresidents for Emergency Services shall be considered. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mary T. Boulds MMC

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)