

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

October 22, 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 recognized Brad O’Guinn, the son of Deputy Police Chief Jody O’Guinn, who led the Pledge to the Flag.

At this time, Mayor Sandidge recognized Rick Wieckhorst, Chairman of the Alton/Wood River Chapter of the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO. Mr. Wieckhorst presented a plaque to Mayor Sandidge in appreciation of his role as Chairman of the Labor Day Parade in 2008.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2008 and the following Communications: Department of the Army, re: Army recruiting relationship with local community leaders; Illinois Department of Transportation, re: Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for September, 2008; Congressman Jerry F. Costello, re: Memo to Mayor Sandidge with an update on legislation recently passed for projects in the Metro East area; Illinois Public Employer Labor Relations Association, re: City of Alton has been chosen to receive the IPELRA’s James Baird Leadership Award for leadership and achievement in Illinois public sector labor relations; Illinois Department of Corrections, re: Annual inspection of the Alton Police Department federal detainee lockup area; Allied Waste Services, re: Solid Waste and Recycling Volumes for September, 2008 and the following Report of Officers, re: City Treasurer, re: Monthly Report for September, 2008; Comptroller, re: Overtime Analysis for September, 2008; Alton Fire Department, re: Estimated Fire Loss for September, 2008; Alton Fire Department, re: Monthly Fire Damage Report to Assessor’s Office for September, 2008; Animal Control Department, re: Monthly Report for September, 2008. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said Minutes, Communications 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

PETITIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Hanrahan presented the following petition from Michael Storey to request a text amendment and a special use permit for property located at 1000 Stanley Road, Cottage Hills, Illinois for the purpose of providing spaces for the campers of the incoming construction workers (such as Conoco-Phillips). Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said petition be referred to the Plan Commission. The Chair so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Martin presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for October 20, 2008; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Laid Over Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Alton (3530 Fosterburg Road); Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance to move a handicap parking space on the south side of Fourth Street between Easton Street and Alton Street; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance to authorize a bond issue in relation to the establishment of a Trust to pay the annual required contribution to the Fire Fighters Pension Fund and the Police Pension Fund; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance to abate a portion of the 2008 Tax Levy for \$4,315,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006A; Resolution, re: Madison County Clerk be 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; Resolution, re: Madison County Clerk be directed to abate the pledged taxes for the retirement of the principal and interest on the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 for the tax year 2008; Resolution, re: Madison County Clerk be 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; Resolution, re: Madison County Clerk be 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; Resolution, re: City of Alton accepts the improvements made to Golf Road; Resolution, re: That the City officials request a review of the sewer user charges by Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc. regarding the sewer user services; Resolution, re: Police Department to purchase on a lease/purchase program Radio Upgrade Equipment consisting of one main site and five remote sites; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance providing fees to nonresidents for emergency services. 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 20, 2008, be allowed and payment be made for same. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, the 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, Roxanne Downs has filed with the City of Alton a Petition to Annex the property commonly known as 3530 Fosterburg Road, Alton, Illinois, to the City of Alton, a true and correct copy of said Petition to Annex being attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alton is required by Illinois statute to give notice of the annexation of the subject property to the Fosterburg Fire Protection District and to the Foster Township Highway Commissioners and Foster Township Trustees prior to consideration of the annexation of the subject property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that an Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois (3530 Fosterburg Road) be considered for passage at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, November 25, 2008, and that the Mayor, City Clerk and other City officials give any and all appropriate notices required to the Fosterburg Fire Protection District, Foster Township Highway Commissioner and Foster Township Trustees on forms to be prepared by the Corporation Counselor of the City of Alton. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, 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 attached Ordinance moving a handicap parking space on the south side of Fourth Street between Easton Street and Alton Street be considered. 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 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. 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:

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. 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 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. 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 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. 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 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. 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 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 Obliga-

tion Bonds, Series 1998, for the tax year 2008. 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 City of Alton accepts the improvements made to Golf Road, extending north from Baron Commerce Parkway, pursuant to the attached letter of request.

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, 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 Sheppard, 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. 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:

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.

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

Mrs. Martin 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. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be PLACED ON FILE. 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 two (2) ordinances for first reading.

Ordinance No. 7100. An Ordinance rezoning property at 1 St. Anthony's Way, Alton, Illinois, to a MED (Medical) Zoning District.

Ordinance No. 7101. An Ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois (3530 Fosterburg Road).

Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maher, that the above and foregoing two (2) ordinances be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

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

Mr. Ryan presented the following amendment:

An Ordinance setting the salaries for elected officials of the City of Alton, Illinois, whose terms of office commence after April, 2009. Mr. Ryan made a motion,

seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said amendment be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that Ordinance No. 7099 as amended 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 September 17, 2008. Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, 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

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mr. Ryan presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois that the following described street(s) be improved under the Illinois Highway Code:

<u>Name of Thoroughfare</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Broadway	US 67	Broadway	Riverfront Park

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. That the proposed improvement shall consist of construction of pedestrian overpass walkway and shall be constructed _____ wide and be designated as Section 06-00224-00-BR.

2. That there is hereby appropriated the (additional Yes No) sum of One hundred thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the improvement of said section from the municipality's allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funds.

3. That work shall be done by Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

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

1. 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 Chapman and Cutler, LLP, with regard to the proposed bond issue involving the establishment of a trust to pay the required contributions for police and fire pensions of the City of Alton.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance Providing a Liquor License Classification for Banquet Facilities be considered.

Mr. Maher 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.

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the City Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to publish the attached notice of sale of real property. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maher, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the restriction prohibiting parking on the north side of Russell Avenue be repealed and that parking be permitted there. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, 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 fuels from Midwest Food & Gas, Inc. d/b/a AMOCO Food Shop, 1660 East Broadway, Alton, Illinois for a one year period unless terminated by either party. Price per gallon to be equal to “rack” pricing. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, 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 city accept non-matching grant funds from the Illinois Department of Public Health, in the amount of \$4,926.00 for the purchase of EMT and Paramedic training equipment for the Alton Fire Department. 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. Brake, 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)