

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 2009

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.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2009 and the following Communications: Illinois State Police, re: Forfeiture check and the following Report of Officers: Department of Building and Zoning, re: Monthly Report for January, 2009; Animal Control Department, re: Monthly Report for January, 2009. Mr. Maher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, 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 Suzanne Rice, d/b/a It's Gourmet, requesting a rezoning from R-2 to C-2 for the property located at 1400 Main Street, Alton, Illinois (Main Street United Methodist Church) for the purpose of operating a catering business from the kitchen (food preparation and delivery). Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maher, that said petition be referred to the Plan Commission. The Chair so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Brake presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for February 9, 2009; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Resolution, re: Lease Agreement between the City of Alton and Tony's Lounge, Inc.; Resolution, re: Demolition of 913 Humboldt Ct.; Resolution, re: Demolition of 709 E. 4th; Resolution, re: Agreement for services of Scheffel & Company, P.C. for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011; Resolution, re: Reduce the number of pawn shops in the City of Alton by one (1) from the currently permitted number; Resolution, re: Agreement to begin use of MoneyVue in

cooperation with Liberty Bank. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said report be placed on file. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Brake 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 February 9, 2009, be allowed and payment be made for same. Mr. Brake 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

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Lease Agreement between the City of Alton and Tony's Lounge, Inc., be and hereby is approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement. Mr. Brake 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

Mr. Brake 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:

913 Humboldt Ct.

Mr. Brake 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

Mr. Brake 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:

709 E. 4th

Mr. Brake 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

Mr. Brake 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 the attached agreement for services of Scheffel & Company, P.C., for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, 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

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the number of authorized pawn shops allowed in the City of Alton be reduced by one (1) from the currently permitted number. Mr. Brake 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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 7122. An Ordinance regulating parking at 200 E. Broadway. Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

At this time, Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maher, to remove Ordinance No. 7103 from the Table. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Ordinance No. 7103. An Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$ _____ Taxable General Obligation Pension Funding Bonds, Series 2008, of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds. Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maher, that said ordinance be PLACED ON FILE. 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 January 14, 2009. 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

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Sandidge presented the following reappointment of Laura Wallendorf to the Alton Beautification and Clean City Committee. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said reappointment 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 it be a matter of public record that the City of Alton supports and endorses the Alton Regional Convention and Visitor Bureau as the State Certified Bureau for the Alton Metroplex.
2. WHEREAS, the Block Parties in Downtown Alton have been successful in recent years with few complaints; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Alton, Inc., is willing and able to sponsor the Block Parties in Downtown Alton as it did last year; and

WHEREAS, the Block Parties are popular with thousands of Alton residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Block Parties have significantly contributed to the economic well being of the businesses located in Downtown Alton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Downtown Alton, Inc., is granted permission to host their Block Party events on the following six dates:

May 2, 2009
May 30, 2009
June 27, 2009
July 25, 2009
August 29, 2009
September 26, 2009

Subject to the following conditions:

1. State Street from Broadway to Fourth Street, Wall Street from William Street to State Street, Third Street from Piasa Street to State Street, Fourth Street from Piasa Street to Belle Street, and Belle Street from Third Street to Fourth Street shall be closed and appropriately barricaded between the hours of 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. the following morning.
2. Only one outdoor band or musical presentation shall be allowed, and it shall be located on a stage at the Third Street and Belle Street intersection.
3. All outdoor music presentation shall stop at 10:30 p.m.
4. All outdoor sales of alcoholic liquor shall stop and all outdoor vendors shall be off the streets by 11:30 p.m.
5. Downtown Alton, Inc., shall cause one police officer or security person to be present at each vendor's location to monitor sales of alcoholic liquor, particularly with regard to prohibiting minors from purchasing or consuming alcoholic liquor.
6. Downtown Alton, Inc., shall provide at least one off duty police officer or security person to patrol the Christian Hill residential area adjacent to Downtown Alton during all evening hours of the Block Party.
7. Downtown Alton, Inc., shall provide pickup and disposal of all trash or litter in the Block Party area and in the Christian Hill residential area adjacent to the Block Party area throughout the hours of the Block Party and in the morning immediately following the Block Party.

8. Downtown Alton, Inc., shall provide all additional security and cost for security related to the Block Party.

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. Hanrahan presented the following two (2) resolutions:

1. 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:

8 1/2 E. Elm

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance Adjusting the Fees for Collection of Garbage and Refuse be considered.

Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, 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 two (2) resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a contract for services of the Alton Police Department, said contract to be executed between the United States Army Corps of Engineers (St. Louis District) and the City of Alton. Said Agreement will authorize repayment of overtime compensation paid to Alton Police Officers for security at the Alton Lock and Dam, the Alton Great Rivers Museum and Alton Barge area during the fiscal year starting April 1, 2009 and ending March 31, 2010.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance Concerning Home Rule Municipal Retailers and Service Occupation Taxes 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.

Mr. Fleming 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:

3900 College

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, 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
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)