

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

February 25, 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 recognized Boy Scout Troop 72 to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2009 and the following Communications: Illinois Department of Transportation, re: Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for January, 2009; Illinois American Water, re: Progress made in 2008 and Illinois American Water's commitment to being a good neighbor in the Alton area; Allied Waste Services, re: Solid Waste and Recycling Volumes for January, 2009 and the following Report of Officers: City Treasurer, re: Monthly Report for January, 2009; Comptroller, re: Overtime Analysis for January, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Estimated Fire Loss for January, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Monthly Report Damage Report to Assessor's Office for January, 2009. Mr. Hanrahan 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

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Brake presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for February 23, 2009; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Laid Over Resolution, re: Agreement to begin use of MoneyVue in cooperation with Liberty Bank; Resolution, re: City of Alton endorses the Alton Regional Convention and Visitor Bureau as the State Certified Bureau for the Alton Metroplex; Resolution, re: Grant permission to Downtown Alton, Inc. to host their Block Party events for 2009; Resolution, re: Demolition of 8 1/2 E. Elm; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance adjusting the fees for collection of garbage and refuse; Resolution, re: Contract for services of the Alton Police Department between the United States Army Corps of Engineers (St. Louis District) and the City of Alton; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance concerning Home Rule Municipal Retailers and Service Occupation Taxes; Resolution, re: Demolition of 3900 College;

Bid Report & Resolution, re: Bid #2008-40, contract for Ammunition for the Police Department. 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 23, 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 that the Mayor and appropriate officials are authorized and directed to sign the agreement to begin use of MoneyVue in cooperation with Liberty Bank per the attached agreement. 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 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. 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, 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. 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:

8 1/2 E. Elm

Mr. Brake 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

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

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

AYES: Hanrahan, Maher, Fleming, Boulds – 4
NAYS: Ryan, Martin, Brake – 3

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

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. 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 attached Ordinance Concerning Home Rule Municipal Retailers and Service Occupation Taxes be considered. 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, Fleming, Boulds – 6
NAYS: Brake – 1

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:

3900 College

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 best bid of Ray O'Herron Company, Inc. per the Tabulation Sheet is hereby awarded for Bid #2008-40 Contract for Ammunition for the Police Department of the City of Alton, Illinois. 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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Pro Tem Hanrahan presented the following two (2) ordinances for first reading.

Ordinance No. 7123. An Ordinance amending Section 9 of Chapter 10 of Title 4 of the City Code of Alton, Illinois by amending the number of pawnbrokers permitted in the City of Alton.

Ordinance No. 7124. An Ordinance adjusting the fees for collection of Garbage and Refuse.

Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maher, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to act upon said Ordinance No. 7124. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds,
Mayor Sandidge – 8

NAYS: None – 0

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

Ordinance No. 7124. An Ordinance adjusting the fees for collection of Garbage and Refuse. Mr. Maher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hanrahan, Maher, Fleming, Boulds – 4

NAYS: Ryan, Martin, Brake – 3

Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maher, that Ordinance No. 7123 be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Maher, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to act upon Ordinance No. 7125. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds,
Mayor Sandidge – 8

NAYS: None – 0

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

Ordinance No. 7125. An Ordinance concerning Home Rule Municipal Retailers and Service Occupation Taxes in the City of Alton.

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

Ordinance No. 7125. An Ordinance concerning Home Rule Municipal Retailers and Service Occupation Taxes in the City of Alton. 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, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: Brake – 1

REPORTS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the following Appearance Review Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of January 28, 2009. Mr. Maher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, 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. Hanrahan presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance Establishing an Amusement Tax be considered. Mr. Hanrahan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, 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 a limited rebate of a portion of the proposed amusement tax be paid to the developer of the new movie theater adjacent to the Alton Square Mall as recommended by the Director of Development and Housing of the City of Alton, Illinois.

2. WHEREAS, the City of Alton desires to promote business development and the expansion of job creation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Alton Square Business District was instituted in an effort to revitalize Alton Square Mall and the adjoining commercial and retail corridor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that officials of the Dept. of Development & Housing are hereby authorized to execute a Community Development Block Grant loan, not to exceed \$350,000, in a form acceptable to officials of Madison County Community Development, for an economic development project located within the Alton Square Business District including development of a ten (10) screen movie theater complex.

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:

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:

1412 E. 4th
215 Brookside

4100 College
2438 Johnson
305 McClure
708 Mechanic
513 Mildred
2313 Salu
2739 Sanford

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

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

Be it resolved that an amendment to 4-4-4 (A) of the City Code pertaining to the liquor license to serve the Marina of the City of Alton to satisfy the requests or requirements of the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commissioners be considered. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Brake presented the following Report from Mayor Sandidge regarding a sewer collapse at 3026 College Avenue, Alton, Illinois. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hanrahan, that said report be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois allow the fire chief to apply for an Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention grant for the purchase of a kitchen fire simulator trailer for public education. The trailer would be used as a tool to teach our citizens how to properly use fire extinguishers. The grant requires 10% matching funds. The City of Alton's contribution would not exceed \$6,110.00. In the event the grant is awarded and matching funds are not available the city has the option of declining the award.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Fire Chief is authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Alton the Invoice Distribution Form from Southern Illinois University concerning the agreement to pay to the City of Alton the sum of \$2,000.00 for fire protection and services for the 2009 fiscal year in relation to the services provided for the SIU Dental School in Alton, Illinois.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the lease of three copy machines from Oce Imagistics is hereby authorized one for the Police Department, one for Personnel/Civil Service and one for Public Works Department.

Funding General Fixed Asset Replacement Reserve

4. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized to purchase, as sole source, the 60-inch CMP Culvert Sewer Line Reconstruction at Alton Square Mall and Homer M. Adams Parkway.

Total Estimate for Project: \$57,700.00

Funding: Motor Fuel Tax – Maintenance

Vendor: Insituform Technologies USA, Inc.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the Sewer Department is hereby authorized to purchase, as sole source, the 8-inch Sanitary Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project at Enchanted Village Trailer Park.

Total Estimate for Project: \$30,782.50

Funding: Sewer Funds

Vendor: Insituform Technologies USA, Inc.

6. WHEREAS, \$27,000.00 was budgeted for a New, Number 3 Blower Motor in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget;

And WHEREAS, the motor can be repaired for an estimate of \$10,175.00; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the Waste Water Treatment Plant is hereby authorized to have repaired their Number 3 Blower Motor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council that \$10,000.00 be transferred from line item 530-6917 (Treatment Plant Renewal & Replacement-Existing Cash) to line item 2908-2880 (Treatment Plant Renewal & Replacement-Contract Work) in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget.

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to act upon said six (6) resolutions. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds,
Mayor Sandidge – 8

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the above and foregoing six (6) resolutions be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Maher, that the Council move to Executive Session in order to discuss possible acquisition of real property with the City Attorneys, City Treasurer and Mr. Roggio requested to be present. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

The City Council convened to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

The City Council reconvened to open Session at 8:16 p.m.

The Council Members present on call of the roll:

PRESENT: Ryan, Hanrahan, Maher, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
ABSENT: None – 0

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
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)