

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

September 9, 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 Hoechst.

The Council Members present on call of the roll:

PRESENT: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

ABSENT: McCahill - 1

Mayor Hoechst called upon City Treasurer Roth to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Hoechst presented a proclamation declaring the week of September 17 through 23, 2009 as “Constitution Week” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2009 and the following Communications: Illinois Department of Transportation, re: Permission granted to the Madison County Federation of Labor to hold the annual Labor Day Parade on August 29, 2009; Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc., re: Long Term Control Plan, Combined Sewer Overflows and the following Report of Officers: Mayor Hoechst, re: City of Alton requests that nine parcels which were identified as “Undeveloped” in a draft of the Developed Areas Map for the proposed AR Zone classification be reclassified as “Developed Areas”; City Treasurer, re: Annual Treasurer’s Report for fiscal year ending March 31, 2009; Department of Building and Zoning, re: Monthly Report for August, 2009; Animal Control Department, re: Monthly Report for August, 2009; The Alton Marina, re: Annual Budget Tracking 2009 Season, Year to Date. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said Minutes, Communications and Report of Officers be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Fleming presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for September 8, 2009; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Resolution, re: Redevelopment Agreement with Banyon Ventures, LLC pursuant to the terms of the Alton Residential Tax Increment Finance Grant Program; Resolution, re: Demolition of 301 Lampert; Resolution, re: Police Department to purchase one, new 2010 Ford Crown

Victoria Police Interceptor Package; Resolution, re: Park & Recreation Department to purchase poles with fixtures for infield and outfield lighting requirements; Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2009-19, Asbestos Removal at various locations for the Building & Zoning Department. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said report be placed on file. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Fleming 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 September 8, 2009 be allowed and payment be made for same. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the attached redevelopment agreement with Banyon Ventures, LLC, pursuant to the terms of the Alton Residential Tax Increment Finance Grant Program. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

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:

301 Lampert

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

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

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 One, New 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Package from Landmark Ford in the amount of \$22,426.00.

Funding: D.U.I. Funds

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be approved.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the Park & Recreation Department is hereby authorized to purchase the following:

Six complete poles with 26 fixtures for infield and outfield lighting
Requirements

Vendor: Graybar Electric Company, Inc.
Bel Ridge, MO

Funding: Madison County Park Enhancement Grant

Total Cost: \$62,674.42

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be approved.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the best bid of

Abatement Management, Inc. for 1400 East 4th St. @ \$3,625.00
1412-1414 East 4th St. @ \$2,175.00
2831 Residence @ \$725.00
305 McClure @ \$2,175.00
913 Humboldt Court @ \$2,175.00

and

Abatepro, Inc. for 501 East Broadway @ \$4,890.00
215 Brookside @ \$750.00

is hereby awarded for Bid #2009-19, Asbestos Removal at Various Locations for Building & Zoning Department. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 7157. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3378, being the Traffic Code of the City of Alton, prohibiting parking in front of 3423-3425 Yost Street. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said ordinance be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 7155. An Ordinance of the City of Alton, Illinois authorizing the establishment of Tax Increment Financing “Interested Parties” Registries and adopting Registration Rules for such Registries. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

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

Ordinance No. 7156. An Ordinance concerning delinquency penalties on late sewer fees. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hoechst presented the following reappointment of Doug Bader to the Historical Commission. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said reappointment be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, City of Alton, Illinois, that Alton Marketplace requests the use of Downtown Area Streets and help of the Alton Police Department be used for the Annual Challenge of the Bluffs Run on October 3, 2009 from 7:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.
2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance amending various sections of the business regulations of the City to conform with recent changes in fees be considered.
3. WHEREAS, Mayor Hoechst has requested that certain streets be closed to accommodate upcoming news broadcasts by KMOV television news from the City of Alton in conjunction with a series of feature stories to be done KMOV news highlighting the City of Alton and various attractions of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the requests, which have been submitted in a timely manner, and does hereby approve said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department are hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the temporary closure of that portion of the following streets on the time and dates specified below:

1. Front Street west of Alby Street on Friday, October 9, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
2. Market Street south of Broadway on Friday, October 9, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

4. WHEREAS, Alderman James Ryan has requested that a portion of McKinley Street be closed on Saturday, October 24, 2009, to facilitate a neighborhood party; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request, which was submitted in a timely manner, and does hereby approve said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department are hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the temporary closure of that portion of McKinley Street from its intersection with Lincoln Avenue and extending to the west to the end of the City limits of the City of Alton on Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. to 12:01 a.m. to facilitate a neighborhood party.

5. 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:

109 E. 9th
910 Market

6. WHEREAS, Berkley F. York, has requested and was granted a voluntary leave of absence (without pay and without benefits accruing) from his employment with the City of Alton until the earlier of (a) Berkley F. York obtains driver's license privileges from the State of Illinois sufficient to enable him to meet the license requirement specified in the job description, dated 03-24-04, of the Grade 5 Park and Recreation Maintenance Employee; or (b) the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date of July 31, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Brad Cunningham, Director of the Park and Recreation Department of City of Alton, did accept the voluntary leave of absence without pay as requested by City of Alton employee Berkley F. York; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Officials require verification of City Council approval of a leave of absence affecting a City of Alton employee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the leave of absence of requested by City of Alton, Berkley F. York as approved by Brad Cunningham, Executive Director of the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Alton, and set forth in an agreement dated July 31, 2009, executed by said Berkley F. York and said Brad Cunningham, (attached hereto and made a part hereof) is hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the above and foregoing six (6) resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Final Right-of-Way Dedication Plat of "CPL. CHRIS BELCHIK MEMORIAL EXPRESSWAY" a copy of which is attached hereto, be and is hereby approved. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Alderwoman Alice Martin has requested that a portion of Gold Street be closed on Saturday, October 3, 2009, to facilitate a neighborhood party; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request, which was submitted in a timely manner, and does hereby approve said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department are hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the temporary closure of that portion of Gold Street from its intersection with Pearl Street to the intersection of Highland Avenue on Saturday, October 3, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. to facilitate a neighborhood party. Mrs. Martin 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 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 a Lease Agreement by and between the City of Alton, Illinois, as Lessor, and Raymond Sinclair, as Lessee, with regard to farm property at Gordon Moore Park, Alton, Illinois, upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Lease Agreement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING H.R. 3415 INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN JERRY COSTELLO TO SUSPEND FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP UPDATES

WHEREAS, U.S. Congressman Jerry F. Costello has introduced legislation, H.R. 3415, that prevents changes to the current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood insurance rate maps from being implemented in areas where there is an active effort underway to repair flood levees; and

WHEREAS, the recent decertification of levees in the Metro East for 100 year flood protection means that when new flood maps are finalized, which is estimated to occur around August 2010, flood insurance will have to be purchased for the developed properties located in certain geographic areas subject to potential flooding risks that are now protected by levees, and which have mortgages issued by federally regulated banking institutions; and

WHEREAS, the passage of said bill would result in the suspension of flood insurance rate map updates in certain geographic areas in the United States, preventing the requirement for said mandatory purchase of flood insurance from being implemented; and

WHEREAS, occupants of developed properties located in such geographic areas of potential flooding risks will still be afforded the opportunity to purchase federal flood insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that its support of H.R. 3415, as introduced by U.S. Congressman Jerry F. Costello to suspend flood insurance rate map updates in geographic areas in which certain levees are being repaired, is hereby expressed. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the above and foregoing two (2) resolutions 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, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

Mary T. Boulds MMC
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)