

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

October 14, 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, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

ABSENT: None - 0

Mayor Hoechst called upon Alderman Fleming to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Hoechst presented a proclamation declaring the month of October, 2009 to be “Arts and Humanities Month” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2009 and the following Communications: Illinois Department of Corrections, re: Annual inspection by the Department of Corrections on the federal detainee lockup area; Illinois State Police, re: Forfeiture check; Al Stamborski, managing editor of *The Regional Economist*, re: Thank you to Mayor Hoechst for the help extended to Sue Thomson on her profile about the Alton area; Housing Authority City of Alton, re: Thank you to Mayor Hoechst and Interim Public Works Director, Bob Jones, for the completion of the demolition of Joesting Terrace; Madison County Planning and Development Department, re: 1190100002 – Madison, Alton/Alton Municipal Landfill, Compliance File and the following Report of Officers: City Treasurer, re: Monthly Report for August, 2009; Department of Building and Zoning, re: Monthly Report for September, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Estimated Fire Loss for September, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Monthly Fire Damage Report to Assessor’s Office for September, 2009. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said Minutes, Communications and Report of Officers be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Fleming presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for October 12, 2009; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Resolution, re: Demolition of 600 Emerald; Resolution, re: Deputy Comptroller to purchase a Saturn Vue Hybrid for the Building and Zoning Department with a grant from ConocoPhillips; Reso-

lution, re: Consider an ordinance pertaining to occupancy permits; Resolution, re: Extend the contract for an additional year for the purchase of liquid chlorine for the Treatment Plant; Resolution, re: Annual Halloween Parade; Amendment, re: Close Cpl. Belchik Overpass for the Halloween Parade; Resolution, re: Demolition of 2413 Washington; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance abating sewer and refuse fees for services provided to dwellings under certain circumstances; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance requiring an occupancy permit prior to the provision of utility services to residential dwelling units; Resolution, re: Establish “No Parking” in front of 3300 Sherman St. to accommodate a handicap ramp. 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 October 12, 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, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

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:

600 Emerald

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached ordinance pertaining to occupancy permits be and is hereby approved. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be PLACED ON FILE. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the contract for the purchase of liquid chlorine for the Treatment Plant of the City of Alton be and hereby is extended for one additional year with the same pricing and terms; thereby making the termination date of the contract October 31, 2010.

Vendor: DPC Enterprises
Crystal City, MO

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Fleming presented the following amended 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, 2009.

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. Cpl. Chris Belchik Memorial Expressway be closed from the south end to Broadway.

*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 City Council of the City of Alton this _____ day of _____, _____ A.D.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Alton, Illinois this ____ day of _____, _____ A.D.

ATTEST: _____

MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR

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

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

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:

2413 Washington

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

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance Abating Sewer and Refuse Fees for Services

Provided to Dwellings Under Certain Circumstances be considered. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance requiring an occupancy permit prior to the provision of utility services to residential dwelling units be considered. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

Be It Resolved by the City Council City of Alton, Illinois that “No Parking” be established in front of 3300 Sherman St. to accommodate a handicap ramp at this location. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 7158. An Ordinance concerning Business Regulation Certification Fees. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said ordinance be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

REPORTS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the following Appearance Review Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of September 9, 2009, the Building Board of Appeals Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of September 23, 2009 and the Historical Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of September 15, 2009. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said minutes be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hoechst presented the following reappointment of Zittie Harris to the Alton Housing Authority. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said reappointment be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mr. Ryan 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:

1312 State
189 W. 19th
2817 Viewland

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

Mr. McCahill presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Alderman Mick McCahill has requested that a portion of Eighth Street be closed on Saturday, October 31, 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 Eighth Street from its intersection with Alton Street to the intersection of Easton Street on Saturday, October 31, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to facilitate a neighborhood party. Mr. McCahill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Alderman Michael Velloff has requested that a portion of Tenth Street be closed on Saturday, October 31, 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 approved 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 Tenth Street from its intersection with Burns Street to the intersection of Langdon Street on Saturday, October 31, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight to facilitate a neighborhood party. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

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:

4 Walnut Ct.

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 that the Police Chief be authorized to purchase the used 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt for \$8,645.00 from Quality of Alton per the attached proposal for the Alton parking enforcement officer, with funding from the Federal Prisoner Fund and without the necessity of competitive bids due to nature of purchasing a used vehicle. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

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

1. WHEREAS, the City of Alton has been granted federal ARRA (Stimulus) funds for the construction of improvements to Fosterburg Road from 100' north of Stutz Lane northeast to Drexelius Road; and

WHEREAS, the city must enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) in order to use the funds for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that upon receipt of the final version of the Agreement from IDOT, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the “Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation” between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Alton for the above described construction project, a draft copy of which is attached hereto.

2. WHEREAS, the City of Alton desires to use federal ARRA (Stimulus) funds to pay for construction engineering services for the improvement of Fosterburg Road from 100’ north of Stutz Lane northeast to Drexelius Road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the “Construction Engineering Services Agreement For Federal Participation” between Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc. and the City of Alton, for construction engineering services for the above described road improvement project, a copy of which is attached hereto, be and is hereby approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the said agreement.

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.

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached ordinance amending Ordinance #5018, “An Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone Within the City of Alton”, be hereby approved. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to act upon said resolution and request the first and second readings of Ordinance No. 7159. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds,
Mayor Hoechst – 8

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that the above and foregoing resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Boulds presented the following ordinance for first reading.

Ordinance No. 7159. An Ordinance further amending Ordinance Number 5018 to add WR Landings LLC’s proposed projects in Wood River to the Riverbend Enterprise Zone.

Mr. Boulds presented the following ordinance for second reading.

Ordinance No. 7159. An Ordinance further amending Ordinance Number 5018 to add WR Landings LLC's proposed projects in Wood River to the Riverbend Enterprise Zone. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: 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, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mary T. Boulds MMC
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)