

CITY OF ALTON  
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

October 28, 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 Alderman Fleming to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Hoechst presented a proclamation to Greg Gelzinnis declaring the week of October 23 – 31, 2009 to be “Red Ribbon Week” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

Mayor Hoechst presented a proclamation to David Meeks, Brandon Slayden, Todd Jackson, Bill Watts, Brett Krug, Eric Milford and Jim Cahoon declaring October 29, 2009 to be “David Meeks, Brandon Slayden, Todd Jackson, Bill Watts, Brett Krug, Eric Milford and Jim Cahoon Day” in the City of Alton, Illinois in recognition of their heroic efforts in rescuing Michael P. McKenna from a near fatal car accident along River Heritage Parkway (Illinois Route 143/Berm Highway) last month. Fire Chief Bock presented each of the men with a Lifesaving Award from the office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

At this time the Chair 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 Hoechst for his participation as Grand Marshal in the Labor Day Parade.

COUNCIL MINUTES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2009 and the following Communications: FEMA, re: Emergency Planning and Checklists; Charter Communications, re: Switched Digital Video (“SDV”) platform allowing additional High-Definition (“HD”) channels to be launched in mid to late November; Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste (LPC-PA16), re: Supplemental permit application for the submittal of the Assessment Monitoring Plan for the 2nd Quarter 2009 confirmed exceedences at the East Alton Municipal Landfill (closed); Allied Waste Services, re: Solid Waste and Recycling Volumes for September, 2009. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said Minutes and Communications 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

### PETITIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following petition from Stacy Keshner to request a rezoning of 701 W. Delmar Ave., Alton, Illinois from R-2 to Commercial for the purpose of relocating the “White Birch” from 611 W. Delmar, Alton, Illinois. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said petition be referred to the Plan Commission. The Chair so ordered.

### REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Report of Officers: City Treasurer, re: Monthly Report for September, 2009; Comptroller, re: Overtime Analysis for August, 2009 and September, 2009. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said 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 October 26, 2009; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Laid Over Resolution, re: Deputy Comptroller to purchase a Saturn Vue Hybrid for the Building and Zoning Department with a grant from ConocoPhillips; Resolution, re: Demolition of 1312 State, 189 W. 19th and 2817 Viewland; Resolution, re: Temporary closure of a portion of Eighth Street on October 31, 2009 to facilitate a neighborhood party; Resolution, re: Temporary closure of a portion of Tenth Street on October 31, 2009 to facilitate a neighborhood party; Resolution, re: Demolition of 4 Walnut Ct.; Resolution, re: Police Chief to purchase a used 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt from Quality of Alton; Resolution, re: Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Alton for the construction of improvements to Fosterburg Road from 100’ north of Stutz Lane northeast to Drexelius Road; Resolution, re: Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation between Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc. and the City of Alton for construction engineering services for the improvement of Fosterburg Road from 100’ north of Stutz Lane northeast to Drexelius Road; Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2009-22, Asbestos Removal at 708 Mechanic 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 October 26, 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:

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. 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, 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. 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, 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. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, 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:

4 Walnut Ct.

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, 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 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. Brake, that said resolution be TABLED. 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, 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. 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:

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. 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 Universal Abatement, Inc. in the amount of \$1,726.00 is hereby awarded for Bid #2009-22, Asbestos Removal at 708 Mechanic 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 made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to request the first and second readings of Ordinance No. 7160 and Ordinance No. 7161. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds, Mayor Hoechst – 7

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

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

Ordinance No. 7160. An Ordinance abating sewer and refuse fees for services provided to dwellings under certain circumstances.

Ordinance No. 7161. An Ordinance requiring an Occupancy Permit prior to the provision of utility services to residential dwelling units.

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following two (2) ordinances for second reading.

Ordinance No. 7160. An Ordinance abating sewer and refuse fees for services provided to dwellings under certain circumstances.

Ordinance No. 7161. An Ordinance requiring an Occupancy Permit prior to the provision of utility services to residential dwelling units.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that the above and foregoing two (2) ordinances 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 first reading.

Ordinance No. 7162. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3378, being the Traffic Code of the City of Alton, prohibiting parking adjacent to 3300 Sherman Street. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, 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. 7158. An Ordinance concerning Business Regulation Certificate Fees. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, 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

## REPORTS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the following Appearance Review Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of September 23, 2009 and the Historical Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of October 6, 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, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

## RESIGNATIONS

Mayor Hoechst presented the following two (2) resignations: Gregory C. Mossman from the Park & Recreation Commission and Kenneth L. Grabner, Jr. from the Building Board of Appeals. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said two (2) resignations 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 resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached ordinance providing for the annual tax levy upon the real estate situated within the corporate limits of the City of Alton, in the County of Madison, State of Illinois, subject to taxation for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of April, 2009, and ending on the 31st day of March, 2010, be considered. 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. Velloff presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Director of the City of Alton is hereby authorized to convey to the Millennium Temple Church of God in Christ for their use, a 2003 Chevy Express vehicle, with 295,577 miles, more particularly described by VIN number 1GAHG39UX31232215, being personal property owned by the City of Alton which is no longer necessary or appropriate for use by the City of Alton, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and on the further condition that all such item of personal property to be conveyed shall be conveyed strictly “as is” without any warranty or guarantee of any nature. 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. Velloff presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously authorized the City of Alton Class D liquor licensees to obtain the privilege of catering special events off their licensed premises, there selling alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to provide similar privileges to businesses not located within the City of Alton if they would otherwise qualify for the privilege of catering special events, there selling alcoholic beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Corporation Counselor draft an amendment to the City Code permitting qualified persons or businesses to cater special events within the City of Alton, there selling alcoholic beverages where the qualified persons or businesses are not otherwise Class D liquor licensees with premises located within the City of Alton. 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, 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:

720 Washington

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. Fleming presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS the City of Alton adopted Ordinance Number 7052 in January 2007 establishing fees pertaining to the impoundment of vehicles; and,

WHEREAS it is appropriate to review the fees previously established and the circumstances giving rise to the imposition of impoundment fees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that an amended Ordinance Pertaining to the Impoundment of Vehicles be considered. 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 resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, to allow the Fire Chief to solicit sealed bids to remodel the kitchen at station 1 located at 333 E. 20th St. according to predetermined specifications.

This Project shall be fully funded by utilizing a combination of Foreign Fire Tax Insurance monies put forth by Alton Firefighters and received hurricane Gustav reimbursement funds. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, 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 Park Department is hereby authorized to purchase one, new 20'6" Diamond Boom Mower, Model Number DB-50C. To include mainframe, reservoir, pump, hoses, lift valve, cable controls, hydraulic oil, polycarbonate lexon window for safety on right side of cab and 50" brush head.

Vendor: Woody's Municipal Supply Co.

Funding: \$20,000 Madison County Recycle Equipment Grant  
\$ 7,000 Vehicle Replacement Account

2. Whereas, the YWCA is planning to sponsor a RACE AGAINST RACISM on November 7, 2009;

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Alton supports the efforts of the YWCA with regard to this good cause;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Alton that the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department officials are requested to meet with representatives of the YWCA and assist, to the best feasible abilities of the respective departments, to facilitate the RACE AGAINST RACISM run

on November 7, 2009, including the use of the City Rights-of-Way so long as the departments can accommodate the needs of the race within the respective department's budgetary and personnel constraints while still assuring reasonable public safety. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to act upon said two (2) resolutions. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Boulds, Mayor Hoechst – 6

NAYS: Fleming – 1

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

Mr. Fleming made a motion for a separation of vote for the two (2) resolutions.

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the resolution regarding the YWCA sponsorship of a RACE AGAINST RACISM on November 7, 2009 be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Boulds – 5

NAYS: Fleming – 1

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the resolution regarding the purchase of one, new 20'6" Diamond Boom Mower by the Park Department be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: McCahill – 1

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

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Mary T. Boulds MMC  
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)