

CITY OF ALTON  
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

November 12, 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 Alderwoman Martin to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Hoechst presented a proclamation declaring November 15, 2009 to be “School Board Members Day” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

Mayor Hoechst recognized Cameron Ellington, an 8th grade student at Alton Middle School, who was honored by KMOV-TV in their feature “Do the Right Thing Award”. Mayor Hoechst presented a proclamation to him declaring Saturday, November 14, 2009 to be “Cameron Ellington Day” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2009 and the following Communications: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, re: Compliance with Audit Requirements, Grantee-City of Alton, Grant Number-00-127379 and 01-20103, Audit Period-00-127379, ended December 31, 2001 and 01-20103, ended June 30, 2001; Illinois State Police, re: Forfeiture check; Illinois Department of Transportation, re: Permission to temporarily close certain streets for the purpose of holding the annual Halloween Parade; Illinois Department of Transportation, re: Permission to temporarily close IL 100 on November 28, 2009 for the purpose of holding the annual River Road Run; Illinois American Water, Michael L. Lawhon (Operations Superintendent), re: Illinois Commerce Commission Hearing for IAW Rate Case Filing to be held at Alton Square Mall on November 9, 2009 and the following Report of Officers: Mayor Tom Hoechst, re: Thank you to Allan Cohen of KMOV-TV for highlighting Alton during the “On the Road” feature the week of October 5th; Mayor Tom Hoechst, re: Letter to liquor license holders in the City of Alton; Alton Fire Department, re: Estimated Fire Loss for October, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Monthly Fire Damage Report to Assessor’s Office for October, 2009; Department of Building and Zoning, re: Monthly Report for October, 2009; Animal Control Department, re: Monthly Report for October, 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 November 9, 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; Amendment, re: That the Saturn Vue Hybrid vehicle be replaced by a 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid; Resolution, re: Annual tax levy for the fiscal year commencing on April 1, 2009 and ending on March 31, 2010; Amendment, re: Amended Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ providing for the annual Tax Levy for the fiscal year commencing on April 1, 2009 and ending on March 31, 2010; Resolution, re: That the Public Works Director is authorized to convey to the Millennium Temple Church of God in Christ a 2003 Chevy Express vehicle; Resolution, re: An amendment be drafted to the City Code permitting qualified persons or businesses to cater special events within the City of Alton; Resolution, re: Demolition of 720 Washington; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance pertaining to the impoundment of vehicles; Resolution, re: Allow the Fire Chief to solicit sealed bids to remodel the kitchen at Station 1 located at 333 E. 20th Street. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said report be placed on file. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Fleming presented the City of Alton Report and Financial Statements ending March 31, 2009 by Scheffel and Company, PC. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said report 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 that the Discount and Special Bills Paid; also all Expenditure Detail Bills as listed in the Comptroller's report dated November 9, 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 amended resolution:

That the Saturn Vue Hybrid vehicle is hereby replaced by a 2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid vehicle for the Building and Zoning Department utilizing a grant from ConocoPhillips to the City of Alton.

Vendor: Roberts Motors, Inc.  
Cost: \$26,516.00

Funding: ConocoPhillips Grant

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, 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 amended 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. 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:

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

720 Washington

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

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following request for the floor from Paul Schneider. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said request be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Schneider took the floor and spoke, re: Objection to demolition of 720 Washington.

The vote for approval of the above and foregoing resolution was as follows:

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, 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. 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

#### SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following ordinance for second 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. Fleming, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, 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 October 7, 2009 and October 21, 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

## PUBLIC FORUM ADDRESSING CITY BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following request for the floor from Tammy Schmidt. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said request be approved. The motion passed by the following vote;

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

NAYS: None – 0

Ms. Schmidt took the floor and spoke, re: Propose an ordinance in the City of Alton, re: storage of firewood.

## COMMENTS OR RESOLUTION FROM THE COUNCIL

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

1. WHEREAS, the City Comptroller has reviewed the tax levy requirements of the various bond ordinances secured by the annual *ad valorem* tax levies of the City of Alton and has determined that the various tax levies established by the various bond ordinances may be abated in full or in part for the tax year 2009; and

WHEREAS, the attached ordinances incorporate the recommendations of the City Comptroller or other City officials fully or partially abating the tax levies previously established by the various bond ordinances, specifically Ordinance No. 6942, 6545, 6237, 6478, 6855 and 6943.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached ordinances pertaining to 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, with regard to the full or partial abatement of various tax levies established by various bond issues be considered.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached redevelopment

agreement with Russ Smith Properties, pursuant to the terms of the Alton Tax Increment Finance Grant Program.

Mr. Ryan 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. 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:

2510 Bostwick  
1796 Market

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. Boulds presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TIME AND PLACE  
FOR A PUBLIC HEARING  
TO CONSIDER A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING  
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT  
FOR THE PROPOSED  
HUNTERSTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Alton, Illinois, as follows:

That the City of Alton, Illinois hereby establishes January 13, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to act upon said resolution. 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 Mr. Brake, 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

At this time, Mayor Hoechst announced that the City of Alton Public Works Director, William Kerr, received notification of the approval of his engineering license in the State of Illinois.

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

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Mary T. Boulds MMC  
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)