

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

November 24, 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 City Treasurer Roth to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2009 and the following Communications: Illinois Department of Transportation, re: Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for October, 2009; United Way of Greater St. Louis, re: Thank you to the City of Alton Employees for the commitment and outstanding service in supporting the 2009 United Way Campaign and the following Report of Officers: Mayor Tom Hoechst, re: November 2009 Mayor's Report; City Treasurer, 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 23, 2009; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Laid Over Resolution, re: Corporation Counselor draft an amendment to the City Code permitting qualified persons or businesses to cater special events within the City of Alton; Laid Over Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance pertaining to the impoundment of vehicles; Resolution, re: Annual Tax Levy; Resolution, re: Re-development agreement with Russ Smith Properties; Resolution, re: Demolition of 2510 Bostwick and 1796 Market; Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2009-23, Asbestos Removal at 1309 Alby and 2932 Werges for the Building & Zoning Department. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, 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 November 23, 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, 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. 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:

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. 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:

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. 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 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. 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:

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. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, 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 best bid of Universal Abatement in the amount of \$1,118.00 for 1309 Alby and Abatement Management in the amount of \$728.00 for 2932 Werges is hereby awarded for Bid #2009-23, Asbestos Removal for Building & Zoning Department. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, 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 eight (8) ordinances for first reading.

Ordinance No. 7163. An 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.

Ordinance No. 7164. An Ordinance providing Rules and Regulations for the impoundment of motor vehicles in the City of Alton, Illinois.

Ordinance No. 7165. An Ordinance of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois, abating a portion of the 2009 Tax Levy for \$5,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000B.

Ordinance No. 7166. An Ordinance of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois, abating a portion of the 2009 Tax Levy for \$4,315,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006A.

Ordinance No. 7167. An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2009 to pay debt service on \$4,395,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 1998, of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

Ordinance No. 7168. An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2009 to pay debt service on \$8,500,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000, of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

Ordinance No. 7169. An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2009 to pay debt service on \$7,140,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2004, of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

Ordinance No. 7170. An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2009 to pay debt service on \$5,675,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the above and foregoing eight (8) ordinances be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

REPORTS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the following Historical Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of October 20, 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

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Alton, Illinois, and Alton Center Business Park, LLC., to facilitate the expansion of Imperial Sheet Metal, Ltd., 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 two (2) resolutions:

1. 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:

2027 Booker
1115 Greene

2. 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 purchase property identified by Parcel Index Number(s): 23-2-08-18-09-203-006, -004, & -002, commonly known as 209, 221, and 225 McClure Ave., with Community Development Block Grant funds at a cost not to exceed \$29,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that officials of the Dept. of Development & Housing are hereby authorized to accept transfer of real property identified by Parcel Index Number(s): 23-2-08-09-203-005 and -003, commonly known as 219 and 223 McClure Ave., subject to appropriate title search and review.

Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the above and foregoing two (2) resolutions 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 OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Corporation Counselor develop and present an Ordinance authorizing a fee to recover at least part of the cost incurred by the City in processing the posting of cash bonds by Defendants with said fee to be collected from the respective Defendants. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

At this time, Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Brake, moved to consider the following resolution previously tabled:

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.

The motion to remove from the table passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Mr. Fleming presented the following amendment:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Police Chief be authorized to purchase a used 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt for \$8,500.00 from Quality Buick Pontiac GMC Cadillac per the attached proposal for the City of 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 amendment be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming – 6
NAYS: Boulds – 1

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

AYES: Ryan, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming – 6
NAYS: Boulds – 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, McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

Mary T. Boulds MMC
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)