

CITY OF ALTON  
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

January 13, 2010

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 Ryan to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

At this time, Mayor Hoechst announced a moment of silence in memory of Raymond “Bud” Galloway, retired officer from the Alton Police Department and the Madison County Sheriff’s Department.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk read the following Notice of Public Hearing.

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.

PASSED THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009

AYES:		<u>7</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>	
ABSTENTIONS:		<u>0</u>
ABSENT:		<u>0</u>

APPROVED:

s/Tom Hoechst  
Tom Hoechst, Mayor

The Mayor declared the Public Hearing opened and asked for a call of the Council Members present:

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

ABSENT: None – 0

The Public Hearing commenced at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Hoechst asked three (3) times if there were any questions or comments from the Aldermen.

There were no questions or comments from the Aldermen.

Mayor Hoechst asked if there were any questions or comments from the Public.

Numerous persons were recognized who each presented questions or comments. Persons who presented questions or comments included: William McKenzie (812 Langdon); Mamie West (1129 E. 7th); Lori Sampson (1240 E. 4th); Jim Buttry (owner, Car wash at 1600 Bozza); Robert Kohlbecker (owner, 509 Pearl); Donna Anslyn (512 Easton); Sheila Curry (owner, 509 Easton); Resident (6th and Vine); Richard Rook (owner, commercial property on Pearl); Dan Evans (owner, several properties from Ridge to Vine); Debbie Schuneman (443 E. 4th); Matt Rector (616 E. 8th); and Karen Taylor (owner, property on Ridge).

As to the questions presented, Mayor Hoechst asked Phil Roggio, Director of Development & Housing, to reply.

When there were no further questions or comments from any of the persons present, Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that the Public Hearing adjourn at 7:54 p.m. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

#### COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2009 and the following Communications: Illinois Department of Transportation, re: Grant to the City of Alton the use of property located on the southwest quadrant of the IL 100/US 67 intersection for the purpose of creating The Great Rivers Flood Memorial Plaza subject to certain conditions; Jim Closson, Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Loss Control Consultant, re: Summary of loss control servicing for Alton for the months of November and December, 2009; Laura Cohen, Director of The Conflu-

ence Partnership, re: Invitation to a special preview of Eagle Days at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge on January 13 and January 15, 2010; State Senator William R. Haine, re: Letter to the Department of the Army, St. Louis District, Corps of Engineers, Col. Thomas E. O'Hara, Jr., re: Strongly recommends the construction of a "slurry wall" as the solution to the seepage problem at the Wood River Levee; Illinois Commerce Commission, re: The City of Alton, Illinois, by its Mayor, Donald E. Sandidge, Petitioner, v. Norfolk Southern Corporation and State of Illinois Department of Transportation, Respondents; Col. Thomas E. O'Hara, Jr., Department of the Army, St. Louis District Corps of Engineers, re: Update on the status of the underseepage issue in the Wood River Levee; Bi-State Regional Commission, re: Recruitment for a Planner position; Mark A. Von Nida, Madison County Clerk, re: 2009 Levy confirmation for the City of Alton; Madison County Solid Waste Department, re: 1190100002 – Madison, Alton/Alton Municipal Landfill, Compliance File; Charter Communications, re: Price adjustment effective January 4, 2010 to Charter customers who subscribe to their High Speed Data ("HSD") service and lease a modem; United Way of Greater St. Louis, re: Thank you to Mayor Hoechst and the City of Alton Employees for their generosity to the 2009 United Way campaign; Chauffeurs, Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers, Local Union No. 525, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, re: Addendum to the Agreement between the City of Alton covering all members of Teamsters Local Union No. 525; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31, re: Fair Share fee of employees within the bargaining units represented by AFSCME to be increased per the January 1, 2010 payroll period; Allied Waste Systems, re: Solid Waste and Recycling Volumes for November, 2009; Dan Rutherford, re: Tuition waiver available to children of veterans living in Illinois and the following Report of Officers: City Comptroller, re: Overtime Analysis for October, 2009 and November, 2009; Department of Building & Zoning, re: Monthly Report for December, 2009; Department of Building & Zoning, re: Annual Report for 2009; Animal Control Department, re: Annual Report for 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. Boulds presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for January 11, 2010; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills and Spencer T. Olin Community Golf Course Trust Fund Bills paid; Resolution, re: That the City Attorney prepare a draft ordinance providing rules and regulations for noise abatement for the consideration of the City Council; Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2009-30, Asbestos Removal at 1010 E. 4th and 2438 Johnson. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said report be placed on file. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Boulds 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 January 11, 2010, be allowed and payment be made for same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to disburse from the Spencer T. Olin Community Golf Course Trust Fund an amount of \$2538.00 for the following expenditures:

Brotcke Well & Pump	\$2187.00
Electrical Work on Pump & Elec. Pole	<u>351.00</u>
Total Bill Listing	\$2538.00

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, 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. Boulds presented the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the City Attorney prepare a draft ordinance providing rules and regulations for noise abatement for the consideration of the City Council. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, 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. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the best bid of Midwest Service Group in the amount of \$1,650.00 for 1010 East 4th and Midwest Service Group in the amount of \$6,650.00 for 2438 Johnson is hereby awarded for Bid #2009-30, Asbestos Removal for Building & Zoning Department. Mr. Boulds 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

#### REPORTS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the following Historical Commission, re: Public Hearing minutes of November 3, 2009. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, 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. Ryan presented the following resolution:

Be it resolved that an ordinance be considered establishing a one hour parking restriction 30 feet on the west side of State Street at 1258 State Street on Tuesdays thru Saturdays starting at 8:00 a.m. and until 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Velloff presented the following four (4) resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached ordinance approving the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area be considered.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached ordinance designating the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area be considered.

3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area be considered.

4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance prohibiting parking on the south side of Royal Street from its intersection with Liberty Street west for a distance of 190 feet be considered.

Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the above and foregoing four (4) resolutions 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:

219 McClure  
223 McClure

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, 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:

632 Sheppard

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, Alderman Fleming addressed the Council and stated that he applauded the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 525 and the Firefighters Local 1255 for agreeing to forgo raises set to go into effect April 1, 2010. He stated that he was ashamed and embarrassed that the two units of the Alton Police Benevolent and Protective Association Unit 14 and the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Local 3388 did not vote in favor of the City's proposal.

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)