

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

January 27, 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 Boulds to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Hoechst presented a proclamation to Mrs. Esther Davis-Jackson declaring January 31, 2010 to be “Esther Davis-Jackson Day” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

At this time, Mayor Hoechst announced a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor Paul Lenz and Vance Ewing, who died in an early morning house fire today.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2010 and the following Communications: Illinois Commerce Commission, re: Originally filed as T-97-0050 The City of Alton, Illinois, by its Mayor, Donald E. Sandidge, Petitioner, v. Norfolk Southern Corporation and the State of Illinois Department of Transportation, Respondent; United States bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York in re: Charter Communications, Inc., et al., Reorganized Debtors, Chapter 11, Case No. 09-11435 (JMP), Jointly Administered; Illinois Department of Transportation, re: Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for December, 2009; Office of the Attorney General, State of Illinois, re: Certificate of Completion issued to Director of Public Relations/City Council Liaison, City of Alton; Allied Waste Services, re: Solid Waste and Recycling Volumes for December, 2009 and the following Report of Officers: City Treasurer, re: Monthly Report for December, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Estimated Fire Loss for December, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Monthly Fire Damage Report to Assessor’ Office, December, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Estimated Fire Loss for the Year ending December 31, 2009; Alton Fire Department, re: Largest Single Fire Loss for the year ending December 31, 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 25, 2010; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance establishing a one hour parking restriction 30 feet at 1258 State Street on Tuesdays thru Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance approving the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance designating the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance prohibiting parking on the south side of Royal Street from its intersection with Liberty Street west for a distance of 190 feet; Resolution, re: Demolition of 219 McClure and 223 McClure; Resolution, re: Demolition of 632 Sheppard; Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2009-31, Lighting Project for the Park & Recreation Department. 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 25, 2010 be allowed and payment be made for same. 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 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. Boulds 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. Boulds presented the following resolution:

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that the above and foregoing two (2) resolutions 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 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. Boulds 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. Boulds 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

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

Mr. Boulds 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. 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 proposal of All Purpose Erectors, Inc. in the amount of \$34,995.00 is hereby awarded for Bid #2009-31 Diamond #3 Lighting Project for the Park & Recreation Department of the City of Alton. 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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 7175. An Ordinance providing rules and regulations for Noise Abatement in the City of Alton, Illinois. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said ordinance be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to request first and second readings of Ordinance No. 7176, Ordinance No. 7177 and Ordinance No. 7178. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Ordinance No. 7176. An Ordinance approving the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area.

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

Ordinance No. 7176. An Ordinance approving the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Ordinance No. 7177. An Ordinance designating the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area.

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

Ordinance No. 7177. An Ordinance designating the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

Ordinance No. 7178. An Ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area.

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

Ordinance No. 7178. An Ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Hunterstown Redevelopment Project Area. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, 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 Building Board of Appeals Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of January 20, 2010. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, 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 three (3) reappointments of Gary Doerr, John Rain, Jr. and Bill Stoutenborough to the Plan Commission and the appointment of Anne Doucleff to the Plan Commission. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said three (3) reappointments and said appointment 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 thanked the Public Works Department for their efficient snow removal during the recent bad weather. Mayor Hoechst, also, thanked the Fire Chief and the Fire Department for their hard work battling several fires, especially one major fire, in this first month of the new year.

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached First Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City of Alton, Illinois, and Alton Gaming Company, be and is hereby approved.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance pertaining to restricted hours for house to house solicitation shall be considered.

3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Lease Agreement between the City of Alton and The Pub Room, Inc., be and hereby is approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement.

4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Development Agreement Between the City of Alton and Giant City Properties, LLC, be approved and that the Mayor and appropriate officials are authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the City of Alton.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the above and foregoing four (4) resolutions 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 an ordinance concerning the fees in connection with the issuance of occupancy permits, increasing the fees to more accurately reflect the costs of the City in connection with the necessary inspections and administrative procedures be considered.

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:

1006 Marie

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. Brake presented the following three (3) resolutions:

1. WHEREAS, the agreement between the City of Alton and Dale A. Kelley, d/b/a The Kelley Watch, entered into in July 2009 has proved to be beneficial to the City of Alton, already producing net savings in excess of \$78,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley has agreed to continue to analyze the power usage and needs of the City of Alton and to recommend additional measures to produce additional saving to the benefit of the City of Alton.

WHEREAS, it appears that further work by Mr. Kelley can produce additional net saving to the benefit of the City of Alton; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Alton, Illinois that the agreement between the City of Alton and Dale A. Kelley originally begun in July 2009 shall be extended for an additional term of 12 months upon the same terms and conditions as the original agreement.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance Regulating Burglary and Robbery Alarm Systems be considered.

3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Alton and Municipal Dynamics, LLC, be approved and that the Mayor and appropriate officials are authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the City of Alton.

Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the above and foregoing three (3) 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 attached Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 7157, an Ordinance Prohibiting Parking in Front of 3423-3425 Yost Street on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 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.

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)