

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 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: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

ABSENT: Ryan - 1

Mayor Hoechst called upon Alderman Fleming to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

At this time, Mayor Hoechst recognized Dave Elson, Superintendent of the Alton Public Schools, Larry Thompson, President of the Alton School Board and Barb Gillian, Principal of Alton High School and declared February 26, 2010 to be “Alton High School Day” in the City of Alton, Illinois. Mayor Hoechst also recognized the following Alton School Board members: Vivian Monckton (Secretary) and Ed Gray; the following Alton High School staff members: Ken Spells (Assistant Superintendent), Jason Dandurand (AHS Assistant Principal), Mike Bellm (Assistant Principal) and Mike Brey (Assistant Principal).

COUNCIL MINUTES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2010 and the following Communications: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, re: Capital Fund Recovery Grant, Congratulations on Meeting the March 17, 2010 Obligation Deadline; Illinois Department of Transportation, re: Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for January, 2010; Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, re: Update on the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs administered by the Illinois EPA and providing an ongoing source of financing for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects around the state; Madison County Treasurer, Frank Miles, re: Madison County sees 14% decrease in delinquent tax notices; Charter Communications, re: Addition of C-SPAN 3 to the lineup effective March 16, 2010; Anne Lewis, founder of America’s Waterway, re: Response to Mayor Hoechst’s article entitled *City Awaits Opening of Research Center*; Scott W. Schultz, Attorney, re: Settlement between the City of Alton and Loellke Plumbing, Inc. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that said Minutes and Communications be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

PETITIONS

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Fleming presented the following petition, re: Pamela M. Cunningham requests a special use permit for the purpose of operating a day care center, Monday through Friday from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M. located at 834 McPherson, Alton, Illinois. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, 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 January, 2010; Comptroller, re: Overtime Analysis for November, 2009 (corrected), December, 2009 and January, 2010; Alton Police Department, re: Alton 2009 Crime Statistics; Alton Fire Department, re: Monthly Fire Damage Report to Assessor's Office for January, 2010; Alton Fire Department, re: Estimated Fire Loss for January, 2010; Alton Fire Department, re: Incident Type Report – Alarm Date between 1/01/10 and 1/31/10. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said Report of Officers be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Boulds presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for February 22, 2010; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills and Spencer T. Olin Community Golf Course Trust Fund Bills paid; Resolution, re: City of Alton supports and endorses the Alton Regional Convention and Visitor Bureau as the State Certified Bureau for the Alton Metroplex; Resolution, re: Accept the best bid of Energy Resources, Inc. for the dredging of the Alton Marina; Resolution, re: Reapprove, ratify and confirm the attached resolution “expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from the proceeds of an obligation” passed by the City Council following a suspension of rules at the meeting of February 10, 2010; Resolution, re: Close Joesting Terrace and Terra Drive to the public by erecting barricades on Joesting Terrace at Joesting Avenue and on Terra Drive at Washington Avenue; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance authorizing Neighborhood Vehicles on City streets; Resolution, re: Demolition of 2300 Locust and 2515 1/2 Hazel; Resolution, re: Lease Agreement between the City of Alton and Fast Eddie's Bon-Air, Inc.; Resolution, re: City purchase property at 501 E. Broadway according to the purpose and intent of the TIF plans; Amendment, re: Amend the First Amendment to the Agreement to extend the option term from February 28, 2010 to August 31, 2010; Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2009-33, Asbestos Removal at 4100 College for the Building & Zoning 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 February 22, 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 \$3,390.00 for Commercial Flooring, Inc. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that it be a matter of public record that the City of Alton supports and endorses the Alton Regional Convention and Visitor Bureau as the State Certified Bureau for the Alton Metroplex. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the best bid of Energy Resources, Inc. be and hereby accepted for the dredging of the Alton Marina. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Alton that the attached resolution "expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from the proceeds of an obligation" passed by the City Council following a suspension of rules at the regular City Council meeting of February 10, 2010 be and the same is reapproved, ratified and confirmed and further any actions in reliance upon the aforesaid resolution approved February 10, 2010 are also specifically approved, ratified and confirmed. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that Joesting Terrace and Terra Drive be closed to the public by the erection of a suitable barricade on Joesting Terrace at its intersection with Joesting Avenue, and that Terra Drive be barricaded at its intersection with Washington Avenue, said barricades to be erected by the Public Works Department of the City of Alton, Illinois. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance Authorizing Neighborhood Vehicles on City streets be considered. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said resolution be approved.

Mr. Fleming presented the following amendment:

8-5-8: AUTHORIZATION. The operation of neighborhood vehicles upon the streets, roads, highways and alleys of the City of Alton is hereby allowed, so long as the operation of neighborhood vehicles is in full compliance with this Chapter of the City Code of the City of Alton. The Public Works Department of the City of Alton is hereby authorized and directed to erect appropriate signage in relation to the adoption of this Chapter.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the operation of a neighborhood vehicle shall be permitted only on or across streets, roads, highways and alleys of the City of Alton as specifically identified and enumerated as follows:

- Sugar Alley between Piasa and State Streets
- Third Street between Piasa and State Streets
- Fourth Street between Piasa and William Streets
- Fifth Street between Piasa and Belle Streets
- Sixth Street between Piasa and Belle Streets
- Seventh Street between Piasa and Belle Streets
- William Street between Broadway and Fourth Streets
- State Street between Broadway and Fourth Streets
- Belle Street between Third and Seventh Streets

The operation of a neighborhood vehicle on or across any streets, roads, highways and alleys of the City of Alton not specifically identified and enumerated herein is hereby prohibited and shall constitute a violation of this Chapter. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said amendment be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that the above and foregoing resolution as amended be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

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:

2300 Locust
2515 1/2 Hazel

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Lease Agreement between the City of Alton and Fast Eddie's Bon-Air, Inc., be and hereby is approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Mr. Boulds presented the following amended resolution:

Be it resolved that the City purchase the property at 501 E. Broadway to further the purpose and intent of the TIF plans of the City of Alton.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the First Amendment to the Agreement be and is hereby further amended to extend the option term from its present ending date of February 28, 2010, to 5:00 p.m. CST on August 31, 2010. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that said amended resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the best bid of AbatePro/TriState Services in the amount of \$800.00 is hereby awarded for Bid #2009-33, Asbestos Removal at 4100 College for Building & Zoning Department. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6
NAYS: None – 0
ABSENT: Ryan – 1

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Fleming presented the following four (4) ordinances for first reading.

Ordinance No. 7183. An Ordinance amending the restriction of hours for soliciting, peddling or selling by a resident transient merchant or itinerant vendor.

Ordinance No. 7184. An Ordinance concerning the fees in connection with the issuance of Occupancy Permits.

Ordinance No. 7185. An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 7157, an ordinance that prohibited parking in front of 3423-3425 Yost Street on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Ordinance No. 7186. An Ordinance granting a special use permit to allow the operation of a pet care services facility at 299 E. Elm Street, Alton, Illinois.

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that the above and foregoing four (4) ordinances be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Fleming presented the following ordinance for second reading.

Ordinance No. 7179. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3378, being the Traffic Code of the City of Alton, by establishing one-hour parking on the west side of State Street at 1258 State Street. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Fleming presented the following ordinance for second reading.

Ordinance No. 7180. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3378, being the Traffic Code of the City of Alton, prohibiting parking on a portion of Royal Street. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Fleming presented the following ordinance for second reading.

Ordinance No. 7181. An Ordinance regulating Burglary and Robbery Alarm Systems. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hoechst presented the following reappointment of Tom Weathers to the Alton Beautification and Clean City Committee. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said reappointment be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

PUBLIC FORUM ADDRESSING CITY BUSINESS

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Fleming presented the following request for the floor from Steve Stradal.

Acting Mayor Pro Tem Fleming asked if Mr. Stradal was present to speak.

Mr. Stradal was not present.

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Lease Agreement between the City of Alton and Catdaddy's, Inc., be and hereby is approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement.
2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor and appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to sign on behalf of the City of Alton the attached License Agreement with the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, paying a base fee not to exceed Three Hundred Five Dollars (\$305.00) per year, for reasons explained in the attached documents.

Mr. McCahill made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that the above and foregoing two (2) 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 the sum of \$600,000 be transferred, in the form of a loan, from the TIF Property Tax Account #1 (Riverfront) to a newly created TIF Project Fund #2 (Hunters-town) to meet present and future TIF #2 project obligations. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of Title 6 of the City Code of the City of Alton, Illinois, Pertaining to the Use of Polyvinyl Chloride Sewer Pipe be considered.
2. WHEREAS, the responsibilities of City workers have increased to the extent that the capacity of various City workers to properly and promptly complete their assigned responsibilities has been diminished; and

WHEREAS, various Federal and State laws have increased the responsibility of City officials to maintain confidentiality concerning information with regard to the privacy of employees' personal situations; and

WHEREAS, the City's current fiscal condition deters, if not prohibits, the hiring of additional staff to properly and promptly complete the full range of their duties as they have recently grown and are anticipated to grow; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the responsibility for administering the payroll duties as an employer can best be performed in a cost efficient manner for the City of Alton by a local accounting firm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor and appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed to sign on behalf of the City of Alton the attached agreement with C.J. Schlosser and Company, L.L.C.

Mr. Brake 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. Fleming presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor and appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to sign on behalf of the City of Alton, the attached documents concerning an agreement between "Drug Free Alton" and the City of Alton. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, finds and determines that the below listed vehicle is no longer necessary or appropriate for the use of the City of Alton and it is declared to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Medora, Illinois, has a suitable use for said below listed vehicle and has requested to purchase same; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Fire Chief of the City of Alton, the City Council does hereby determine to transfer said vehicle to the Village of Medora, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor and appropriate City officials are hereby authorized and directed to transfer and convey a 1985 E-One fire truck, bearing Vehicle Identification No. 1EWD1AA88E1F03883, to the Village of Medora, Illinois, through

the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshall upon the condition and understanding that said vehicle is transferred “as is” without any warranties of any nature, including any warranty of fitness for any particular purpose, except warranty as to title. 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: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds, Mayor Hoechst – 7

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

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: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 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: McCahill, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Ryan – 1

Mary T. Boulds MMC
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)