

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

March 10, 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 Police Chief Hayes to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2010 and the following Communications: Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc., re: ICC Order No. T07-0076 (April 9, 2008), City of Alton, Pedestrian Overpass, S.N. 060-6111; Illinois State Police, re: Forfeiture check; Allied Waste Services, re: Solid Waste and Recycling Volumes for January, 2010 and the following Report of Officers: Mayor Hoechst, re: Letter to Senator William R. Haine, re: Opposition to Illinois State Senate, SB 3078 Public Labor-Manning Levels and SB 3009 Public Safety Employees Benefits Act Expansion; Comptroller, re: Overtime Analysis for February, 2010; Department of Building and Zoning, re: Monthly Report for February, 2010; Animal Control Department, re: Monthly Report for February, 2010. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, 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 March 8, 2010; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Resolution, re: Lease Agreement between the City of Alton and Catdaddy's, Inc.; Resolution, re: License Agreement with the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers; Resolution, re: Transfer \$600,000 in the form of a loan, from the TIF Property Tax Account #1 (Riverfront) to TIF Project Fund #2 (Hunterstown); Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of Title 6 pertaining to the use of polyvinyl chloride sewer pipe; Resolution, re: Agreement with C.J. Schlosser and Company for administering the payroll duties for the City of Alton; Resolution, re: Agreement between "Drug Free Alton" and the City of Alton; Bid Report and Resolution, re: 2010 MFT Maintenance Materials

Letting Section 10-0000-00-GM. 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 March 8, 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 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. 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 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. 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 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. 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:

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. Mr. Boulds 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. Boulds presented the following resolution:

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

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

NAYS: Martin – 1

Mr. Boulds 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. 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 proposals of the following companies be and are hereby accepted for the 2010 MFT Maintenance Material Letting Section 10-00000-00-GM:

Group 1 – Bituminous Patching Material (Pre-Mix): EZ Street furnished only:

Maclair Asphalt Sales, LLC

Group 2 – Hot-Mix Asphalt Surface Course, Mix C furnished only:

Charles E. Mahoney Company

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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 7187. An Ordinance authorizing neighborhood vehicles. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said ordinance be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 7183. An Ordinance amending the restriction of hours for soliciting, peddling or selling by a resident transient merchant or itinerant vendor. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, 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 second reading.

Ordinance No. 7184. An Ordinance concerning the fees in connection with the issuance of Occupancy Permits. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, 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 second reading.

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. 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

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

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. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCahill, that said ordinance be adopted. 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 two (2) appointments: Matthew H. Asselmeier as the Open Meetings Act Officer and Lt. Michael McNamara as the Deputy Freedom of Information Officer. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said two (2) appointments be approved. 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 one (1) request for the floor from Michael Storey. Mr. Ryan stated that Mr. Storey was not present to speak.

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mr. Ryan presented the following four (4) 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:

1105 Hill Rd.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Lease Agreement between the City of Alton and Tony's Lounge, Inc., be and hereby is approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute the agreement.

3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that an additional liquor license be established so as to permit the Parks and Recreation Commissions of the City of Alton to sell beer and wine at the Riverfront Amphitheater as set forth in the attached Ordinance.

4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance establishing a Caterer liquor license be considered.

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:

WHEREAS, a new City budget will not be ready for final approval by March 31, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the City's fiscal year ends on that date, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to conduct everyday business of the City of Alton,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS that all everyday normal expenses of the City including payroll shall continue to be paid until a new annual budget can be 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.

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:

3301 Hillcrest

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:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois that the low, responsive proposal of Geotechnology, Inc. in the amount of \$7,900.00 is hereby awarded for the Geotechnical Exploration of the Retaining Wall at Prospect and Belleview and Summit Street Slope. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, 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. Ryan, 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 made the following announcement:

- Starting March 15th, the Census Bureau will be mailing survey forms to each household.
- Households should receive their forms during the week of March 15th.
- Please complete and return the forms.
- The Census is critically important to Alton-Census figures are used to allocate federal and state funds for police, fire protection, ems, motor fuel tax, community development funds, education programs, and other important services.
- If anyone has questions about the Census, and if you prefer talking face-to-face with a person instead over the phone or by email, there will be a Census Be Counted Site and Question Answer Center here in City Hall from March 19th through April 19th which will be staffed by Census employees.

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)