

SUMMARY MINUTES  
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017; 7:00 P.M.

**1. Call to Order**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 23, 2017. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The Meeting was opened by Pledging Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silent prayer.

**3. Remain Standing for a Moment of Silent Prayer**

**4. Roll Call**

Mayor Renner directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members of Council answered present:

Aldermen: Kevin Lower, David Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Karen Schmidt, Joni Painter, Diana Hauman, Jim Fruin, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: David Hales; City Manager, Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry L. Lawson; City Clerk, Steve Rasmussen; Assistant City Manager, Brendan Heffner, Police Chief Bob Yehl, Water Director; Scott Sprouls, IS Director, Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director, and other City staff were also present.

**5. Recognition/Appointments**

**6. Public Comment**

Vickie Smith, Tasha Davis, Mike O'Donnell, Michael Donnelly, Billie Kiskton, Louis Goseland, Divan Griffan, Renee Cook, Laura Dick, Henry Dick, Paula Stubblefield, Surena Fish

**7. Consent Agenda**

*Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion, and is provided in BOLD, and items that Council pull from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed with a notation Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

**Motion by Alderman Painter, seconded by Alderman Schmidt, that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of item 7G.**

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Hauman, Black, Schmidt and Fruin.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 7A: Consideration of approving the Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting.

The following was presented:

Item 7B: Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll, and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$ 5,592,554.20.

The following was presented:

Item 7C: Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a Change Order in the amount of \$70,000.00 between the City of Bloomington and Maurer Stutz for the FY 2016 Lift Station and Force Main Evaluation/Design (RFQ #2016-36) for the purpose of funding the completion of design and bidding documents.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND MAURER-STUTZ, INC. (RFQ #2016-36)

The following was presented:

Item 7D: Consideration of approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Normal Regulating Use of the Police Range Facility.

The following was presented:

Item 7E: Consideration of approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of McLean Regulating Use of the Police Range Facility

The following was presented:

Item 7F: Consideration of approving a Professional Services Contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services related to the Water Treatment Plant Recarbonation Bypass Line, (RFQ 2016-04, and Resolution 16-10).

The following was presented:

Item 7G: Consideration of approving a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with the Farnsworth Group, Inc. for design and specification for Szarek Drive, Cloud Street, and Fleetwood Subdivision water main replacement projects, (RFQ 2016-04, Resolution 16-10). *(Removed from the Consent Agenda.)*

**Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Lower that the three Agreements with the Farnsworth Group, Inc. for professional engineering services for the design and specification for Szarek Drive, Cloud Street, and Fleetwood Subdivision water main replacement projects, in the not to exceed amount of \$27,100.00 for Szarek Drive, \$32,940.00 for Cloud Street, and \$65,370.00 for Fleetwood Subdivision be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.**

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Sage, Mwilambwe, Painter, Hauman, Black, Schmidt and Fruin.**

**Nays: None.**

**Recused: Alderman Buragas**

**[7:34 PM Departed]**

**[7:35 PM Returned]**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 7H: Consideration of approving a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for design and construction plan preparation for Lake Bloomington Fill Site Restoration, (RFQ 2016-04, and Resolution 16-10).

The following was presented:

Item 7I: Consideration of approving a request to purchase Nimble Storage Array Additional Capacity.

The following was presented:

Item 7J: Consideration of approving amendments to Lake Bloomington Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 05  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BLOOMINGTON  
CITY CODE CHAPTER 23, SECTION 44  
PERTAINING TO INTOXICATED PERSONS AND SECTION 54  
PERTAINING TO PENALTIES

The following was presented:

Item 7K: Consideration of adoption of an Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for a lesser nonconforming use of grain inspection office/lab in the R-1C, High Density Single Family Residential District for the property located at 802 N. Morris Ave.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 06

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A  
LESSER NONCONFORMING USE OF GRAIN INSPECTION OFFICE/LAB  
IN THE R-1C DISTRICT  
FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 802 N MORRIS AVE

The following was presented:

Item 7L: Consideration of approving an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply at 802 North Main Street, former site of Quinn's Shell.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 07

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF GROUNDWATER  
AS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY BY THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF  
POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD

**8. Regular Agenda**

The following was presented:

Item 8A: Administrative Review by City Council of the Zoning Board of Appeals denial of a petition for variances for an Accessory Structure requested for the property located at 1422 Butchers Lane.

Jeffrey Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, provided an overview of a petition filed seeking two (2) variances that would have allowed an accessory structure at 1422 Butchers Lane. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) voted four (4) against, two (2) in favor, and one (1) abstained. Less than

five (5) votes against the variance petition allowed an appeal to the City Council for Administrative Review. Council was required to determine if the administrative record supported for the granting of the variances based on criteria in the City Zoning Code Section 44.13-4D Variance Standards. Mr. Jurgens noted two alternate ordinances provided for use by the Council: one that upheld the action of the ZBA, and one that would reverse the action.

Alderman Buragas noted the need for consistency when working with the Zoning Code and provided alternatives to the reversal such as petitioning to change the zoning code and de-annexing. Alderman Schmidt stated the county was not interested in annexing land already given to the city.

Alderman Fruin questioned the commitment to remove existing structures. He also questioned how the decision would affect like appeals. Alderman Schmidt noted revised zoning codes could address future appeals. Alderman Buragas noted a commitment to remove structures was not a condition of receiving the variance.

**Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Lower that the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals be reversed and an ordinance approving the petition for variances from Chapter 44 Section 4.4C Bulk Requirements for an Accessory Structure requested for the property located at 1422 Butchers Lane be passed, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.**

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Sage, Mwilambwe, Schmidt, Black, Painter, Hauman.**

**Nays: Aldermen Buragas and Fruin.**

**Motion carried.**

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of Approving a Lease from Mid-Central Community Action for the Jefferson Street Community House located at 828 W. Jefferson Street to be used by the Bloomington Police as an office and community house.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-09  
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE WITH MID-CENTRAL COMMUNITY ACTION  
FOR THE JEFFERSON COMMUNITY HOUSE LOCATED AT  
828 W. JEFFERSON STREET

Brendan Heffner, Police Chief, stated the neighborhood surrounding 828 W. Jefferson St. was one (1) of two (2) high crime rate areas. Statistics were considered when choosing the Jefferson Community House (JCH) location. Chief Heffner noted an increase in youth crime and the importance of engagement with the youth. Matt Drat, Director of Resource Development and

Community Engagement with Mid Central Community Action (MCCA), declared the JCH was space for resident engagement, community building, and neighborhood revitalization. Mr. Drat stated it was a time limited lease and that the home was still available for purchase as part of the MCCA and West Bloomington Housing Collaborative (WBHC) Home Ownership Promotion program. The JCH lease would terminate upon resident purchase.

Mr. Drat stated resident feedback was solicited prior to approval and adoption of the proposed project. Feedback was obtained by door to door resident conversations. A request was made to stakeholders to assist engaging neighborhood residents. Limited volunteers and staff resources affected the outcome of surveys. Surveys were conducted in two (2) defined zones and consisted of five (5) questions modeled after the NeighborWorks America Community Impact Measurement Research Tool. Of the one hundred eighty nine (189) households in Zone One (1), the neighborhood immediately surrounding the JCH, eighty two (82) were reached door to door. Online surveys were made available to unreached households and those located in Zone Two (2). A permanent email address was established to continually collect feedback. Stacey Tutt, Director of Community Preservation Clinic at University of Illinois, stated statistics provided had a deviation rate of +/- five (5) percent based on sample size.

Ms. Tutt noted resident concerns included greater transparency and accountability resulted in a minimum number of community engagement activities included in the lease. Upon approval of the lease more activities would be added.

Alderman Black questioned the lease with the police department. Ms. Tutt responded a variance was approved by the grant funder based on resident feedback. Alderman Black questioned Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations. Ms. Tutt noted ADA modifications made to the JCH would benefit future homeowners.

Alderman Lower question engagement of the existing neighborhood watch. Chief Heffner stated the watch had been and continued to be engaged. Alderman Hauman questioned outcome of neighborhood activities. Ms. Tutt stated regular reports were provided to the grant funder.

Alderman Painter questioned the success of the City of Normal's substation. Chief Heffner stated results were positive but noted a difference in circumstances.

**Motion by Alderman Lower to extend discussion time by 10 minutes, seconded by Alderman Hauman.**

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Fruin.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Schmidt, that the lease for Jefferson Street Community House located at 828 W. Jefferson Street be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.**

**Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:**

**Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Fruin.**

**Nays: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**9. City Manager's Discussion**

Mr. Hales had no further comments to offer.

**10. Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Renner had no further comments to offer.

**11. City Alderman's Discussion**

Alderman Painter read from a prepared statement summarizing justification for the recent speed limit changes on Hershey Rd.

**12. Adjournment**

**Motion made by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Hauman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.**

**Motion carried (viva voce).**

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON**

**ATTEST**

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Tari Renner, Mayor

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Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk