

**SUMMARY MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017; 7:00 P.M.**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 13, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner.

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

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

Aldermen: Jamie Mathy, David Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Diana Hauman, Kim Bray (remotely attended), Karen Schmidt, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black to permit the participation remotely of Alderman Kim Bray.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Schmidt, Black, and Hauman.

Recused: Alderman Kim Bray

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Staff Present: Steve Rasmussen, Interim City Manager, Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry Lawson, City Clerk; Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director; Brendan Heffner, Chief of Police; Brian Mohr, Fire Chief, Scott Sprouls, IS Director, Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; Bob Yehl, Water Director; and other City staff were also present.

Recognition/Appointments

The following was presented:

A. Presentation of the Citizen Beautification Award to the following: Carlo Robustelli and Emily Kelhan, Kenneth and Janet Martin, John Hendricks, Maria Barnes, Apolinar Huerta-Ramos, Robert Wallace, Carolyn Butlet, Jerry and Ann Cunningham, Girl Friday – Stacy Winkler, First Christian Church, Downtown Murals/Downtown Bloomington Association, Tricia Stiller, and Calhoon Architectural Metals – Gary Calhoon.

B. Presentation of the City of Bloomington Police Department Police Officer’s Commission Certificate to the following Officers who have completed probation: Kenneth M. Nowatski, Logan M. Fosdick, Katelyn B. Stinson, and Brandon M. Finke.

Public Comment

Jim Fruin	Angela Scott	Surena Fish	Robert Ballantini
Mike Kerber	Richie Beck	Scott Stimeling	Connie Marero
Oscar Urquizo	Jim Waldorf	Bruce Meeks	

“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 Black and seconded by Alderman Painter that the Consent Agenda be approved.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the October 23, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting. *(Recommend that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7B. Consideration of Approving Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$ 6,905,368.00. *(Recommend that the Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers be allowed in the amount of \$6,905,368.00 and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7C. Ratification of Contract with PBPA, Unit 21 Patrol Officers. *(Recommend the Contract be ratified.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with District 87 for the Provision of Salt during 2017/2018 Winter Season at a cost of \$52.44 per ton. *(Recommend the Agreement be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7E. Consideration of approving an extension of Fuel Contract with Evergreen FS for Fleet Vehicles and Equipment. *(Recommend the Fuel Purchasing Agreement with Evergreen FS be extended for one (1) year, the Interim City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents and the Purchasing Agent authorized to issue a Purchase Order for same.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of approving the issuance of a Purchase Order in the amount of \$175,988.15 to CDWG, Inc. from the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) Joint Purchasing Contract (CMS69451150) for Microsoft Enterprise Agreement licensing. *(Recommend Council approve a Purchase Order to CDWG, Inc. for the 2016 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA) software maintenance and support covering the City's Microsoft licensing, in the amount of \$175,988.15 from the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS649451150), the Interim City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents, and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue the purchase order.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7G. Consideration of rejecting a bid from Stark Excavating, Inc. for Dam Repairs at Evergreen Lake and Lake Bloomington (Bid # 2018-15). *(Recommend that the bid from Stark Excavating, Inc. for Dam Repairs at Evergreen Lake and Lake Bloomington be rejected and staff authorized to rebid the project.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of adopting an Ordinance and the associated agreement for the Jurisdictional Transfer of a portion of Fox Creek Road between Oakland Avenue and Savanna Drive from Bloomington Township to the City of Bloomington. *(Recommend an Ordinance be adopted and the associated Local Agency Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer be approved for a section of FAU 6429, also known as Fox Creek Road, from 0.08 miles west of Savanna Drive at the corporate limit of Bloomington heading easterly 0.03 miles to the corporate limit of Bloomington and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

ORDINANCE 2017 - 101

Providing for the addition of part of FAU 6429, also known as Fox Creek Road, from 0.08 miles west of Savanna Drive at the corporate limit of Bloomington heading easterly 0.03 miles to the corporate limit of Bloomington in its entirety to the City of Bloomington Highway System from the Road System in Bloomington Township, McLean County Illinois.

The following was presented:

Item 7I. Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving petition(s) from SEP Bloomington, L.L.C. for the vacation of a 15' sanitary sewer easement and a 15' utility easement, and dedication of a 10' utility easement and a 5' utility easement, located north of Empire Street and west of Royal Pointe Drive (2502 E. Empire). *(Recommend the Ordinance be passed approving the easement vacation & dedication plat and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 102

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VACATION AND DEDICATION OF SEVERAL EASEMENTS LOCATED AT 2502 E. EMPIRE STREET, BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS

The following was presented:

Item 7J. Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving a petition from F.O.B. Development Inc. for the reinstatement of preliminary plan entitled "Empire Business Park Preliminary Plan" for 34.90 acres located at the northeast corner of Route 9/Empire St and Airport Rd, with revisions dated October 23, 2017. *(Recommend the Ordinance be adopted approving a petition from F.O.B. Development Inc. for the reinstatement of preliminary plan entitled "Empire Business Park Preliminary Plan" for 34.90 acres located at the northeast corner of Route 9/Empire St and Airport Rd, with revisions dated October 23, 2017, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.)*

ORDINANCE NO 2017- 103

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PETITION FROM F.O.B. DEVELOPMENT INC. FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF A PRELIMINARY PLAN ENTITLED "EMPIRE BUSINESS PARK PRELIMINARY PLAN" FOR 34.90 ACRES LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ROUTE 9/EMPIRE ST AND AIRPORT RD, WITH REVISIONS DATED OCTOBER 23, 2017

The following was presented:

Item 7K. Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving a petition from F.O.B. Development Inc. for a final plat Empire Business Park Eighth Addition, located east of Airport Road, south of Cornelius Drive, and north of Empire Street. *(Recommend the Ordinance be passed approving the final plat for Empire Business Park Eighth Addition subject to the petitioner paying the required tap-on fees and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 104

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF EMPIRE BUSINESS PARK EIGHTH ADDITION

The following was presented:

Item 7L. Consideration of Approving Appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission. *(Recommend Paul Scharnett and Georgene Chissell be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission.)*

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Painter to approve the appointments of Paul Scharnett and Georgene Chissell to the Historic Preservation Commission.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None

**Motion carried.
“Regular Agenda”**

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Consideration of an Amendment to Extend the Professional Management Services of VenuWorks to the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts. *(Presentation by Lynn Cannon, Executive Director, Grossinger Motors Arena 5 minutes, Council discussion 10 minutes.)*

Ms. Cannon recapped the presentation VenuWorks President Steve Peters presented about a month ago in which she discussed some new revenue opportunities and cost effectiveness.

Alderman Sage commented that there is concern about the performance of VenuWorks related to the arena and how that would apply to the BCPA and asked Ms. Cannon if she had any thoughts on that.

Ms. Cannon replied that they were looking to add additional opportunities through using the network of theaters and the opportunities to be able to book more events. We have a lot of dark nights in both buildings and not every show can play at the arena, but there are a lot of shows that can play at the BCPA and using our network of opportunity, we should be able to fill some of those nights.

Alderman Sage stated he appreciated the fact that there was a proposal to reduce the deficit at the BCPA for approximately \$200,000 annually. The reality for this Council is we have a coming structural deficit and here is an opportunity to make some progress on reducing it by approximately \$200,000.

Mayor Renner commented that on the heels of what Alderman Sage has said, we recognize you inherited a mess and thanked Ms. Cannon

Alderman Schmidt commented that in close reading of some of the material that Jay Tetzloff provided for us, some of the deficit that we see has been because they have not necessarily had the tools on hand to do the work that they needed to do and some of those are IT-related and the lack of hiring someone who can do a lot of the fundraising because we had a lot of traction with that. She stated that she would not be voting in favor of this, but did want to say how much she appreciated all the effort that went into it, and how it has provided us with some great ideas to move forward.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe to not approve the Amendment to the VenuWorks Agreement for Professional Management Services be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Amendment.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of adopting a Resolution designating Alderman Diana Hauman as the official voting delegate for the City of Bloomington at the National League of Cities Annual Business Meeting. *(Council discussion 10 minutes)*

Mayor Renner stated that some of us have been to the National League of Cities most of the times and he had been to the National League of Cities before he was Mayor. The most consistent attender of these meetings has been Alderman Hauman. They are becoming increasingly aggressive at a national level, especially on policy issues related to intergovernmental agreements. There are some concerns about removing state and local tax exemptions in tax policy. There are any number of concerns about not funding infrastructure despite what we have been promised, either the same kinds of themes that you would hear at the U.S. Conference of Mayors and regardless of party, Mayors are getting more aggressive and nervous about what is happening in our state capitols and what is happening at the national level and the National League of Cities is equally as concerned. They are asking us for a representative and it seemed as if Alderman Hauman was the logical choice.

Alderman Black asked if the things that you are voting on policy-wise would be run by this Council first.

Alderman Hauman stated that she had checked online today to see the agenda for their annual meeting, which is Saturday afternoon and it has not been posted yet. She stated her intention was to share that with all of you to get some input on that, and if she got the agenda before Saturday afternoon, she would be glad to run the items by the Council.

Mayor Renner asked Mr. Rasmussen if he had seen any of it in the administration packet. Usually those happen well in advance of the meetings so that you can do precisely that, touch base with your Council, touch base with the Mayor, and touch base with the citizens as you go forward.

Alderman Black stated that there was no doubt that there was uncertainty across state, local, and federal government at this point in time. He wanted to have some say or the view of whatever we are talking about before it goes out there because he did not want to get a constituent calling him and asking why support this through the City of Bloomington, and not know what they are talking about. He wondered, if by ordinance, maybe a summary of the items to be voted on gets presented prior to those meetings.

Mayor Renner stated it is this coming Saturday, and you do not always know whether there is an amendment to an amendment to an amendment. In this case, assuming this is approved, once Diana gets

the issues, she can hear from us in terms of what we think her line of argument should be or the votes that she is to cast should be as we are going forward.

Mr. Rasmussen added that he would put the staff to work on it to see if the agenda could be gotten right away.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -44

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CITY ELECTED ALDERMAN TO VOTE AS A DESIGNATED DELEGATE AT THE ANNUAL NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES BUSINESS MEETING.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Buragas to the resolution be adopted designating Alderman Diana Hauman as the official voting delegate for the City of Bloomington at the National League of Cities Annual Business Meeting, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary document.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Schmidt, Black, and Bray.

Recused: Alderman Diana Hauman

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8C. Consideration of Analysis of Proposals and Approval of the FY 2018 CCTV Sewer Inspection Contract, City Bid No. 2018-19 being awarded to Visu-Sewer of Illinois in the amount of \$100,000. (*Presentation by Jim Karch, Public Works Director 5 minutes, Council discussion 10 minutes.*)

Mr. Karch presented updates and what is being looked at in the future for the sewers.

Motion by Alderman Mathy, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to the prices from Visu-Sewer of Illinois be accepted, and the contract be awarded in the amount up to \$100,000.00 and the Interim City Manager 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 Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8D. Consideration of Analysis of Bids and Approval of the FY 2018 Sewer Rehabilitation Contract, City Bid No. 2018-20 being awarded to Hoerr Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$550,000. (*Presentation by Jim Karch, Public Works Director 5 minutes, Council discussion 10 minutes.*)

Discussion was combined with Item 8C above and voted separately.

Motion by Alderman Mathy, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to approve the unit prices from Hoerr Construction, Inc. for the Base Bid and Alternate Bids A1, B and C be accepted, and a contract awarded in the amount up to \$550,000.00, and the Interim City Manager 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 Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion:

No discussion.

Mayor's Discussion:

No discussion.

City Aldermen's Discussion:

Alderman Mathy thanked the Interim City Manager for his participation in a Veteran's Day dinner last week that, from what he had heard, was phenomenal.

Alderman Sage asked Mr. Rasmussen if the automatic request from that was submitted last month would be on the agenda next week for the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Rasmussen stated that unless Council told him otherwise, his plan was to put this on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Mwilambwe stated that on Saturday many participated at the Veterans Day recognition of Veterans in McLean County and stated it was quite an honor and was just a good day all around.

Mayor Renner thanked Alderman Mwilambwe for representing us and our City to the people who have made sacrifices and some of them ultimate sacrifices.

Alderman Mwilambwe added that Alderman Schmidt served as a representative speaking on behalf of the City and did a fantastic job.

Adjournment

Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Painter adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Motion carried. (Viva Voce)

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Tari Renner, Mayor

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk