

**SUMMARY MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 2017; 7:00 P.M.**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:03 p.m., Monday, December 11, 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 (Absent), Joni Painter, Diana Hauman, Kim Bray, Karen Schmidt, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: Steve Rasmussen, Interim City Manager, Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry Lawson, City Clerk; Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director; Greg Scott, Assistant 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

- A. Proclamation Recognizing the Bicentennial Anniversary of the State of Illinois
- B. Appointments to the Downtown Signage Committee Zachary Dietmeier, Mark Huffman, Clare Malott, and Isaac Thorne.
- C. Presentation to the McLean County Museum of History

Public Comment

Patrica Marton
Elizabeth Gruber
Scott Stimeling

“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 and seconded by Alderman Schmidt that the Consent Agenda be approved with the exception of Item No. 7J.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the November 27, 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 \$5,260,713.04. *(Recommend that the Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers be allowed in the amount of \$ 5,260,713.04 and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7C. Consideration of Approving Appointments to the Downtown Signage Committee. *(Recommend Zachary Dietmeier, Mark Huffman, Clare Malott, and Isaac Thorne be appointed to the Downtown Signage Committee.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of approving a schedule for Council Meeting and Council related Boards and Commission Meeting dates for the 2018 Calendar Year. *(Recommend that Council approve the 2018 Calendar of Meeting dates for the City Council and Council related Boards and Commissions.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7E. Consideration of approving the purchase of one E-One Typhoon/1500gpm pumper from Banner Fire Equipment in the amount of \$691,630. *(Recommend Council approves the purchase of one (1) – 2018 E-ONE All Aluminum 1500 gpm pumper unit mounted on an E-One Typhoon custom chassis with Cummins ISL 450hp engine, 720 gallon tank, 1500gpm e-Max pump, low hose bed body and loose equipment for the cost of \$691,630 from Banner Fire Equipment, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) joint purchasing group, and authorize the Procurement Manager to issue a Purchase Order.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of approving the purchasing of six (6) Police vehicles using the Northwest Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (NSPC) Contract in the amount of \$209,916.00. *(Recommend Council approves the purchase, six (6) Police Interceptor vehicles through the Northwest Municipal Conference (SPC) Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract number #152 (expiration date of 11/8/18) from Currie Motors of Frankfort IL in the amount of \$209,916.00, and the Purchasing Agent be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7G. Ratification of Contract with Local 362 Inspectors. *(Recommend the Contract be ratified.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of authorizing a Rejection of a Bid for Netting Project on Hole 18 at Prairie Vista (RFP# 2018-10). *(Recommend the City Council reject the bid for Netting Project on Hole 18 at Prairie Vista due to an aged preliminary bid.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7I. Consideration of approving a Professional Services Contract with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the Water Department, RFQ No. 2016-27 in the amount of \$387,263.20. *(Recommend the Professional Services Contract with Maurer-Stutz, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for the Water Department, with a term of 14 months and an option for the City to extend the contract two additional 12 month periods, in the amount not-to-exceed of \$387,263.20 for the initial 14 month term be approved, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7J. Consideration of adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 29 of the City Code regarding abandoned bicycles. *(Recommend Council adopt an Ordinance Amending the City Code regarding the process for disposing of abandoned bicycles and authorizing the City Mayor and City Clerk to execute the ordinance.) (Item pulled from the Consent Agenda)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2017- 110

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BLOOMINGTON CITY CODE CHAPTER 29 BICYCLES

Motion by Alderman Mathy and seconded by Alderman Hauman that Council adopt an Ordinance Amending the City Code regarding the process for disposing of abandoned bicycles and authorizing the City Mayor and City Clerk to execute the ordinance

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7K. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of a Joint Agreement with the Town of Normal and the Ecology Action Center for an Energy Efficiency Program. *(Recommend a Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of a Joint Agreement with the Town of Normal and the Ecology Action Center for an Energy Efficiency Program be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 – 49

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A JOINT AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF NORMAL AND THE ECOLOGY ACTION CENTER FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

The following was presented:

Item 7L. Consideration of approving a petition for the Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer of Lot 2 in Block 3 in Camp Iroquois, from the Estate of Bessie B. White, deceased and Carol C. Vincent and Sue E. Vincent to Susan E. Jackson, Amy L. Gill and Kristen Miller, Carol C. Vincent and Sue E. Vincent. *(Recommend the Lake Lease Transfer be approved, subject to the septic system conditions included in the McLean County Health Department's October 25, 2017, letter and the new lease holder apply for permits for existing non-leased marginal land and reservoir improvements that are determined compliant with the City rules and regulations within six (6) months of transfer, and further contingent upon the transferee providing documentation of the sale of the house located on the property, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7M. Consideration of the application of Nightshop, LLC, d/b/a Nightshop, located at 517 N. Main Street; Bloomington 61701, requesting an RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. *(Recommend the application of Nightshop, LLC, d/b/a nightshop, located at 517 N. Main Street; Bloomington 61701, requesting an RAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week be approved.)*

“Regular Agenda”

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Presentation of the Bloomington Police Department Three-year Strategic Plan. *(Presentation and discussion only.) (Presentation by Brendan Heffner, Chief of Police 10 minutes, Council discussion 15 minutes.) No motion, presentation only.*

Chief Heffner reviewed with the Council the Bloomington Police Department (BPD) Three-year Strategic Plan. He highlighted correlations between the BPD's plan and the President's 21st Century Policing Initiative, stating the Department will continue to identify and resolve community problems rather than just respond to calls for service in high density crime areas; work with local youth intervention programs and agencies to provide a coordinated approach to reduce youth offending; identify top accident sites and increase traffic enforcement as needed; continue use of portable traffic flow analysis (speed) devices where complaints warrant deployment. Continue their focus on downtown safety to include specialized downtown patrols; increase the coverage areas and number of downtown public safety cameras; work with student organizations and universities to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving; and they have reinitiated the downtown corridor neighborhood watch program.

He continued stating, BPD will conduct topic driven citizen summits where they live and work (in addition to monthly Chief's Focus Meetings, publicize the beneficial outcomes and images of positive trust building contracts via social media; continue efforts to increase diversity within the department. The Department will evaluate the current department records system to assess sustainability and future reporting needs; evaluate current digital storage systems and assess long term solutions for all digital evidence; and finalize the body worn camera testing and deploy cameras department-wide.

BPD is looking to expand its departmental anti-bias training; create an internal critical incident review board to review major incidents and update/modify impacted policies; continue to provide officers with de-escalation training; and train and work with members of the Public Safety Community Relations Board.

There were no questions or concerns expressed by Council. Council thanked Chief Heffner for his report and the work of his department.

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of an Ordinance approving the 2017 Tax Levy for the Bloomington Public Library. *(Recommend Council approves the Ordinance to adopt the 2017 Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$4,823,604 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.) Presentation by Jeanne Hamilton, Executive Director, Bloomington Public Library 5 minutes, Council discussion 15 minutes.)*

Ms. Hamilton provided a brief overview of this item. There were no questions from Council.

ORDINANCE 2017 - 111

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON – LIBRARY, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2018 FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Motion by Alderman Schmidt second by Alderman Bray Council approves the Ordinance to adopt the 2017 Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$4,823,604 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk 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, Hauman and Bray.

Nays:

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8C. Consideration of an Ordinance approving the 2017 Tax Levy for the City of Bloomington. *(Recommend an Ordinance adopting the 2017 Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$20,061,384, be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the ordinance and any necessary documents.) (Presentation by Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director 5 minutes, Council discussion 15 minutes).*

Ms. Silva provided a brief overview of the proposed Tax Levy and stated, no increase was being requested, as the 2017 EAV did increase; however, the City is maintaining it at the 2016 level. There were no questions from the Council on this item.

ORDINANCE 2017 - 112

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2018 FOR THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Motion by Alderman Schmidt second by Alderman Hauman to approve an Ordinance adopting the 2017 Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$20,061,384, be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the ordinance and any necessary documents.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8D. Consideration of approving two Resolutions for the abatement of property taxes totaling \$5,415,932.

Recommend the following two Resolutions be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Resolutions:

(1) A Resolution abating all or a portion of the taxes levied to pay debt service on certain general obligation bonds of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, and

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-50

A RESOLUTION abating all or a portion of the taxes heretofore levied to pay debt service on certain general obligation bonds of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois.

(2) A Resolution abating a Tax Levy for rent payable under lease agreement between the Public Building Commission, McLean County and the City of Bloomington for the Old Champion Building and the expansion of the parking garage.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -51

A RESOLUTION ABATING TAX LEVY FOR RENT PAYABLE UNDER LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION, MCLEAN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON FOR THE OLD CHAMPION BUILDING AND THE EXPANSION OF THE PARKING GARAGE

(Presentation by Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director 5 minutes, Council discussion 15 minutes.)

Ms. Silva provided a brief overview of this item. There were no questions by the Council.

Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Schmidt Council approves the two Resolutions be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Resolutions:

(1) A Resolution abating all or a portion of the taxes levied to pay debt service on certain general obligation bonds of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, and (2) A Resolution abating a Tax Levy for rent payable under lease agreement between the Public Building Commission, McLean County and the City of Bloomington for the Old Champion Building and the expansion of the parking garage.

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

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

Nays:

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8E. Update on the Response Time Progress for the Bloomington Fire Department.
(Recommend: Information only) (Presentation by Brian Mohr, Fire Chief 5 minutes, Council discussion 10 minutes.) No motion, presentation only.

Chief Mohr provided a brief overview to the Council related to the response time for the Bloomington Fire Department and expressed the need to move forward with the hiring of six additional firefighters for the department.

Council commended and thanked Chief Mohr and his department for the work that they continue to do within the Fire Department.

Adjournment

Motion by Alderman Schmidt seconded by Alderman Bray adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:11PM.

Motion carried. (Viva Voce)

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ATTEST

Tari Renner, Mayor

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk