

**SUMMARY MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018; 7:00 P.M.**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 109 East Olive Street; Bloomington, IL at 7:00 PM.

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, 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 declaring Centennial of First World War.
- B. Proclamation declaring January 21 – 27, 2018, National School of Choice Week
- C. Presentation of the Heritage Awards to the following individuals and projects:
 - Brad Williams—Individual Committed to Preservation
 - Fred Wollrab—Individual Committed to Preservation
 - Bloomington Lodge No. 43 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons—Restoration of 302 E. Jefferson St.
 - Diana Krieg and Dawn Peters—Landscape Restoration for 409 E Grove St.
- D. Presentation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award by the Bloomington/Normal Human Relations Commission:
 - Jordyn Blythe—“I Have A Dream” Youth Award
 - Lorenzo Marshall—“I Have A Dream” Adult Award
 - Xavier Higgins—“I Have A Dream” Adult Award
 - Andre Hursey —“I Have A Dream” Adult Award
- E. Appointment of Matthew Watchinski to the Bloomington Library Board of Trustees.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment and the following individuals provided comments.

Tyson Mohr	Donna Bolen	Julien Sigler
Gary Lambert	Mike Fitzgerald	Charlotte Alvarez
Glen Ludwig	Nancy Marciniac	

“Consent Agenda”

(All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member, City Manager or Corporation Counsel so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in the Regular Agenda, which is Item #8.

The City’s Boards and Commissions hold Public Hearings prior to some Council items appearing on the Council’s Meeting Agenda. Persons who wish to address the Council should provide new information which is pertinent to the issue before them.)

Mayor Renner asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt and second 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, Black, Buragas, Schmidt, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting. *(Recommend that the reading of minutes be dispensed and approved as printed.)*

The following item was presented:

Item 7B. Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$6,775,578.24 as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommend the Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers be allowed in the amount of \$6,775,578.24, and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)*

The following item was presented:

Item 7C. Consideration of Approving an Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees as requested by Administration Department. *(Recommend Matthew Watchinski be appointed to the Bloomington Library Board of Trustees.)*

The following item was presented:

Item 7D. Ratification of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and AFSCME Local 699, in relation to employees within the Public Works Department and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. *(Recommend the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and AFSCME Local 699 be ratified and City staff be authorized to execute the Agreement.)*

The following item was presented:

Item 7E. Consideration of authorizing a Rejection of Bids for Wide Area Connection (WAN) Circuit Upgrades (RFP #2018-22) as requested by Information Services. *(Recommend the City Council reject all bids for the Wide Area Connection (WAN) circuits.)*

The following item was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Budget to appropriate and allow Community Development Block Grant funds not used in FY 2017 to be used in FY 2018 as proposed by the Community Development Department. *(Recommend an Ordinance Amending the FY 2018 Budget be approved to appropriate FY 2017 CDBG carry-forward funding for expenditure in FY 2018, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Ordinance.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2018

The following item was presented:

Item 7G. Consideration of adopting an Ordinance approving petition(s) from Bloomington Public School District 87 for the dedication of a 15' Sanitary Sewer Easement at 2502 E. Empire Street (located south of Locust Street and east of Colton Ave) to clarify the existence of a relocated utility easement for the City as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend an Ordinance Approving the Dedication of Several Easements at 2502 E. Empire Street be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-4

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

The following item was presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of An Ordinance Clarifying Authority of the local Liquor Control Commissioner to sanction Liquor License holders for Failure to Pay Taxes as requested by the Legal Department. *(Recommend an Ordinance be passed clarifying authority of the local Liquor Commissioner to sanction Liquor License holders for failure to pay taxes.)*

ORDINANCE NO. 2018- 5

AN ORDINANCE CLARIFYING AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL LIQUOR

CONTROL COMMISSIONER TO SANCTION LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS FOR FAILURE TO
PAY MUNICIPAL TAXES

“Regular Agenda”

The following item was presented:

Item 8A. Presentation and Update on the FY2019 "Big Picture" Budget (*Presentation by Steve Rasmussen, Interim City Manager 45 minute presentation, City Council 45 minute discussion*)

Interim City Manager Steve Rasmussen continued discussion on proposed FY2019 Budget and invited department directors, Jim Karch, Director of Public Work, Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director, Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director, Bob Mahrt, Interim Director of Community Development, Russ Waller, Facilities Manager, and Scott Rathbun, Budget Manager to provide some insight to departmental budgets.

Mr. Rasmussen stated he could bring back a resolution to Council on the February 12, 2018 Council Agenda directing staff to begin exploring the potential for alternatives for dealing with solid waste and potential cost-savings.

Mayor Renner asked whether there was a consensus of the Council directing city staff to bring back to Council on the February 12, 2018 agenda with a resolution addressing cost-savings alternatives for handling solid waste. Council provided a consensus directing city staff.

The following item was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of a Resolution recommended by the City’s Community Development Department approving an agreement to fund the Small Business Development Center at Illinois Wesleyan University, in the amount of \$9,709.00 for 2017 in 2018, \$26,068.00 for 2018 in 2018, and \$26,068.00 for 2019 in 2019. (*Recommend a Resolution approving the Small Business Development Center funding agreement between the City of Bloomington, Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council, and Illinois Wesleyan University be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.*) (*Presentation by Jeffrey Jurgens, Corporation Counsel 5 minute presentation, City Council 5 minute discussion*)

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER FUNDING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,
AND ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Mr. Jurgens stated, this is as of last November, we brought forward a four-party agreement to fund the SPDC. The other parties included Wesleyan, BNEDC, the Town of Normal and the City of Bloomington. The Town of Normal subsequently opted to fund the program by a separate resolution so they're not a party to the agreement. The City has revised the agreements. Now it's just a three-party

agreement with BNEDC, IWU, and the city. It's at the same funding level that the City committed to in the previous...back in November. The Town opted for a different funding level, but that hasn't impacted the program. We needed a new mechanism to authorize that funding because the previous agreement authorized us only to make our payment after all the parties executed the agreement. We still like the idea of an agreement for the accountability and the other clarity that it provides.

Alderman Hauman motioned and Alderman Painter second the motion to approve a Resolution approving the Small Business Development Center funding agreement between the City of Bloomington, Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council, and Illinois Wesleyan University 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 Painter, Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Hauman, Bray, and Black.

Nays: None.

Recused: Alderman Karen Schmidt

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

I will be out all next week on vacation, but I will be available by texting and by phone. In my absence, Fire Chief Moore will be the acting Interim City Manager. The second thing is about two meetings ago, we had the MOU for the Friends of the BCPA. It was pulled off the agenda and for further discussion, and the Council have asked me to come back by March 1st, with the full discussion of that MOU. I've been asked by the president of the Friends of the BCPA if we could extend that until the first of April because she will be out of the country all during the month of March and would like to be able to be here... she would like to be here to participate in that. Since I promised you I'd get back to you by the 1st of March, I wanted to ask for an extension.

Alderwoman Schmidt state, Vicki Tilton did respond in an email. She would prefer that it not get slowed down and that she figured you were reading her reaction, which simply...she's disappointed that she won't be here, but she doesn't want it slowed down at all.

Chief Mohr, stated, the assistance firefighter grants open up and they're due to be submitted by February two. We're looking at writing a grant for a station generator. We have two stations, station three and headquarters. Both have generators that are almost 45 years old. It is getting hard to get parts for those; about \$150,000 apiece for these. The department is writing a grant for \$100,000 assist for that.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner stated, the only thing that I have is to clarify we did have only one person tonight in public comment, but in the past we've had hundreds dealing with the Welcoming City ordinance. The

December 18 meeting at the BCPA did have the majority of the Council asked us or direct the staff to write up a compromise resolution and bring it back. We could have voted on it tonight, but there was some concern amongst a few of my colleagues. Out of deference, we have postponed it until February 12 at the BCPA. That, hopefully, will be the time where whether it's voted up or down, it's voted on.

City Aldermen's Discussion

Alderwoman Hauman echoed Alderman Black's comments stating, she appreciates the work that went into presenting the budget during a regular Council Meeting as oppose to having a meeting on a Saturday to discuss the budget.

Alderman Black provided an update to the Council. At the beginning of November, I submitted Alderman's request form signed by a number of my colleagues regarding tapping. When you call 911 on your cell phone in Bloomington, then it doesn't have to get transferred to Bloomington dispatch. He had met with Mr. Rasmussen regarding this. That for the time being, as there may be a next generation system that comes out that would solve that problem. It would not be wise to adjust everything before making another system update in a year or so. Although in my conversations with Steve, this is a great topic for a joint meeting with Normal and the county because all these partners are impacted by this, and I consider this to be a very high public high safety issue because this is seconds and minutes and time that's wasted having to transfer phone calls. Fewer and fewer people have landlines so this needs to be addressed at some point in the very near future.

Alderwoman Buragas stated she has a few items to discuss. First, she thanked Alderwoman Hauman for working with the citizens on the Ad Hoc Committee. I really appreciate all the time and effort that clearly has gone into discussing the budget and looking for improvements. Number two, the new section on Community Development Impact is very valuable and I appreciate that having been put in there. Number three, we really need a wave pool.

Alderman Sage asked for an update on the RFP process for the city manager's search. Council laid out a process in October 2017 at the Committee of the Whole Meeting where I think that staff had suggested that we'd probably be working with that in January.

Mayor Renner responded stating, for a variety of reasons, we will be discussing it at our next Council Meeting.

Alderman Mathy thanked staff for putting the budget information together, and for anyone in the public who is interested in learning more about the budget, he and Alderman Hauman are hosting a Town Hall meeting tomorrow night at the Breckenridge Homeowners Association clubhouse, which is at the corner of White Eagle and Streid Road.

Adjournment

Mayor Renner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Hauman seconded by Alderman Black adjourning the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Motion carried. (Viva Voce)

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Tari Renner, Mayor

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk