



MEETING MINUTES

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019, 6:00 PM

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 6:01 PM, Monday, February 25, 2019.

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, Joni Painter, Karen Schmidt, Scott Black, Diana Hauman, Kim Bray, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: Tim Gleason, City Manager; Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager; Jeffrey Jurgens, Corporation Counsel; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; Scott Rathbun, Finance Director; Scott Sprouls, Information Services Director; Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director; and other City staff were present.

Recognition/Appointments

- A. Appointments approved by City Council at the February 11, 2019 meeting.
i. Appointments of Tim Gleason to the Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network Board (CIRBN) and Angie McLaughlin to the John M. Scott Health Care Commission.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment, and the following individuals provided comments to the Council:

Table with 3 columns: Bruce Meeks, Scott Stimeling, Gary Lambert

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled by Council from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed separately.

Alderman Hauman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Painter that the Consent Agenda, including all the items listed below, be approved as presented.

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommend the reading of minutes be dispensed and approved as printed.)

Item 7B. Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll, Electronic Transfers, and Procurement Card Purchases in the amount of \$5,712,587.15, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommend the Bills, Payroll, Electronic Transfers, and Procurement Card Purchases be allowed in the amount of \$5,712,587.15, and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)*

Item 7C. Consideration of approving appointments to various Boards and Commissions, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommend Raymond West be appointed to the Human Relations Commission and Robert Ballantini be appointed to the Transportation Commission.)*

Item 7D. Consideration of the Purchase of five (5) dump trucks from Rush Truck Centers of Springfield, IL using Sourcewell for a total amount of \$834,013, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the Purchase be approved, the City Manager be authorized to execute the necessary documents, and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.)*

Item 7E. Consideration of a Resolution approving the acceptance of the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Single Family Rehabilitation Grant in the amount of \$378,000, as requested by the Community Development Department - Office of Grants Administration. *(Recommend the Resolution approving acceptance of the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Single Family Rehabilitation Grant be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documents.)* Resulting in the approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 07.

Item 7F. Consideration of a Resolution Repealing Use Restrictions on Sunnyside Park so a portion may be sold to the Boys & Girls Club, as requested by the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts and Legal Departments. *(Recommend the Resolution Repealing Use Restrictions on Sunnyside Park and other property and amending previous resolutions of the City be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the Resolution.)* Resulting in the approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 08.

Item 7G. Consideration of an Ordinance conveying a Bridge Construction and Maintenance Easement located in Hudson, IL (Parcel 08-18-100-023) to McLean County, as requested by the Public Works Department. *(Recommend the Ordinance be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)* Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 06.

Item 7H. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapter 11, Article IV, Sections 30-39 of the City Code, suspending the City's business registration requirements, as requested by the Administration Department. *(Recommend the Ordinance amending the City Code and Suspending the City's Business Registration Requirements be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)* Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 07.

Item 7I. Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Clearview Sanitary District, as requested by the Public Works and Legal Departments. *(Recommend*

the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Clearview Sanitary District be approved, and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement.)

Item 7J. Consideration of two (2) Change of Ownership applications for Thornton's #360, located at 906 North Main Street, and Thornton's #361, located at 1011 North Hershey Road, currently holding Convenience Store/Beer and Wine/Package and Sunday Sales (GPBS) liquor licenses, as requested by the City Clerk Department. *(Recommend the Change of Ownership Applications for Thornton, LLC d/b/a Thornton's #360 and Thornton, LLC d/b/a Thornton's #361 be approved.)*

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Presentation of Classified (Non-Union) IMRF Retirements, as requested by the Human Resources Department.

City Manager Tim Gleason discussed IMRF Retirements pursuant to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act, 50 ILCS 155/1.

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Presentation of the FY2020 Proposed Budget, as requested by the Administration and Finance Departments.

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced the FY2020 Proposed Budget. He mentioned the two (2) previous Council discussions, as well as numerous elected meetings held in an effort to get to the proposed budget. He pointed out that staff were pressed to look deeper into department budgets and that the two (2) reorganizations and one (1) potential reorganization assisted in achieving the bottom line. He went on to discuss two (2) new opportunities for income: Motor Fuel Tax and Video Gaming Terminal Fees, and that Council's request for increased transparency had been heard. He talked about allocating funds to specific projects and then providing updates throughout those projects to show the additional funds at work in the community. He proposed both opportunities for additional income be considered as separate agenda items on the March 25, 2019 Council agenda. He then introduced Finance Director Scott Rathbun.

Mr. Rathbun walked through highlights of the proposed budget. Presentation materials were available to Council and the public.

City Manager Gleason discussed the reduction of funds provided to external economic development entities and went through how the reclaimed \$200,000 would be allocated to the City's own Economic Development opportunities. He addressed this as an opportunity for the City to break out its' own Economic Development Department and stated that department change would be coming forward at the Council meeting on March 11, 2019.

Mr. Rathbun briefly touched on revenues and expenses for the General Fund Budget and the City Wide Budget. He walked through Capital Projects and the Enterprise Funds. The proposed budget would be available online on February 26, 2019 and in paper form at the Bloomington Public Library and City Clerk Department March 4, 2019. He also discussed how to find documents from the Council presentation online and went over a timeline for the budget to be approved on April 8, 2019.

Alderman Schmidt asked a few budget clarifying questions and Mr. Rathbun responded accordingly.

Alderman Black thanked Mr. Gleason and staff for the new transparency and clarity of the process. He discussed the importance of considering budgets as a policy matter. He asked Mr. Gleason to give the economic development entities receiving reductions in funding the opportunity to weigh-in.

Mr. Gleason walked through the proposed reductions to the entities and mentioned that he had worked with each entity during the consideration of reductions. He said he was happy to have the entities at a Committee of the Whole meeting in the future if requested.

Alderman Mwilambwe mentioned the importance of looking at history to understand the impact of not allocating funds to roads. He mentioned years historically where no funds were allocated. He discussed the importance of transparency in how the funds are put to use and loved the idea of showcasing projects to the public.

Mayor Renner pointed out that the main arteries (roads) of the City are cared for by the State.

Alderman Sage made suggestions for future presentations and asked that additional information regarding O'Neal pool be provided.

Alderman Mathy asked Mr. Gleason to provide a list of the department changes mentioned in helping get to the proposed budget.

City Manager Gleason discussed the O'Neal Pool project in greater detail.

The following was presented:

Item 8C. Consideration of an Ordinance amending Chapter 7 of the City Code to extend the Moratorium on Video Gaming Licenses within the City to April 9, 2019, as requested by a City Council Agenda Initiative. Resulting in the approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 08.

City Manager Tim Gleason mentioned that this Ordinance was the result of recommendations of Council at the February 11, 2019. He walked through the timeline for Council's public discussion of this topic.

Alderman Bray made a motion, seconded by Alderman Painter that the proposed Ordinance be amended from April 9, 2019 to September 1, 2019, extending the video gaming moratorium.

No vote was taken and additional discussion followed.

Alderman Black asked a question to clarify the number of applications on file for video gaming.

City Manager Gleason and City Clerk Leslie Yocum stated that only one (1) application was currently on file in the City Clerk Department.

A brief discussion regarding the Knights of Columbus was held.

Alderman Hauman expressed support for the date of the moratorium extension remaining as initially proposed at April 9, 2019.

Alderman Schmidt asked Alderman Bray to provide more information behind her motion for extending the moratorium to September 1, 2019.

Alderman Bray expressed the need for more time to address the impact on the community and final legislative action from Springfield, Illinois. She was particularly concerned with the legalization of cannabis and sports betting. She believed September 1, 2019 would give time to allow for both.

Alderman Schmidt expressed concern for the moratorium as a whole and mentioned the additional options discussed at the February 11, 2019 Council meeting.

Alderman Mwilambwe expressed concern about the April 9, 2019 date being too aggressive for staff to be able to respond appropriately. He echoed Alderman Schmidt's views of additional options being available and expressed the need for additional time.

Alderman Sage echoed Aldermen Mwilambwe and Schmidt.

Mayor Renner pointed out that home rule communities have additional options with the legalization of cannabis.

Corporation Counsel Jeffery Jurgens clarified the motion on the table.

Alderman Bray made a motion, seconded by Alderman Painter that the Ordinance be approved with the proposed April 9, 2019 date amended to September 1, 2019 and the Mayor and Interim City Clerk be authorized to execute the Ordinance.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Mathy, Sage, Mwilambwe, Painter, and Bray.

Nays: Aldermen Buragas, Schmidt, Black, and Hauman.

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Tim Gleason mentioned the upcoming Schedule of Events calendar available on the City's website and reminded the public that the Annual Crime Statistics Report will be given at the March 11, 2019 Council meeting.

A. Finance Director's Report

Finance Director Scott Rathbun provided information on the Tax Revenue Summary, the General Fund Revenue/Expenditures, and the Enterprise Funds.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner thanked Chief Wheeler for the presentation he made regarding crime in the City at his recent three (3) on 1 (one) meetings with elected.

City Aldermen's Discussion

Alderman Hauman mentioned that her last Ward 8 meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. on February 27, 2019 at the McLean County Chamber of Commerce's ShareSpace.

Executive Session

Adjournment

Alderman Hauman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried (viva voce).

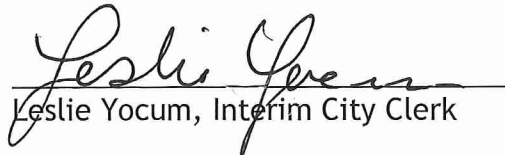
The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON



Tari Renner, Mayor

ATTEST



Leslie Yocum, Interim City Clerk