

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SESSION
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015; 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, October 12, 2015. 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

Mayor Renner requested those present to 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, Diana Hauman, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Mboka Mwilambwe, Jim Fruin and Karen Schmidt.

David Hales, City Manager; Cherry Lawson, City Clerk; and Jeffery Jurgens, Corporate Counsel; Steve Rasmussen, Asst. City Manager; and other city staff were also present.

5. Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. He added that there would not be a response from the City under the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Mayor Renner noted that eight (8) Public Comment Cards were received.

The following individuals provided comments during Public Comment:

Patricia Martin
Gary Lambert
Alton Franklin
Lee Eutsey
Brent Van Hovlen
Donna Bolin
Judy Stearns

Glenn Ludwick

6. Recognition/Appointments

The following was presented:

Item 6A. Appointment of Odemaris Mancilla-Sibaja be appointed to the Human Relations Commission

7. “Consent Agenda”

Mayor Renner called on the Council to see whether any items needed to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Alderman Lower suggested Item: 7F. Alderwoman Hauman suggested Item 6A as she was not present for the meeting when that was presented.

Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Painter move to approve the items on the Consent Agenda including the items mentioned by Alderman Lower and Alderwoman Hauman.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following items were presented:

Item 7A: Consideration of approving the Council Minutes of September 28, 2015, and the October 12, 2012 City Council Work Session Meeting. (Recommend that the reading of the minutes of the previous Council Minutes of September 28, 2015, and the October 12, 2012 City Council Work Session Meeting, be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed).

Item 7B: Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll and Electronic Transfers. (Recommend that the bills, payroll, and electronic transfers be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)

Item 7C: Consideration of approving an Appointment to the Human Relations Commission. (Recommend that Odemaris Mancilla-Sibaja be appointed to the Human Relations Commission.)

Item 7D: Consideration of approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with District 87 for the Provision of Salt during 2015/2016 Winter Season at a cost of \$66.60 per ton. (Recommend that the Agreement be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)

Item 7E: Consideration of approving an Annual Maintenance Agreement with Sentinel Technologies Inc., for City-wide Network and VoIP Telephone Infrastructure in the amount of \$86,752.00. *(Recommend that the agreement with Sentinel Technologies Inc., Springfield, IL for hardware/software maintenance, troubleshooting, configuration assistance and remote monitoring of network and VoIP (voice over internet protocol) infrastructure, in the amount of \$86,752.00 for second of five years, be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

Item 7F: Consideration of adopting a Resolution with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approving the Allocation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Professional Engineering Services for Design and Construction Plan Preparation of Linden Street Bridge Rehabilitation (Ward 4) in the amount of \$221,000. *(Recommend that the Resolution with IDOT for Improvement by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for Engineering Design of Linden Street Bridge Rehabilitation in the amount of \$221,000.00 be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)* ***Pulled from the Consent Agenda.***

Item 7G: Consideration of approving a Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer Petition for Lot 7, Block of Camp Kickapoo, from Julia Plattner to Andrew and Ashley Netzer. *(Recommend that Council approves the Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer from Julia Plattner to Andrew and Ashley Netzer and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.)*

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Alderman Lower stated that he believed that the proposed rehabilitation was 40% more expensive for a chance that we might reroute Constitution Trail underneath the bridge.

Jim Karch, Public Works Director apologized, saying that this was not supposed to be on the plan tonight as it was supposed to have a resolution already. Mr. Karch clarified that the extra cost was about \$300,000 and that this repair would last about 50 to 100 years.

Motion by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderwoman Schmidt.

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

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

Nays: Alderman Lower

Motion: Carried.

8. “Regular Agenda”

The following was presented:

Item 8A: Police Officer Body-Worn Cameras

- a. **Legislative Overview of Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act** (*Corporate Counsel Jeff Jurgens, 10 minute Presentation*)

Corporation Counsel Jeff Jurgens referred to the presentation packet and gave a brief overview of the Legislative perspective. The State of Illinois does not require body cameras, but does have to follow various standards, (including privacy, reporting, and record-keeping) which Mr. Jurgens described in his presentation.

- b. **Body-Worn Cameras An Overview Presentation** (*Police Chief Brendan Heffner, 10 minutes Presentation*)

Chief Heffner noted that there was a lot to digest with the body cameras and that the need came to the forefront. With the public perception of use of force, the cameras add another perspective, while the current cameras are just on the cars, which show only anything around the cars. He noted that more people are videotaping police/citizen interactions with their camera phones, and that is where this additional perspective helps.

He noted a study from 2012 in Rialto, California where having these body cameras reduced abusive behavior by citizens and unnecessary use of force by police. He concluded that by reducing the escalating behavior by either/both parties, injuries, liabilities and complaints could be reduced.

He noted that public trust was very important to the department, and stated that their goals included positive relationships between citizens and police, accountability, transparency, and defensibility, as well as reducing injuries, complaints, and civil judgments.

Chief Heffner stated that among the challenges included finding a body camera that is right for the Bloomington Police Department and the fiscal challenges. In conclusion, the Bloomington Police Department should be progressive and the public will be expecting them. He had used them previously while working with the Illinois State Police, and felt they were successful. The Police Department will be conducting due diligence next year, and will present them before the City Council when they have funding.

- c. **Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bloomington and McLean County for the purpose of accepting the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant (JAG) Program Award in the amount of \$28,818 to be used to purchase equipment which will integrate with the existing in-car camera**

system. *(Recommend that the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Bloomington and McLean County for the purpose of accepting the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant (JAG) Program Award in the amount of \$28,818 to be used to purchase equipment Body-Worn Cameras which will integrate with the existing in-car camera system be approved, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.) (10 minutes Discussion)*

Mayor Renner asked the Council for a motion to discuss.

Alderman Painter motioned and Alderman Lower seconded.

There was no discussion, so Mayor Renner called for a vote.

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

Nays: None.

Motion: Carried.

Item 8B: Consideration of adopting a Resolution approving the City of Bloomington Sidewalk Master Plan. *(Jim Karch, Public Works Director 5 minute presentation, Council discussion 10 minutes).*

Public Works Director Jim Karch stated that Steve Arnie wrote the majority of this plan and Steve Raines was promoted to Engineering Tech II. He also thanked Parks and Recreation.

This plan is needed for Americans with Disabilities compliance, to fix substandard sidewalks, and to respond to emergency repairs. The sidewalks are better than the streets. This plan won an award and used all city staff--no consultants. The goal is to get all sidewalks rated 4 or less and maintain what we have.

Mr. Karch stated that if there are a lot of streets that are repaired, that means more sidewalks, so keep that in mind.

Mayor Renner asked for a motion by the Council.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Hauman.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion: Carried.

9. City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Hales stated that there is an opportunity to talk about downtown development at next Monday's Committee of the Whole meeting and there will be a high level presentation. This will be a significant amount of time. We are not looking at any decision to be made, but that is what we have planned.

Alderman Fruin said that we are very encouraged by this discussion and wondered if there would be enough room for all of the interest in the city. Mr. Hales noted that this was a public meeting and no decisions being made. Alderman Black commented that he would appreciate any written items ahead of time regarding this project, in lieu of PowerPoint at this point. Mayor Renner agreed.

10. Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner stated that he, Alderman Lower, Alderman Sage, and Alderman Black, participated in Fire Ops. He thanked the Chief for this assistance.

11. City Aldermen's Discussion

Alderwoman Hauman expressed her disappointment for the abuse of freedom of speech at public comments and emails received in the past. She said that if her family was planning on moving to Bloomington and saw the public comments with name-calling on the posted meetings, she would think twice about moving here. She welcomes engaging residents when they give specific examples and give "yes" or "no" answers as she takes that input into consideration. If you want me to listen, please speak to me as you would like to be spoken to. If you have harsh words, why aren't you in our seats? Please be polite and civil.

Mayor Renner agreed with the necessary civility.

Alderwoman Buragas mentioned the Hazardous Waste Event that is an appropriate way to dispose of your hazardous waste.

Alderman Lower wanted to thank Chief Moore but the professional Unit #49 and the union, who do a good job. From doing the Fire Ops., drill, I have a better understanding of what they do and how physically demanding it was. Alderman Black admitted that he was sore too.

12. Executive Session – cite section.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Renner asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motioned by Alderman Black to adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Alderman Schmidt.

Mayor Renner called the roll which resulted in the following:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried, (viva voce).

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Tari Renner, Mayor

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk