

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Henning called the City Council meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag. Clerk Wells called roll. Aldermen present: Nolan, Marzahl, Hinterlong, Berg, Dikun, Bellon, Perkins and Hay. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, City Administrator Nelson, Building Inspector Kruckenberg, Chief Mrozek, Supt. of Utilities Gibson, Attorney McArdle, Gary Rozwadowski of Smith Engineering and members of the press and audience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Peggye Bankson, 206 E. Park St. addressed the City Council with respect to the flooding at the corner of Park and Dunlap that has occurred since the Trakside Storage Units were put in on Finney St. a couple years ago. Mayor Henning noted that it would be looked into.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF 03/02/05 - APPROVED

Moved by Berg, seconded by Dikun to approve the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2005. Aldermen voting aye: Nolan, Marzahl, Hinterlong, Berg, Dikun, Bellon, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION HEARING RE GIBSON PETITION/ORD. 2005-115 APPROVED

Alderman Hay read a letter from Harry Stafford, Chairman Protem of the Planning and Zoning Commission which met on March 21, 2005, in the petition of P.L. Gibson, 1001 N. Second St., Harvard. The petitioner is requesting reclassification from B-3 Commercial District to R-2 Single Family Residential District and a variation from Section 17.20.080(A), Lot Area to reduce the lot area requirement of 8,712 sq. ft. to 8,167.5 sq. ft. to build a home on property located at the southwest corner of Washington and Johnson Sts. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommends to the City Council approval of the petitioner's request to reclassify subject property from B-3 Commercial District to R-2 Single Family Residential District and for a lot area variation to reduce the requirement of 8,712 sq. ft. to 8,167.5 sq. ft.

Moved by Hay, seconded by Dikun to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and Ordinance 2005-115 to reclassify the subject property R-2 Single Family Residential District and to grant a lot area variation from 8,712 sq. ft. to 8,167.5 sq. ft. Roll call vote: Nolan, aye; Marzahl, aye; Hinterlong, aye; Berg, aye; Dikun, aye; Bellon, aye; Perkins, aye and Hay, aye. Ordinance 2005-115 approved eight to zero.

OVER THE COUNTER TOBACCO LICENSE/HARVARD CIGARETTE & CIGAR/24 N. AYER ST. - APPROVED

Moved by Dikun, seconded by Berg to approve an Over the County Tobacco License to Ahmad Sheikhal, 24 N. Ayer St., Suite A, Harvard Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Hinterlong, aye; Berg, aye; Dikun, aye; Bellon, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye and Nolan, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

AMEND SECTIONS 15.05, PARKING, TWO HR. LIMIT AND 15.07-B NO PARKING LOCATIONS - ORD. 2005-116 APPROVED

Moved by Berg, seconded by Dikun to approve Ordinance 2005-116 Amending Section 15.05, Parking, Two Hour Limit and Section 15.07-B, No Parking Locations, with the following revision based on discussion with Steel Heart: that the no parking be from the corner of Eastman and Front St. to a perpendicular line running from the southwest corner of the City Hall building and that the remainder from City Hall down to the right-of-way parking be two-hour parking. Roll call vote: Hinterlong, aye; Berg, aye; Dikun, aye; Bellon, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Nolan, aye and Marzahl, aye. Ordinance 2005-116 approved eight to zero.

FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION HARVARD INDUSTRIAL PARK, PHASE I/ ORD. 2005-117 APPROVED

Moved by Hay, seconded by Perkins to approve Ordinance 2005-117, Approving the Final Plat of Subdivision for Harvard Industrial Park, Phase I. Roll call vote: Berg, aye; Dikun, aye; Bellon, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Nolan, aye; Marzahl, aye and Hinterlong, aye. Ordinance 2005-117 approved eight to zero.

PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH - APPROVED

Moved by Dikun, seconded by Bellon to approve a Proclamation designating April as Fair Housing Month.

Aldermen voting aye: Nolan, Marzahl, Hinterlong, Berg, Dikun, Bellon, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT/2005 MFT ROAD PROGRAM - APPROVED

Moved by Dikun, seconded by Marzahl to approve a Resolution Awarding the Contract for the 2005 MFT Road Program to Payne and Dolan, Inc. at their low bid of \$78,366.90. Roll call vote: Dikun, aye; Bellon, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Nolan, aye; Marzahl, aye; Hinterlong, aye and Berg, aye. Resolution approved eight to zero.

CONTRACT FOR AUDITOR FOR FY ENDING APRIL 30, 2005 - APPROVED

Moved by Berg, seconded by Dikun to approve the contract with Bark Associates, Ltd. to provide the City's audit for FY ending April 30, 2005, at a cost of \$11,800.00. Roll call vote: Bellon, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Nolan, aye; Marzahl, aye; Hinterlong, aye; Berg, aye and Dikun, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

HEALTH INSURANCE BIDS

Administrator Nelson reviewed his memo pertaining to the spread sheet highlighting those companies that came close to meeting the bid specifications for health, dental, prescription drug and life insurance coverage. Administrator Nelson noted that the City is bound to the bid specs by the labor organizations and that the labor organizations participated with the bid process to make sure that no changes are made in the coverage of insurance. There was only one company that came close to the bid specs and they had a higher premium. Administrator Nelson recommended that the City maintain our current coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois and noted that no motion was necessary to maintain existing coverage.

WAIVE DEMOLITION AND BUILDING PERMIT FEES MARY D. AYER PARK SHELTER - APPROVED

Moved by Berg, seconded by Perkins to waive the demolition and building permit fees associated with the removal of the existing shelter and construction of a new shelter at Mary D. Ayer Park. Aldermen voting aye: Nolan, Marzahl, Hinterlong, Berg, Dikun, Bellon, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Harvard Jaycees request to use Milky Way Park for Easter Egg Hunt on March 26, 2005
- New Life Pentecostal Church Peanut Day Fundraiser on April 30, 2005
- Sullivan's Foods request for temporary, metered hookup to city water for Lawn and Garden Center from April through June
- Milk Day Raffle Request, April 1st - June 5th, 2005

Moved by Bellon, seconded by Dikun to approve the Consent Agenda. Aldermen voting aye: Nolan, Marzahl, Hinterlong, Berg, Dikun, Bellon, Perkins and Hay. Motion approved seven to zero.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALDERMAN HAY

Alderman Hay referred to Administrator Nelson's report as it pertains to refinancing the bonds for Special Service Area's #3 and #5, and noted that on a preliminary basis, the refinancing can save the residents of Shadow Creek Subdivision between 8-10%. Moved by Hay, seconded by Nolan directing Administrator Nelson to finalize bond documents, ordinances, etc. for presentation at the next City Council meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Nolan, Marzahl, Hinterlong, Berg, Dikun, Bellon, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

ALD. PERKINS/PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 04/06/05

Alderman Perkins called a Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting for Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at 7 p.m. to discuss the purchase of equipment.

Alderman Perkins noted that the Highway Cleanup will be done on April 9, 2005, with participants meeting at the Public Works Garage at 7:30 a.m.

ALD. BERG /STREETS & ALLEYS COMMITTEE MEETING - 04/06/05

Alderman Berg called a Streets and Alleys Committee Meeting for Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the traffic study, parking on the 5th Street tree bank and a stop sign at the Brown and 6th St. intersection.

ALD. HINTERLONG - BILLS APPROVED

Moved by Hinterlong, seconded by Berg to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$344,740.68. Roll call vote: Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Nolan, aye; Marzahl, aye; Hinterlong, aye; Berg, aye; Dikun, aye and Bellon, aye. Motion approved eight to zero.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Henning updated the City Council on the special census. The city received a final map for approval which outlines the designated area for the special census with a three day deadline to return. The map has been signed and returned to the Census Bureau.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Nelson commented on the proposed budget which has been submitted to the Chairman of the Finance Committee and Mayor Henning for their review and input.

CLERK'S REPORT - UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- March 25 City Hall Closed/Good Friday
- April 5 Consolidated Election
- April 6 Streets & Alleys Committee Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- April 9 Highway Clean-up @ 7:30 a.m.
- April 11 Tentative Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing @ 7 p.m.
Winchester Homes Final Plat of Subdivision
- April 13 Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

TREASUER MESECK

Treasurer Meseck noted that the monthly treasurer's report for March was in aldermen's folders.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Dept. Heads and Smith Engineering: Reports as submitted.

NO REPORTS

Attorney McArdle and Aldermen Nolan, Marzahl, Dikun and Bellon had no reports

At 7:21 p.m., moved by Berg, seconded by Bellon to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Nolan, Marzahl, Hinterlong, Berg, Dikun, Bellon, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Andy Wells,
City Clerk

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