

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Nolan called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge to the flag. City Clerk Wells called roll. Aldermen present: Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. Alderman Leyden was absent. Also present were Treasurer Meseck, Administrator Nelson, City Attorney Carlos Arévalo and members of the audience.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Randy Donley, McHenry County Board, District 6 Representative addressed the City Council and acknowledged difficulties between municipalities and the County Board and further noted that he would like to make it a point of being at every City Council meeting, and if the City Council desires, would give a regular report as to what is going on in the County. Randy reported that the County Board has removed Planning Director Suzanne Ehardt and will appoint a new director on September 30th, 2008. Additionally, Dan Shea, Chairman of Transportation will be retiring. Randy indicated he was becoming more involved in the Transportation Committee and offered his services to act as a liaison between the City and the County Transportation Department. Mayor Nolan noted that the difficulties don't generally arise with the County Board members, but mainly with the Transportation Dept. There was further discussion on the 2030 Plan and it's impact to the County.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 08/12/08 - APPROVED

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Adams to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 12, 2008, as presented. Aldermen voting aye: Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS - APPROVED

Chairman Hay reviewed the Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2008.

Home Occupation Permits – Ordinance 2008-129 Approved

The Committee reviewed Home Occupation Permits and recommends to the City Council approval of staff recommendation to amend Section 21.13, City Council Action, changing the notification requirements to match the zoning code requirements to notify adjoining owners.

Moved by Hay, seconded by Logan to approve the Ordinance Committee recommendations and Ordinance 2008-129, Amending Section 21.13 as discussed. Roll call vote: Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye and Hay, aye. Ordinance 2008-129 approved seven to zero.

Resale Shops

The Committee reviewed Administrator Nelson's handout pertaining to regulations for Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Merchandise Sales and Laundromats with various changes and additions. The Committee recommends to the City Council that an ordinance be adopted for regulations for Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Merchandise Sales and Laundromats per Committee discussion.

Moved by Hay, seconded by Marzahl to draft an ordinance pursuant to Committee discussion for regulations for Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Merchandise Sales and Laundromats. Aldermen voting aye: Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

Newsstands

The Committee reviewed Administrator Nelson's handout and Attorney Arévalo's memo pertaining to regulations for newsstands with various changes and additions. The Ordinance Committee recommends to the City Council that a date be set for a public hearing on said matter.

Moved by Hay, seconded by Marzahl that a public hearing be conducted on Tuesday, September 16th, 2008, at 7 p.m. for public input on newsstand regulations. Aldermen voting aye: Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

Garage Sale Signs

The Committee discussed garage sale signs with the general consensus for the Committee to think about Alderman Perkins' recommendations for future discussion.

DOWNTOWN AYER STREETSCAPE PROJECT UPDATE

Mayor Nolan reviewed the spreadsheet in the aldermen's folders and noted that two half blocks have been added to the original project. It is still anticipated that the completion deadline of October 31st, 2008 will be met. Administrator Nelson indicated that the project is expected to come in under budget.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Resolution Authorizing Membership in the MCCOG Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement

Moved by Logan, seconded by Adams to approve the Consent Agenda. Aldermen voting aye: Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALD. LOGAN - BILLS APPROVED

Moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$546,441.97. Roll call vote: Ulmer, aye; Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye and Marzahl, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

Alderman Logan thanked those who participated in the Chamber's Annual Golf Outing on August 20th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nolan commented that the City lost a good employee with Supt. of Utilities Keith Gibson who passed away on Sunday. The memorial service is Friday, Aug. 29th at the Sportsman's Club.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Nelson further noted that the visitation begins at noon. A contingency from City Hall will be attending in the event any aldermen wish to join the group.

Administrator Nelson reported on the salt shortage for the upcoming winter season. A contingency of state representatives are trying to have a conference call with CMS to find out what happened with the bid process and to see how they can supply the affected areas (McHenry Co., Lake Co. and Boone Co.). Supt. Kruckenberg and Alderman Logan have made various phone calls with no response. Most of the suppliers are from the same corporate suppliers. At this time, the City has not secured a stockpile of salt for the winter; the City has a small reserve of about 200 ton which might last for a couple of snowstorms. Last year's cost was \$40/ton and this year's costs are estimated to run between \$140-\$160/ton if you can find it. The City Council will need to discuss snow removal expectations and adjust the policy as needed.

CLERK'S REPORT UPCOMING MEETING DATES

September 2	Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.
September 9	Regular City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
September 16	Events Committee Meeting, 5 p.m.
	Ordinance Committee Public Hearing, 7 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Meseck noted that the monthly treasurer's report is in the aldermen's folders.

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

Smith Engineering & Dept. Heads: Reports as submitted.

NO REPORTS

City Attorney Arévalo and Aldermen Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Perkins and Hay had no specific

report at this time.

At 7:26 p.m., moved by Logan, seconded by Perkins to go into closed session to discuss Section 2(c)(1) Personnel. Roll call vote: Szczap, aye; Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Marzahl, aye and Ulmer, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

At 7:46 p.m., moved by Logan, seconded by Szczap to reconvene the open session. Roll call vote: Adams, aye; Logan, aye; Perkins, aye; Hay, aye; Marzahl, aye; Ulmer, aye and Szczap, aye. Motion approved seven to zero.

Moved by Perkins, seconded by Logan to adjourn the meeting. Aldermen voting aye: Leyden, Marzahl, Ulmer, Szczap, Adams, Logan, Perkins and Hay. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Andy Wells,
City Clerk

Date