



Tuesday, January 21, 2020

City of Troy

City Council Meeting

The Meeting is held in the Council Chambers, City Municipal Building, 116 East Market Street, Troy, Illinois 62294

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers in the City Municipal Building, 116 East Market Street, Troy, Illinois, 62294 and was called to order by Mayor Allen Adomite at 7:30 p.m. All present were lead in the pledge of allegiance by Alderman Elizabeth Hellrung.

B. Roll Call in Alphabetical Order

Present: Dan Dawson, Elizabeth Hellrung, Nathan Henderson, Sam Italiano, Debbie Knoll, Bonnie Levo, Tony Manley, and Troy Turner. **Other Officials Present:** Mayor Allen Adomite, City Administrator Doug Partney, City Treasurer David Roady, Building & Zoning Admin. Coordinator Linda Taake, Public Works Director Rob Hancock, City Attorney Fred Keck (entered at 7:51 pm), City Engineer Tom Cissell, Sergeant James Newcombe, and City Clerk Andrea Lambert.

C. Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. *January 06, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes*

Motion: To Approve January 06, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes as Presented.

Moved by Italiano; **Seconded by** Manley. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 8, Nay = 0).

Aye: Dawson, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Levo, Manley, and Turner.

D. Communications, to be provided by the City Clerk - None

E. Citizen Participation - Limited to three (3) minutes per person.

- *Regina Hendrickson* spoke of Tourism Fund concerns. She questioned the appropriateness of the Chamber of Commerce charging hotels for space on a billboard when those same hotels feed the Tourism Fund. She also spoke of a lawsuit involving a property sold by Troy Development LLC with undisclosed restrictions. She said the attorney fees for the buyer were \$40,000 to get a piece of land he cannot build on, and a building water in the elevator shaft. She says the tenants all vacated within a few months of his purchase. She recommends the Council looking further into Mr. Moran's suggestions to build around that particular lot and not include them in the business district.

- *Steve Rensberry* thanked everyone for all the good feedback over 10 years. He announced that this is his last meeting. His last day with the Times Tribune newspaper will be January 31st. He explained that he will be focusing on his growing piano business. The Mayor commented on his professionalism over the years, thanked him for all he has done, and said he would be missed.

The Mayor went on to address the billboard concern. He explained the billboard request -'One Billboard Spot' to be a portion of time featuring Troy's 5 hotels (paid for using tourism funds) on the electronic billboard that runs constantly. Hotels or any other business wishing for additional time are charged. He loosely explained it as a billboard cooperative run by the Chamber of Commerce providing potential affordable advertising for businesses.

F. Mayor's Comments

1. *Results of Complete Count Committee – January 13, 2020*

The Mayor announced that the Complete Count Committee met at the Jarvis Township Office to discuss ways to educate the Community of the importance of the 2020 Census and counting every citizen. He pointed out the cost to the Federal Government of \$2/person if you respond to the 1st notice of the Census mailed to your household. In comparison, if someone from the Census knocks at your door 3 times in an attempt to get you to respond to the Census, it costs the Government \$72/person. He urged everyone to respond promptly. Discussions at the meeting included the topics such as utilizing Social Media Accounts to the Troy Library making computers available.

G. City Administrator and City Attorney Comments

1. *City Administrator's Comments*

City Administrator Doug Partney is working on the budget and visiting general fund expenditures, revenues, and capital expenditures for all departments. He said he has been having some discussions regarding the Community Service Officer position and expects to bring them to the Administrative and Community Services Committee soon. He also mentioned the emergency excavation work on the sewer main on Wickliffe explaining the amendment to the agenda. There are provisions for emergencies, but in this case there was an opportunity to bring it to the Council.

2. *City Attorney's Comments - None*

H. Consent Agenda

1. *Treasurer's Report for December 2019*
2. *Building & Zoning Report for December 2019*
3. *Business Registrations for December 2019*
4. *Police Report for December 2019*
5. *Water and Sewer Report for December 2019*
6. *Approval of the Consent Agenda as Presented*

Motion: To Approve the Consent Agenda as Presented.

Moved by Henderson; **Seconded by** Dawson. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 8, Nay = 0).

Aye: Dawson, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Levo, Manley, and Turner.

[City Attorney Fred Keck entered the meeting at 7:51 pm.]

I. Administrative and Community Services Committee Report

1. *Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing - February 06, 2020*

Alderman Turner announced the Public Hearing scheduled for February 6th concerning 2111 Troy Blvd stacking space requirements for a drive-thru. City Attorney Fred Keck apologized for being late explaining that he was meeting with Dan Jackson, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman, discussing procedures for the upcoming hearing.

2. *Planning Commission Meeting – February 13, 2019*

3. *Building and Zoning Administrative Coordinator's Report*

Building & Zoning's Linda Taake reported that the Commission had a Public Hearing on January 9th to discuss the amendment of the Sign Ordinance. Commissioners chose the suggestion included with the ordinance and supporting documents to be presented later at this meeting.

J. Finance and Economic Development Committee Report

1. *Bills to be Approved and Paid for the Month of December 2019/ January 2020.*

Alderman Henderson referred to the Aged Obligation report with expenses totaling: \$691,716.28. (Computer-run checks: \$322,844.55; Manual Checks: \$41,275.07; Payroll \$327,596.66.)

Motion: To Approve the Aged Obligation Report and Pay the Bills for the Months of December 2019/January 2020 as Presented. **Moved by** Henderson; **Seconded by** Manley. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 8, Nay = 0).

Aye: Dawson, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Levo, Manley, and Turner.

2. *Results of Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting - January 21, 2020*

Alderman Nathan Henderson spoke of the discussions of the meeting:

- Taking out a loan to cover Spring Valley Rd / Route 40 Project,
- Discussing the business district near the grocery store (with the primary goal of reopening a grocery store),
- And the tourism requests, deadlines, future meetings listed below.

The Mayor added that any potential litigation between neighboring land owners is not the City's business and is not pertinent to discussion of business district as a whole. (This was in reference to a litigation mentioned in the citizen participation portion of the meeting.)

3. *Approval of Supplemental Tourism Requests (2/3 Majority Required)*

Alderman Henderson said the following come with the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Development Committee, totaling \$45,150.

- \$19,400 to the Troy-Maryville-St. Jacob-Marine Chamber of Commerce
- \$10,000 to the Jim Welch Softball Classic - Senior League
- \$10,000 to Triad School District for the High School Turf Field Project - one time disbursement this year with – figures of tourism brought back to reassess next year . The Mayor clarified the Committee's intent to give a whole calendar year to collect data on how they performed. We would not expect another request until February 2021.
- \$750 to the SilverCreek Rotary Billboard (They returned the entire disbursement last year.)

It was requested to vote on the Triad School District Request separately.

Withdrawn Motion: To Approve the Supplemental Tourism Fund Request in the amount of \$40,150 as set forth.

Motion: To Approve the Supplemental Tourism Fund Request in the amount of \$30,150 Representing the Requests of the Troy-Maryville-St. Jacob-Marine Chamber of Commerce, SilverCreek Rotary, and Jim Welch Softball Classic.

Moved by Henderson; **Seconded by** Levo. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 8, Nay = 0).

Aye: Dawson, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Levo, Manley, and Turner.

Motion: To Approve the Supplemental Tourism Fund Request of the Triad School District for a Contribution into the Turf Project at the Highschool in in the amount of \$10,000 with Future Disbursements to be Revisited Upon a Showing of Success of Bringing Outsiders into the School.

Moved by Henderson; **Seconded by** Levo. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 1).

Aye: Dawson, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Levo, and Turner. **Nay:** Manley.

4. *FY 2019-2020 Tourism Grant Application Deadline - February 28, 2020*

Alderman Henderson said that Tourism letters will go out soon for the February 1st-28 application period.

5. *Finance and Economic Development Committee Meetings - March 02 & 16, 2020*

Alderman Henderson added that the meetings will be March 2nd and 16th at 6:00 pm.

The Mayor interjected that City-sponsored events or requests such as fireworks or Christmas lights should not have to compete with other Tourism requests as in the past. The topic will go to Committee in February.

6. *Business District IV Development Hearing and Adoption Schedule*

The Mayor Announced that there will be an Ordinance for this Loan presented at the next meeting.

7. *City Treasurer's Report - None*

K. Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee Report

1. *Chief of Police's Report*

Sergeant James Newcombe updated the Council that Chief Parsons and Assistant Police Chief Shownes are assisting the Brown Family in Nebraska. He added that the Department has completed the hire from the lateral list and the candidate will enter the FTO (Field Training Officer) program soon. He spoke of the approximately 50 officers that responded to Camden Deatherage's birthday request for them to attend his basketball game. He said it was a great showing from the community. Lastly, he reported that expungements of minor arrests and juvenile records have begun in regards to the legalization of cannabis.

L. Public Works Committee Report

1. *Approval of Emergency Repair of Sewer at Wickliffe Street (AMENDED ITEM)*

Public Works Director Rob Hancock got a reported an obstructed or collapsed sewer line was near the new construction area of Wickliffe. After attempts to clear that line, it was bypassed. Further work will be needed. We have no estimate of cost of repair yet. The Mayor added that there are provisions in place for such emergencies, but in this instance there was an opportunity to bring the information to the council. The Council will soon have more information and decide to fund this repair out of the sewer or the TIF fund.

2. *City Engineer's Report*

City Engineer Tom Cissell reported on many meetings regarding Splashpad and trail design. He reported that the drafts for roadway grants at Bouse and Formosa have been submitted. He also said he gave the county the comments from the Planning Commission meeting regarding ShadowWood Phase 2.

3. *Public Works Schedule and Report -*

Alderman Dawson reminded everyone that these reports show what the Public Works Crews tasks and schedules.

4. *Public Works Director's Report - Nothing else*

M. Reports of Special Committees (as needed)

N. Ordinances and Resolutions called by the City Clerk, with Citizen Participation

1. *Ordinance 2020-01 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 155 Sign Regulations (also known as the Sign Ordinance) of the Troy Municipal Code*

Mayor Adomite confirmed that this Ordinance comes with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion: To Adopt Ordinance 2020-01 as Presented.

Moved by Italiano; **Seconded by** Turner. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 8, Nay = 0).

Aye: Dawson, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Levo, Manley, and Turner.

2. Resolution 2020-01 – A Resolution of the City of Troy, Illinois, Supporting the Application to the Metro-East-Park-and District for the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Planning Grant Program .

Mayor Adomite referred to this well-defined Resolution as an extra step that will allow us to tap into future grant money for development of the trail system. The MEPRD Community Grant Program is a way to get \$40,000 more toward the already budgeted \$135,000 project for trail development. City Engineer Tom Cissell added that by platting our trails on an adopted City Plan we could be eligible for future grants. The grant is available on a yearly first come first serve basis.

Motion: To Approve Resolution 2020-01 as Presented.

Moved by: Turner; **Seconded by** Manley. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 8, Nay = 0).

Aye: Dawson, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Levo, Manley, and Turner.

O. Closed Session (as needed)

P. Adjournment, no later than 10:00 p.m.

Motion: To Adjourn the Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Moved by Hellrung; **Seconded by** Levo. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 8, Nay = 0).

Aye: Dawson, Hellrung, Henderson, Italiano, Knoll, Levo, Manley, and Turner.

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Andrea D. Lambert
City Clerk