



Monday, April 6, 2020

City of Troy

City Council Meeting

Due to Special Circumstances regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this regularly scheduled City Council Meeting took place at 7:30 pm online/via phone. Executive Order 2020-07 suspended the Open Meetings Act requirement for a physical quorum. (Participation information was included on the agenda posted both online and on City Hall doors.)

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was held online via Zoom. us and was called to order by Mayor Allen Adomite at 7:30 p.m. All present were lead in the pledge of allegiance by City Clerk Andrea Lambert.

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, City Attorney Fred Keck, City Engineer Tom Cissell, Chief of Police Brad Parsons, Public Works Director Rob Hancock, and City Clerk Andrea Lambert.

C. Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. *March 16, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes*

Motion: To Approve March 16, 2020 City Council Minutes as Presented.

Moved by Italiano; **Seconded by** Levo. **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

Clerk Lambert reminded everyone of the May 1st deadline to file a Statement of Economic Interest with the county.

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

- *Jamey Hartley*, 6 year resident of Troy, spoke of speed and safety concerns near the subdivisions off of Troy-O'fallon Road. He referred to speeding cars losing control, leaving the roadway, and entering yards near children's play areas. He also spoke of a man losing his life near Country Lane. He asked the proper route to request a reduced speed limit in the city limits. His opinion is that a city road running through such residential areas should not be more than 30 mph. The Mayor responded that the concern could be addressed at a Madison County Board Meeting. He explained that the County Highway Department is in charge of policing that area. The Mayor and City Engineer Cissell referred to the upcoming projects in the area: A turn lane to Country Road, and a sidewalk to be added from Rt. 40 to Turtle Creek.
- *Regina Hendrickson* added that 3 cars have been in her yard and 4 cars across the street. She was interested taking this safety concern to Madison County along with Jamey Hartley. She invited the City to join their future efforts.

F. Mayor's Comments

1. *Governor's Executive Orders 2020-03 to 2020-19*

The Mayor referred to the growing list of government executive orders and explained that the City receives new guidance and updates daily regarding COVID-19. Members of the public are encouraged to access these orders through links and documents posted on Board Docs (Troyil.us/AgendaCenter - navy column to left Board Docs).

2. *Governor's Executive Order 2020-07 - Suspension of Open Meetings Act & Related Guidance from the IL Municipal League*

The Mayor referred specifically to Executive Order 2020-07 as the order suspending the physical attendance requirement of the OMA. Due to this, Troy has continued to meet online/via phone as scheduled.

3. *Update on COVID-Related Activities Within the City of Troy*

City Administrator Partney summarized recent changes concerning staffing and City Hall. He referred to a document posted on Board Docs of these changes to implement CDC and Presidential guidelines of social distancing. Public access into City Hall is closed to the public for safety reasons. Water payments are being picked up through the drop box, and Police are meeting with public outside. Administration has been working alternating shifts and disinfecting the office daily. Public Works Director Hancock reports that disinfection supplies are low. The department is using a bleach solution made daily and have ordered supplies to make their own hand sanitizer soon. Public Works Employees are also alternating shifts, riding one person/vehicle, and completing tasks daily. Building and Zoning's Taake reports the office being closed to public while she works on the schedule and keeps files updated. She said the inspectors are doing a great job working out of their trucks and homes and teleconferencing twice a day. Police Chief Parsons reported on changes to limit potential contamination and meetings with the Sheriff's Dept., State Police, and Governor's Office as direction defined. Asst. Chief Shownes is tracking additional expenditures brought by COVID-19. Chief reported that there has been a large increase in domestic calls. Officers are working extended hours. They wear face masks if nearer than 6' - more supplies and possible UV light sterilizing tools should arrive soon. He said that the Dept. of Corrections is no longer taking transfers which affects Troy's policing options. The Mayor added that all of the City's employees are essential. He extended thanks to everyone for their safety and public efforts.

4. April 20, 2020 City Council Meeting Held at 7:30pm Via Zoom

Mayor Adomite announced the regular meeting to also take place via Zoom.

5. Census Update - Online Option Available

The Mayor reported Troy's Census response of 63.7% and the state's 49.8% response as of April 6th. He attributed the number to the use of social media, and urged everyone to continue spreading the importance of the 2020 Census.

G. City Administrator and City Attorney Comments

1. City Administrator's Comments

CA Partney predicts a fiscal crisis following this health crisis, but the extent will not be known until early June. Proactive moves are being taken to offset some of the dips in revenue. He reported on a project agreement to be sent to MEPRD for a bike trail grant not to exceed \$24,000.

2. City Attorney's Comments

City Attorney Keck reports that contract negotiations continue despite difficult meeting conditions. He hopes to have an update soon.

H. Consent Agenda

I. Administrative and Community Services Committee Report

1. Planning Commission Meeting – CANCELLED - Thursday, April 09, 2020

Alderman Turner announced the cancellation of the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

2. Building and Zoning Administrative Coordinator's Report

The Mayor reported that Building & Zoning's Taake decided with Chairman of the Planning Commission that considering current conditions, there was no pressing issue that would require a meeting this month. The March 30th workshop will hopefully take place in May.

J. Finance and Economic Development Committee Report

1. Results of Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting – March 23 & April 06, 2020

Alderman Henderson reported that the Finance Committee is attempting to budget with no idea of how much revenue will be available. The Committee continues with requests of Tourism and TIF funds.

2. Approval of \$70,000 in Tourism Funds for the Field of Honor

Motion: To Approve \$70,000 in reimbursable Tourism Funds for the Field of Honor, as Presented.

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

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

3. Approval of Storefront Applications from Three Private Entities for Funding in the FY 2020-2021 TIF Budget in the Amount of \$14,322.81

Alderman Henderson referred to the Storefront Applications requests in the amounts of \$4322.81 -The Sanctuary on Main; \$5000.00 - Elite Detail; and \$5000.00 - Switzerland.

Motion: To Approve Storefront Applications from Three Private Entities for Funding in the FY 2020-2021 TIF Budget in the Amount of \$14,322.81, as Presented.

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

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

4. *Approval of Funding for TIF Projects in the FY 2020-2021 Budget for Two TIF Applications for \$71,632.00 and Direction to City Attorney to Prepare Economic Incentive Agreements for Such Applications*

Alderman Henderson presented two TIF fund requests: \$50,000 - The Sanctuary on Main, and \$21,632.00 - Elite Detail. The Mayor will speak with Attorney Keck in terms of the Economic Incentive Agreements to be brought to the Council in ordinance form. This approval is pending budget funding.

Motion: To Approve \$71,632.00 in Reimbursable Funds for Two TIF Projects in the FY 20-21 Budget and Direct the City Attorney to Prepare Economic Incentive Agreements for Such Applications, as Presented.

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

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

5. *Finance and Economic Development Committee Meetings - April 13, 2020 (Via Zoom)*

The Committee plans to meet at 6:00 pm on April 13th, via Zoom to continue budget discussion. A final draft is expected to be presented April 20th with intentions of approval in May.

6. *City Treasurer Report*

Treasurer Roady spoke to publicly commend CA Partney's budgeting efforts through such unusual circumstances.

K. Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee Report

1. *Chief of Police's Report*

Alderman Italiano commented on the great work of the Police Department. The Mayor added how exposure could impact the City. He prays for the health and safety of everyone in the Police Department. Chief Parsons reiterated that the department is working with IEMA, ESDA, and FEMA. While the department is enforcing executive orders, he's thankful that the citizens of Troy have not brought much confrontation. He emphasized the importance of staying home for reasons of our health system's capacity.

L. Public Works Committee Report

1. *City Engineer's Report*

City Engineer Tom Cissell referred to his report - explaining the red lines are new since last report. He said his intention is to keep development in Troy going strong. He has been reviewing drainage for CA Henning's solar field, reviewing a commercial development, working with Shadow Woods Subdivision developers along with the County (adding that the County is handling that Public Hearing). They are moving toward finalization on the Fair Oaks drainage project. There is a cracked panel to be replaced at Market and Charcoal (ADA ramp project). The Troy O'fallon MCT Sidewalk project will start after a two month extension/lift of social distancing orders.

2. *Public Works Schedule and Report*

3. *Public Works Director's Report*

Public Works Director Hancock reported on the completed curb work for West Clay driveways. Pavement work will be next. He said there have been some incidental increases totaling \$8,000, but those are offset by \$10,000 savings of not doing a line stop on the water main. A government-funded STP grant is covering 75% of West Clay expenses. Alderman Dawson extended thanks to the crew. Hancock replied that they are all thankful for the City maintaining payroll with the reduction in staff. Hancock asked that everyone spread the word to avoid flushing flushable wipes - they do not dissolve.

M. Reports of Special Committees (as needed)

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

1. *Ordinance 2020-09 - An Ordinance of the City of Troy, Illinois Establishing Temporary Executive Powers Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-1-6.*

City Attorney Keck reported that we did not need to utilize this ordinance since 3 weeks ago. He reemphasized that the statute clearly expires when we meet again. There will be a vote each time to implement this. He said it is a good ordinance to have in place if needed. The Mayor is glad we have not had to use the powers within this ordinance. A note was made to amend each instance where 'JP Pritzker' should be correctly named 'JB Pritzker'.

Motion: To Adopt Ordinance 2020-09 as Amended.

Moved by: Turner; **Seconded by:** Henderson. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 6, Nay = 2).

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

2. Ordinance 2020-10 – An Ordinance of the City of Troy, Illinois Amending its Code of Ordinances to Provide that Violations of the Executive Orders Issued by the Governor Related to Covid-19 be Declared a Public Nuisance

The Mayor explained the purpose of this ordinance as a tool to enforce by civil code any violations against the executive orders put in place by the government and IEMA for safety and public health. Attorney Keck added that officers do their best to enforce executive orders as the government changes guidance daily. We hope not to have to use this potential \$750/day fine. Its intention is to urge compliance without taking anyone to jail. It also equips the police department with a tool to deal with difficult situations. The authority referenced in the ordinance will expire when no further executive orders exist.

Motion: To Adopt Ordinance 2020-10 as Presented.

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

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

3. Resolution 2020-08 – A Resolution of the City of Troy, Illinois Authorizing the Mayor of Troy to Execute an Agreement with Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc. to Provide Fourth of July Fireworks

City Administrator Doug Partney informed the Council that the City of St.Louis is not holding Fair St.Louis this year. He asked the Council's advice on executing a fireworks contract with Melrose Pyrotechnics, or cancelling no later than the last day of April. If Troy were to cancel after April 30th, we would incur a \$30,000 charge. Partney explained that \$60,000 was for fireworks, and \$2000 went towards barricades, among other things. Alderman Henderson asked to review the contract and an estimate of non-firework costs associated with the holiday, such as Police overtime. Concerns were of potentially creating a health/safety problem within the community. Other ideas included delaying festivities to a later date or negotiating for a better price. The resolution was tabled and will be revisited April 20th.

Motion: To Table Resolution 2020-08 until next Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting.

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

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

Mayor Adomite addressed Troy's 163 year history of City Council Meetings having a physical quorum. Tonight we had 27 participants at one time for the first completely virtual meeting due to COVID-19 and executive stay-at-home orders.

Chief Parsons wanted to acknowledge Alderman Bonnie Levo's granddaughter for being courageous while fighting against COVID-19 in New York. Alderman Levo said she is a critical care nurse and felt she needed to go. We're proud of her. Mayor Adomite sends her best wishes for health and safety from the City of Troy.

Mayor Adomite also recognized and commended the Triad School District for their ability to transition to state-approved e-learning. They have shown they are capable and ready for the task.

O. Closed Session (as needed)

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

Motion: To Adjourn the Meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Moved by: Levo; **Seconded by:** Turner. **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