

City of Troy
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2018

1. Regular City Council Meeting-7:30 p.m.

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.; and the Council was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Alderman Matt Thompson.

B. Roll Call in Alphabetical Order: Present: Aldermen Nathan Henderson, Dan Jackson, Bonnie Levo, Doug Partney, Matt Thompson, Troy Turner and Jeff Zarzecki. Other Officials Present: Mayor Allen Adomite, City Administrator Jeff Soland, City Treasurer Dave Roady, Director of Public Works Rob Hancock, Building and Zoning Administrator Keith Frey, Chief of Police Brad Parsons, City Attorney Fred Keck, and Recording Secretary Heather Klueter. Absent: Alderman Sam Italiano & City Clerk Jamie Myers.

C. Reading and Approval of Minutes: No meeting minutes were presented by the Clerk.

D. Communications, to be provided by the City Clerk: City Clerk Myers was absent.

E. Citizen Participation, limited to three (3) minutes per Person: None

1. David Brooks & Jack Carmody-

Mr. Brooks is a member of the Charleston Subdivision and expressed concern about the poor condition of the micro-paving project in the subdivision. He presented photos and information about quality control for micro-paving. Additionally, he mentioned that a letter from the Subdivision Homeowners Association was presented previously to City Administrator Soland. Mayor Adomite recognized City Administrator Soland, who provided an update on the project. City Administrator Soland indicated that City Officials were meeting with the owner of the company to discuss options. Mr. Brooks expressed concerned about the loose gravel and ruts in the finished project. Mr. Brooks then asked about the proposed light at the Spring Valley Road and Route 40. Mayor Adomite updated the residents on the successful completion of the engineering, and the final need to complete right-of-way acquisition, prior to the bidding at IDOT.

2. Mrs. Debbie Dix-

Mrs. Dix is a resident of Fair Oaks Subdivision and was concerned about the status of the drainage improvement project. She encouraged the Council members to view the current condition of the creek behind their houses. She indicated that there is frustration from the current homeowners at the need for completion of the project. Mayor Adomite recognized City Engineer Cissell for the update on the Taylor Lakes and Fair Oaks Drainage Improvements projects. Mr. Cissell indicated that there were new easements being signed for the Taylor Lakes Project and there was some additional items being completed, such as verifying utilities and the addition of some landscaping,

on the first phase of the Fair Oaks project. He hoped that they would be ready for bid in two weeks and might be ready for bid approvals in late-September and early-October. Mrs. Dix asked about the status of phase two of the Fair Oaks project and Mayor Adomite stated that it was his intention to bring phase two as part of the next year's budget.

3. Ms. Leslie Bednar-

Ms. Bednar introduced herself as a member of the Fair Oaks Subdivision and a member of the Fair Oaks Subdivision Homeowners Association. Ms. Bednar inquired about the backup staff person for FOIA requests and expressed frustration about leaving a voicemail for the City Clerk and it being unreturned. Mayor Adomite explained that Clerk Myers was on medical leave and he could connect Ms. Bednar with the Deputy FOIA Officer Michelle Schneider. Ms. Bednar asked if the policy was stated on the website. Mayor Adomite indicated he would consult the website. Ms. Bednar asked about the changes to the phasing of the Fair Oaks Drainage project and expressed her disappointment to Alderman Jackson for not informing the subdivision of those changes. Alderman Jackson responded that he had, in fact, informed Homeowners Association President Ed Foppe of the changes. Ms. Bednar and Alderman Jackson queried each other about which Council meeting the changes were discussed, and Alderman Jackson confirmed that he was not present at the July 16, 2018, City Council meeting. Alderman Jackson clarified to Ms. Bednar that he had spoken with Mr. Foppe about the issue prior to the previous Fair Oaks Subdivision Homeowners Association meeting. Ms. Bednar offered that it was not clarified at the Homeowners Association meeting. Ms. Bednar asked about the plans for the two phases, and stated that she felt that Mr. Soland had not made a commitment to the second phase. Ms. Bednar asked what the City's solution for safety would be while the residents waited for the second phase. Mayor Adomite stated that the City had been working to solve an issue for the residents that has previously been on private property. Ms. Bednar said the City made commitments on March 1, 2017, that the Mayor, Aldermen Jackson, Hendrickson, Italiano & Greenwood were in attendance, as well as the City Engineer and Mr. Soland. Ms. Bednar asked when the City was going to keep its word. Ms. Bednar offered to share with the tape with everyone. Ms. Bednar asked Mr. Soland what the City was going to do about mosquito abatement. Mayor Adomite directed Ms. Bednar to the City's statement on the matter.

4. Ms. Regina Hendrickson-

Ms. Hendrickson asked about the past issue of December 16, 2013, in regards to the EPA and TWM and the infiltration problem in the City and a compliance agreement. She stated that Mayor Jackson asked if plans for an expanded plant would address that issue, according to the minutes, and Aldermen Hendrickson asked about the timing of the violations and a diagram of the sewer system, and she said there was a discussion of commercial versus residential. She stated the record indicated that Alderman Jackson asked if the City could add requirements to the rental inspection program and that Alderman Hendrickson asked about rate reductions for residences outside the City. Ms. Hendrickson stated that the reports had been completed and wanted to know, after 4.5

years, what was the status. She stated that sewer was a priority, not Domes or leaf blowers. She hoped that it wouldn't require closed session. Ms. Hendrickson also addressed a February 16, 2010 issue of a drainage policy for the City of Troy. She stated things on the Council changed and that the Council opinion changed on addressing the drainage issues. Ms. Hendrickson stated that her input as a Council member was to get all of these sewer issues together, put them on a map, figure out where they are and put in place a funding system on the water & sewer bill to help pay for it. She stated that never transpired, which is understandable, yet we have spent moneys after moneys after moneys after moneys on drainage, and it started first with Mr. Partney's neighborhood when the issue in Fair Oaks was present when she came on the Council in 2008. Ms. Hendrickson stated that she is a little confused about how the Council made the decisions on what projects got funded, at what level they got funded, and why they got funded. She concluded by stating that sewer is the most important thing.

F. Mayor's Comments:

1. Retirement Lunch for Tim Burgess - Noon, Tuesday, August 21, 2018-

Mayor Adomite stated that a retirement party was scheduled for Tim Burgess.

2. Annual Joint Review Board Meeting - 1pm, Thursday, August 23, 2018-

Mayor Adomite stated that the annual Joint Review Board meeting was scheduled.

G. City Administrator & Attorney Comments:

1. City Administrator's Comments-

City Administrator Soland had nothing to report.

2. City Attorney Comments-

City Attorney Keck stated that he was working to update the Charter Franchise Agreement and that a five-year deal would come on the agenda at a future meeting.

H. Consent Agenda, including Administrative Reports and other items to be voted collectively with one roll call vote:

1. Treasurer's Report for July 2018
2. Building Administrator's Report for July 2018
3. Business Registrations for July 2018
4. Police Report for July 2018
5. Water and Sewer Report for July 2018
6. Approval of the Consent Agenda as Presented

Motion: To Approve the Consent Agenda as Presented. **Moved by** Turner; **Seconded by** Levo. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0, Abstain = 0). **Aye:** Henderson, Jackson, Levo, Partney, Thompson, Turner and Zarzecki. **Absent:** Italiano.

I. Administrative and Community Services Committee Report:

1. Approval of Hiring of Street Crew Leader -

Alderman Partney indicated that the City had interviewed three internal candidates for the position of Street Crew Leader and that, earlier in the evening at the Public Works

Committee, that a recommendation was made to hire Derek Alldredge as Street Crew Leader at a rate of \$31.66 per hour, effective August 21, 2018. City Administrator Soland stated that the City was glad to see the promotion for Mr. Alldredge and he had been a good employee for the 13 years he had worked for the City.

Motion: To Approve the Hiring of Derek Alldredge as Street Crew Leader at an Hourly Rate of \$31.66, effective August 21, 2018, as Presented. **Moved by** Partney; **Seconded by** Zarzecki. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0, Abstain = 0). **Aye:** Henderson, Jackson, Levo, Partney, Thompson, Turner and Zarzecki. **Absent:** Italiano.

2. Building and Zoning Administrator Report-

Building and Zoning Administrator Frey reported that the Anderson Hospital medical care building that is going in the Troy Grain site would have a building permit issued by the end of the week and that demolition would soon start.

J. Finance and Economic Development Committee Report:

1. Bills to be Approved and Paid for the Month of July/August 2018-

Motion: To Approve the Aged Obligation Report and Pay the Bills for the Months of July/August 2018 Totaling \$1,278,828.39, as Presented. **Moved by** Jackson; **Seconded by** Henderson. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0, Abstain = 0). **Aye:** Henderson, Jackson, Levo, Partney, Thompson, Turner and Zarzecki. **Absent:** Italiano.

2. City Treasurer Report-

City Treasurer Rody had nothing to report.

K. Law Enforcement & Emergency Services Committee Report:

1. Chief of Police's Report-

Chief of Police Parsons reported that the Police had completed the initial exams for updating the promotions eligibility list and that the next step was assessment interviews, which would occur in the next two weeks. Additionally, the Police Board was going to conduct interviews from the consortium list for the new hire eligibility list. Chief Parsons stated that the The Bank of Edwardsville visited that morning to present a \$2,000 donation to the ALICE program after their successful training with the Troy Police Department, and that the donation would go towards purchasing equipment for that program. Chief Parsons stated that the Kickball Tournament was successful with 16 participating teams and that the Police Department team had finished a close second to the first place winner, and the event had raised more than \$10,000 for Special Olympics. Chief Parsons thanked Time Out and Code Three Spices and the entire community for the success of the tournament.

L. Public Works Committee Report:

1. Results of Public Works Committee Meeting - August 20, 2018-

Alderman Zarzecki reviewed the results of the earlier Committee meeting. He updated the council on the Committee's review of the construction change orders presented for the Water Treatment Plant and Transmission Line projects and related work. The Committee had reviewed bids for the lift station generators and reviewed the hiring

process for Public Works Crew Leader, as well as reviewed the bid package for a dump truck for Public Works. And, the Committee was also updated on the status of the Charleston micro-surfacing project and that the contractor had not yet been paid for the work. Alderman Zarzecki stated that the City was 72 percent complete on the water treatment plant project and the recommended change orders equaled 2.5 percent of the overall project, which was well below the budgeted amount. He then stated that the City was 85 percent complete on the transmission main project and the recommended change orders equaled 3 percent of the overall project. Additionally, on the ground storage tank project, the City was 63 percent complete on the transmission main project and the recommended change orders equaled 1.4 percent of the overall project. He stated he thought that, despite the large nature of the projects, the City had been successful at controlling costs.

2. Approval of Water Project Change Orders-

Motion: To Approve Water Project Change Orders totaling \$77,618.50, as Presented. **Moved by** Zarzecki; **Seconded by** Thompson. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0, Abstain = 0). **Aye:** Henderson, Jackson, Levo, Partney, Thompson, Turner and Zarzecki. **Absent:** Italiano.

3. Approval of Lowest Bid for Lift Station Generators with Lowery Electric for \$69,553.00-

Alderman Zarzecki reported that the proposal was for the purchase of a 30KW generator and a 50KW generator, and that the lowest bidder was excluded by the committee due to the lack of installation being included in their bid. Alderman Jackson asked Public Works Director Rob Hancock where these two generators were being installed. Mr. Hancock responded that they were being installed at Taylor Lakes and Wendell Creek lift stations. Alderman Turner asked if the generators were natural gas or diesel. Mr. Hancock responded that they were diesel.

Motion: To Approve the Lowest Bid for Lift Station Generators with Lowery Electric, including installation, for \$69,553.00, as Presented. **Moved by** Zarzecki; **Seconded by** Thompson. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0, Abstain = 0). **Aye:** Henderson, Jackson, Levo, Partney, Thompson, Turner and Zarzecki. **Absent:** Italiano.

4. City Engineer Report-

City Engineer Cissell reported that he had received the stormwater drainage report for Anderson Hospital's project and that it would be reviewed, but that would not hold up demolition.

5. Public Works Department Schedule and Report-

No questions were offered by the Council.

6. Time for Director of Public Works-

Director of Public Works Hancock thanked the Council for the promotion of Derek Alldredge and the approval of the project changed orders. Mr. Hancock reported that final inspection of the ground storage tank and interior inspection of the plant storage tank were scheduled for Thursday. Alderman Zarzecki credited the work of Public

Works Director Hancock on the enormous projects being undertaken by his department currently.

M. Reports of Special Committees (as needed): None.

N. Ordinances & Resolutions, called by City Clerk, with Citizen Participation limited to three (3) minutes per Person: No Ordinances or Resolutions were presented for adoption or approval.

O. Closed Session (as needed):

1. Closed Session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)5 – Purchase or Lease of Real Property-

1. Closed Session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)11 – Potential Litigation-

Motion: To Enter Closed Session Under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)5 – Purchase or Lease of Real Property & 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)11 – Potential Litigation, as Presented. **Moved by** Jackson; **Seconded by** Turner. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0, Abstain = 0). **Aye:** Henderson, Jackson, Levo, Partney, Thompson, Turner and Zarzecki. **Absent:** Italiano.

The Council returned into Open Session at 9:16pm.

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

Motion: To Adjourn the Meeting at 9:17 p.m. **Moved by** Jackson; **Seconded by** Henderson. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0, Abstain = 0). **Aye:** Henderson, Jackson, Levo, Partney, Thompson, Turner and Zarzecki. **Absent:** Italiano.

Submitted by:

Jamie Myers by *Heather Klueter*
Deputy Clerk

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