



Tuesday, January 19, 2021

City of Troy

City Council Meeting

Due to special circumstances regarding the Illinois Department of Public Health's new "stay at home" recommendations announced Thursday, November 12, 2020, regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus, The City Council of the City of Troy is temporarily holding Council Meetings via Zoom technology for the safety of our constituents, staff, and Council members. The regularly scheduled City Council Meeting took place at 7:30 pm online/via phone. (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 called to order by Mayor Allen Adomite at 7:30 p.m. Alderman Nathan Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Roll Call in Alphabetical Order**

**Present:** Dan Dawson, Elizabeth Hellrung, Nathan Henderson, Debbie Knoll, Bonnie Levo, Tony Manley, and Troy Turner.

**Absent:** Sam Italiano. **Other Officials Present:** Mayor Allen Adomite, City Administrator Doug Partney, Chief of Police Brad Parsons, Public Works Director Rob Hancock, Building & Zoning Admin. Coordinator Linda Taake, City Attorney Fred Keck, City Engineer Tom Cissell, and City Clerk Andrea Lambert.

**C. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

1. *January 04, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes*

**Motion:** To Approve January 04, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes as Presented.

**Moved by** Manley; **Seconded by** Dawson. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 6, Abstain = 1, Nay = 0).

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

**D. Communications, to be provided by the City Clerk**

1. *Thank You Card Received*

The Field of Honor & Service Committee sent the City a thank you card for the generous commitment of \$70,000 to install sidewalks at their memorial site in the Troy Park. They are thankful their vision is becoming a reality.

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

*Dawn MUSHILL* – Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce updated the Council on successful recent events. She referred to her documents posted to Board Docs. She reported 4 weeks of Small Business Saturday, past and future Virtual Job Fairs, as well as the Gift Certificate Program, Troy Family Year of Fun, and a couple remaining openings for businesses to advertise via the digital billboard. E-cycling events have been planned for of May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned events such as the Troy City Wide Garage Sale, Virtual Community Expo, and Mastermind Group. She presented the 2021 Strategic Initiatives and 2021 Event Calendar.

**F. Mayor's Comments**

1. *Notice of Selection: TAP Grant for Bicycle Pedestrian Path from MCT Park and Ride to CA Henning School*

The Mayor explained that we applied for a TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant in 2020 and announced that Troy can expect to receive almost \$380,000 of the \$540,000 project in Federal Funds sometime around March. He thanked Engineer Cissell for his work on the grant and design. The Mayor added that although outside of City Limits, a trail extension from CA Henning to Triad High School would be a welcomed addition.

2. *Acquisition of Two Police Bicycles from MCT*

The Mayor and Police Chief Parsons were presented in a picture of MCT donating 2 free police bicycles, complete with lights and sirens. It was discussed how the bikes offer an alternative to policing outdoor events and Troy's growing trails. They will further approachability and interaction with the public. Mayor Adomite explained that plans underway for Jay Evans' Memorial Fund to be used for bike mounts to be added to two vehicles.

## G. City Administrator and City Attorney Comments

### 1. City Administrator's Comments

City Administrator Partney reported work toward the Local CURE allotment. Approximately \$409,000 has been submitted /approved. Partney mentioned House Bill 3653 including unfunded mandates for municipalities. He foresees a need for added administration, training, and data storage to support required body cams by 2025.

### 2. City Attorney's Comments

Attorney Keck added that Illinois Municipal League has a 13-page summary for that 755-page bill. He reminded everyone that we are one of two regions in IL still in tier 3 mitigations. He anticipates more e-meetings as a result.

## H. Consent Agenda

### 1. Treasurer's Report for December 2020

### 2. Building & Zoning Report December 2020

### 3. Business Registrations for December 2020

### 4. Police Report for August December 2020

### 5. Water and Sewer Report for December 2020

### 6. Approval of the Consent Agenda as Presented

**Motion:** To Approve the Consent Agenda as Presented.

**Moved by** Henderson; **Seconded by** Knoll. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0).

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

## I. Administrative and Community Services Committee Report

### 1. Planning Commission Meetings Cancelled until February 2021

The Commission will possibly meet February 11, 2021.

### 2. Building and Zoning Administrative Coordinator's Report

Linda Taake reported that Inspector Scott Holshouser has started work. He is learning duties and software.

## J. Finance and Economic Development Committee Report

### 1. Bills to be Approved and Paid for the Month December 2020 / January 2021

Alderman Henderson referred to the Aged Obligation report with expenses totaling: \$643,912.47 (Computer-run checks: \$222,850.13; Manual Checks: \$98,987.53; Payroll \$322,074.81.)

**Motion:** To Approve the Aged Obligation Report & Pay the Bills for the Months of *December 2020/January 2021* as Presented. **Moved by:** Henderson; **Seconded by:** Levo. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0).

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

### 2. Announcement of 2021-2022 Tourism Grant Program

Alderman Henderson announced the Tourism dates for this year as posted on Board Docs. Applications will be accepted February 1, through February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. He added that Tourism money, derived from Hotel/Motels, will be in short supply this year and urged the Council to be conservative. Mayor Adomite said that as a result of Covid-19, requestors from last year may have not used their allotted funds. He suggested that along with requests this year, the City also collect accounting from last year's used/unused funds for consideration of new requests. Although last year's recipients will not be guaranteed a granted request this year, a letter to that effect will be included in mailings Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 3. FY 2021-2022 Tourism Grant Application Deadline - February 26, 2021

Mayor Adomite reminded everyone of the deadline for applications is 4:30pm on the last day of business in February.

### 4. City Treasurer Report - none

## K. Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee Report

### 1. Chief of Police's Report

Chief Parsons reported that the current Police Board Attorney, Andy Carruthers, has taken a position at the Madison County State's Attorney's Office. We will need to look into an appointment to fill that vacancy. On January 26<sup>th</sup>, the PD will be conducting interviews to certify the Lateral Transfer List and New Candidate List. Also, he commented on the 'Police Reform Bill' (755-pg bill presented at 3am). It contains many unfunded and date-triggered requirements. The legislators say that the bill will require some clean-up. Chief Parsons is a proponent of body cams because it exonerates the officer 99.9% of the time, but the bill requires us to keep all data forever. The administration and storage of that requirement will pose an issue for the City budget. The bill also addressed training standards that the PD already meets. It removed cash bonds, so people will be released right away. He will brief the Council after his review with Attorney Keck. He commented that this is not a positive thing for law enforcement and some officers are already looking to leave the state. Attorney Keck said that to his knowledge, the governor has not signed the bill yet,

as modifications are being made to contradicting areas. A resolution urging the Governor to veto the bill may be considered at the first Council meeting in February.

#### **L. Public Works Committee Report**

##### *1. Results of Public Works Committee Meeting - January 19, 2021*

Alderman Dawson summarized the discussion of replacing 2 impellers on pumps at the Dairy Queen facility. The repair received unanimous support of the Committee. Mayor Adomite confirmed with Public Works Director Hancock and Attorney Keck that parts are directly from the pump manufacturer and we are not required to bid those parts due to matching like equipment. Hancock said we are dealing with either a defect or design flaw.

**Motion:** To Approve the Repair of Two Impellers at the Dairy Queen Pump Station in the amount of \$24,750.

**Moved by:** Dawson; **Seconded by:** Turner. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0).

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

##### *2. City Engineer's Report*

City Engineer Cissell referred to his report posted to Board Docs. He mentioned the turn lane at Troy O'fallon Rd and Country Lane (Highway Safety Improvement Program). A proposal for engineering, paid by the grant, has been forwarded to IDOT for processing. An STP (Surface Transportation Program) grant application was submitted to EastWest Gateway on January 14<sup>th</sup> for resurfacing of Riggins Road and South Main downtown. He added that the TIF Project, Trail/Pedestrian Path, has twelve registered plan holders to date. We are hopeful to receive many bids.

##### *3. Pedestrian Path Bid Opening Jan 28, 2021 at 10:00am*

Bids for the Pedestrian Path are due prior to bid opening, which is 10am on January 28, 2021.

##### *4. Notice of Sale of Surplus Property*

Alderman Dawson said that notice has been posted of vehicles going to auction and closing Jan 29th. Director Hancock reported current auction price of the 2007 Cargo Van is at \$1,125, and the 2007 Ford Ranger is at \$2,225. The Mayor explained that an ordinance requires notification of auctioned items to the Council.

##### *5. Block Grant (Meadow & Redbird Drive) Survey Reminder*

A third survey reminder was sent to residents encouraging them to participate in the income survey that will possibly resulting in resurfacing their roads. We need 105 more response from the 152 letters sent. We may have to knock on doors (up to 3 times) to get more responses.

##### *6. Public Works Schedule and Report - no comment about the weekly reports posted to Board Docs.*

##### *7. Public Works Director's Report- none*

#### **M. Reports of Special Committees (as needed) – none**

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

#### **O. Closed Session (as needed)**

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

##### *1. Adjournment of the Meeting*

**Motion:** To Adjourn the Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**Moved by:** Levo; **Seconded by:** Dawson. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Aye = 7, Nay = 0).

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

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Andrea D. Lambert  
City Clerk