



Monday, February 01, 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 Elizabeth Hellrung led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call in Alphabetical Order

Present: Dan Dawson, Elizabeth Hellrung, Nathan Henderson, Sam Italiano, Debbie Knoll, Tony Manley, and Troy Turner.

Absent: Bonnie Levo. **Other Officials Present:** Mayor Allen Adomite, City Administrator Doug Partney, City Treasurer David Roady, 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.

Mayor Adomite shared the recent election of Angela Donohoo, Alderman Levo's business partner, to Associate Judge. He wishes her well in her new role.

C. Reading and Approval of Minutes

1. *January 18, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes*

Motion: To Approve January 18, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes as Presented.

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

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

D. Communications, to be provided by the City Clerk

1. *Tourism Grant Application Reminder - February 1-26th, 2021*

Clerk Lambert reported that Tourism Grant Letters were mailed today. Tourism guidelines and applications can be found on the City website. The application period ends at the end of business on February 26th.

E. Citizen Participation - Limited to three (3) minutes per person. – none

F. Mayor's Comments

1. *Acceptance of Resignation of Andy Carruthers, Associate City Attorney, Effective January 18, 2021*

Mayor Adomite referred to the recent resignation of Mr. Carruthers, Police Board and Ordinance Violation Docket Attorney. The Mayor will miss his advice, but wished him well at the State's Attorney's Office.

Motion: To Accept the Resignation of Andy Carruthers, Associate City Attorney, Effective January 18, 2021, as Presented.

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

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

The Mayor spoke of Louise Rinkel's passing and mentioned her involvement with many organizations and her various roles within the community. He sent our sympathies to the Rinkel family.

G. City Administrator and City Attorney Comments

1. *City Administrator's Comments*

City Administrator Partney commented on the current mitigation phase. He is hopeful that the infection rate drops to allow the reopening of City Hall to the public.

2. *City Attorney's Comments*

Attorney Keck commented that our current tier 2 mitigations rating is based on the number of available ICU beds.

H. Consent Agenda – none

I. Administrative and Community Services Committee Report

Alderman Turner reported on the Committee meeting prior to this meeting. The Committee unanimously favors a letter and Resolution supporting a small business loan for LC Properties (Troy Storage). The Committee also supports the internal posting of a job description for Building & Zoning Administrative Clerk to be tentatively filled in May. They also discussed a future Social Media Policy and its implementation.

1. Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30pm Thursday, February 11, 2021

The Commission may meet February 11th, 2021. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

2. Notice of Internal Advertising for Building & Zoning Administrative Clerk Position

3. Building and Zoning Administrator Report

Linda Taake reported water in the Building & Zoning basement. Most items are salvageable. She said the new inspector is acclimating well, and that more than a dozen new building permits are soon to be issued along with possible plans for a bakery to move into town.

J. Finance and Economic Development Committee Report

1. City Treasurer Report – none

K. Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee Report

There was a Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Saturday to discuss a resolution presented later this meeting.

1. Chief of Police's Report

In October, the Government mandated certain policies to be in place within police departments for them to be eligible for federal reimbursement. Police Chief Parsons reported that the Troy PD has submitted all paperwork for reviewed /updated policies including a new Community Policing Policy. He added that there will be 3 interviews for certifying the lateral list tomorrow. He warned of current fraud attempts (171 cases since October in city limits) and advised everyone to watch all of their accounts. He suggests reporting any fraudulent unemployment claims to IDES (Illinois Department of Employment Security) as he and the Mayor have both done. The most recent reports of fraudulent activity appear to be new credit card accounts being opened. Today the Troy PD assisted the postal department and MEGSI unit by providing perimeter control while they executed a search warrant regarding an ongoing investigation.

L. Public Works Committee Report

1. Approval of Lowest Bidder for Pedestrian Path from Keller Construction for \$823,633.50

This project consists of 1.8 mile section of trail connecting the path along US 40 at SpringValley Road to Collinsville Rd, through the park to Wickliffe St, then to IL-162. This project is funded by MEPRD and the TIF fund. Keller was the lowest of 4 bids with several items coming in far below the others. Keller is comfortable with their bid even though they are aware they overlooked the inclusion of a \$10,000 bid for a trench drain. Alderman Hellrung expressed concern for exceeding this bid in the future. Engineer Cissell explained that construction bids carry a 5-10% contingency for unforeseen conditions.

Motion: To Approve the Lowest Bidder for the Pedestrian Path from Keller Construction for \$823,633.50, as Presented.

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

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

2. Public Works Schedule and Report - No comments about the Public Works weekly reports posted to Board Docs

City Engineer Cissell referred to his report posted to Board Docs. He mentioned the MEPRD community planning Grant for \$60,000 which the City plans to use for extensions off of the bike trail spine. He is in early planning stages of 6 possible locations for these 'spurs'. MCT has a bid date of March 11th for the path extension along US 40 from Formosa to Spring Valley Rd. Cissell also mentioned that East West Gateway requested that we address traffic calming elements/safety improvements on Riggin Rd. (near Bouse) by February 11th. The Street Maintenance/ PASER project has been rescheduled to avoid weather elements.

3. Director of Public Works Report

Director Hancock expects Gonzalez to soon finalize contract documents and permitting for the spray aeration at the water plant. He would then like to schedule a Public Works Committee meeting. Total MFT expenditures from 2020 were \$309,428, leaving a surplus in the 2020 MFT fund of approximately \$76,000. In Dec/Jan we submitted the 2021 MFT estimate and resolution. Once approved, we can begin bidding materials and projects. He also reported that the two surplus vehicles auctioned through the Govdeals website have sold for a combined total of over \$7,000. He

added that Niel's Plumbing found a lateral full of roots after minor flooding in the basement of the Building & Zoning Department. That issue will need to be repaired soon.

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

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

1. Resolution 2021-01 – A Resolution of the City of Troy, Illinois Urging the Governor to Veto House Bill 3653 Regarding Criminal Justice Reform

This Resolution addresses a number of unfunded mandates and changes to law enforcement mandated by House Bill 3653. Due to concern for community safety, three contradictions within, and other changes that will likely result in unintended consequences, Troy would like to urgently direct this resolution to Governor Pritzker urging the veto of the bill. The Committee and Council studied the bill and IML's 12-page summary for over 1 ½ hours to understand the 764-page bill that was passed after a 43 minute discussion at the state level. Alderman Manley (and Deputy Police Chief of Maryville) opposes this bill due to safety concerns for residents and members of law enforcement. The Mayor thanked Alderman (and Attorney) Henderson and Attorney Keck for their work on this. He is concerned that the public will be confused when the new police mandates do not protect them to the same degree, such as in removing a trespasser, for example. The Resolution is supported unanimously by the Administrative & Community Services Committee.

Motion: To Approve Resolution 2021-01 as Presented.

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

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

2. Resolution 2021-02 – A Resolution of the City of Troy, Illinois Authorizing the Mayor to Execute A Letter in Support of LC Properties, LLC D/B/A Troy Storage

This is a resolution assists LC properties by providing a letter (at their request) showing the City's support for the small business loan they are seeking. The Administrative & Community Services Committee are in support of this.

Motion: To Approve Resolution 2021-02 as Presented.

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

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

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 8:36 p.m.

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

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

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Andrea D. Lambert
City Clerk