

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 14, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois was held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, Alton, Illinois at the hour of 7:30 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walker.

The Council Members present on call of the roll:

PRESENT: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

ABSENT: None – 0

Mayor Walker called upon Corporation Counselor Schrempf to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Walker presented the following proclamation declaring January 14, 2015 to be “Fabrication Specialists Day” in the City of Alton, Illinois.

At this time, Mayor Walker recognized and commended Fire Chief Sebold and the entire Fire Department for attaining an ISO rating for the City of Alton which went from a “4” to a “2”. Chief Sebold encouraged all property owners to contact their insurance companies and inquire about lower insurance coverage.

COUNCIL MINUTES AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2014 and the Special Council Meeting of January 5, 2015 and the following Communication: AFSCME, Council 31, re: Increase in the Fair Share-Full time and Fair Share-Part time fees for Local 3388; Office of Mayor Walker, re: 2014 FOIA and ADA requests. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said Minutes and Communications be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

PETITIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following petition, re: Joe Siddle requests a special use permit to operate a bed and breakfast at the property located at 510 Seminary Square. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said Petition be referred to the Plan Commission. The Chair so ordered.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Report of Officers: Comptroller, re: Overtime Analysis for November, 2014 and December, 2014; Alton Fire Department, re: Estimated Fire Loss for December, 2014; Alton Fire Department, re: Largest Single Fire Loss for December, 2014; Alton Fire Department, re: Monthly Fire Damage Report to Assessor's Officer for December, 2014; Department of Building and Zoning, re: Monthly Report for December, 2014; Department of Building and Zoning, re: Annual Report for 2014. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said Report of Officers be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Velloff presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for January 12, 2015; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance amending fees within the city code; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance adding a fee for an appeal to the Building Board of Appeals; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance eliminating the Weed and Seed Strategy Department; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance regarding the Minority Housing Committee of the Citizens Urban Development Advisory Commission; Resolution, re: Consider an ordinance to amend the city regulations for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said report be placed on file. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Discount and Special Bills Paid; also all Expenditure Detail Bills as listed in the Comptroller's report dated January 12, 2015 be allowed and payment be made for same. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved.

At this time, Mr. Fleming requested a separation of vote, seconded by Mr. Ryan, for the line item on page 13 under Police Department, "Hodges, Loizzi, Eisen" in the amount of \$8,381.58. The vote for approval of said line item was as follows:

AYES: MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Boulds – 5
NAYS: Ryan, Fleming – 2

The vote for approval of the remainder of the Discount and Special Bills was as follows:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS THAT the attached ordinance amending fees within the city code be considered. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, 9-2-5 of the City Code allows for an appeal to be filed to the Building Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 (J) of Chapter 2 of Title 9 gives the Building Board of Appeals the opportunity to review their procedures; and

WHEREAS, at the recommendation of the Building Board of Appeals a new section to 9-2-5 shall be added to establish a fee for the filing of an appeal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that attached ordinance adding a fee for an appeal to the Building Board of Appeals be considered. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Weed and Seed programs in the City of Alton no longer exist.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS THAT the attached ordinance eliminating the Weed and Seed Strategy Department of the City of Alton be considered. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None - 0

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Alton adopted a fair housing policy codified as Chapter 8 of Title 7 of the City Code of the City of Alton in 1968; and

WHEREAS, the complaint and enforcement provisions of that fair housing policy assigned certain duties to the Minority Housing Committee of the Citizens Urban Development Advisory Commission of the City of Alton; and

WHEREAS, the Minority Housing Committee of the Citizens Urban Development Advisory Commission of the City of Alton was long ago dissolved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS THAT the attached ordinance be considered. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Illinois Legislature has recently amended the Illinois Freedom of Information Act by Public Act 98-1129; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable for the City of Alton to amend the city regulations for compliance with the Freedom of Information Act in accordance with said Illinois Public Act 98-1129.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS THAT the attached ordinance be considered. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

REPORTS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the following Building Board of Appeals, re: Public Hearing Minutes of December 17, 2015 and the Civil Service, re: Minutes of December 3, 2014 and December 17, 2014. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said minutes be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7
NAYS: None – 0

APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES AT PRIOR MEETING

The Clerk presented the following three (3) ordinances and one (1) resolution:

Ordinance No. 7436. An Ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone within the City of Alton said Enterprise Zone being a portion of a larger Enterprise Zone encompassing contiguous portions of the City of Alton, the Village of Bethalto, the Village of East Alton, the Village of Hartford, the Village of Roxana, the Village of South Roxana, the City of Wood River, and the County of Madison.

Ordinance No. 7437. An Ordinance adding Section 18 to Chapter 11 of Title 1 of the Code of the City of Alton pertaining to establishing procedures for determining eligibility for benefits under Illinois PSEBA.

Ordinance No. 7438. An Ordinance amending the text of the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

WHEREAS, the City of Alton has had an Agreement with the State of Illinois since 1991 for the exchange of information pursuant to the Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, the Use Tax Act, and the Service Use Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has requested that the Agreement be renewed before January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer recommends approval of the Agreement on the standard form as presented by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS THAT the Mayor and appropriate city officials are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Alton the attached RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN ALTON AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said three (3) ordinances and one (1) resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

PUBLIC FORUM ADDRESSING CITY BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following request for the floor from James Gray. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said request be approved.

Mr. Gray took the floor and spoke, re: Leadership for City of Alton, IL.

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mr. Ryan presented the following five (5) resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that it be a matter of public record that the City of Alton supports and endorses the Alton Regional Convention and Visitor Bureau as the State Certified Bureau for the Alton Metroplex.

2. WHEREAS, it is necessary to effect the demolition of certain structures deemed unsafe under 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, the owners of which have neglected or refuses to perform required demolition.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that its officials and agents are hereby authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court as listed below:

307 Bluff

3. WHEREAS, it is necessary to effect the demolition of certain structures deemed unsafe under 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, the owners of which have neglected or refuses to perform required demolition.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that its officials and agents are hereby authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court as listed below:

240 W. 19th

4. WHEREAS, it is necessary to effect the demolition of certain structures deemed unsafe under 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, the owners of which have neglected or refuses to perform required demolition.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that its officials and agents are hereby authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court as listed below:

306 W. 13th

5. WHEREAS, it is necessary to effect the demolition of certain structures deemed unsafe under 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, the owners of which have neglected or refuses to perform required demolition.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that its officials and agents are hereby authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court as listed below:

205 W. 7th
1201 Wesley

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that the above and foregoing five (5) resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution and petition:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS that the attached Ordinance pertaining to establishing a two way stop with stop signs being placed on Plum Street for northbound and southbound traffic at the intersection of 4th Street be considered.

Petition, re: Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc. on behalf of MKSK Holdings Subdivision requests approval of the preliminary plat and the final plat for 1702 Homer M. Adams Parkway.

Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole and said petition be referred to the Plan Commission. The Chair so ordered.

Mrs. Martin presented the following three (3) resolutions:

1. WHEREAS, in 1990 the City of Alton established a Human Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Human Relations Commission has been inactive and defunct for many years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alton now has established other means to accomplish the original goals of the Human Relations Commission in a more effective manner; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS THAT the attached ordinance eliminating the Human Relations Commission of the City of Alton be considered.

2. WHEREAS, it is necessary to effect the demolition of certain structures deemed unsafe under 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, the owners of which have neglected or refuses to perform required demolition.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that its officials and agents are hereby authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court as listed below:

1141 Long
1906 Marilla
1905 Pleasant
1907 Pleasant
1718 Market
1808 Market
2110 Amelia

3. WHEREAS, it is necessary to effect the demolition of certain structures deemed unsafe under 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1, the owners of which have neglected or refuses to perform required demolition.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that its officials and agents are hereby authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court as listed below:

1915 Central

Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the above and foregoing three (3) resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a Community Relations Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached ordinance be considered. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Fleming presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the property owned by the City of Alton commonly known as 2411 Salu Street, Alton, Illinois is found to be surplus property owned by the City of Alton and is no longer necessary to any public purpose of the City of Alton; and

WHEREAS, it would be advisable to offer said property for sale for private use thus returning the property to a productive purpose and use thereby increasing the tax base available to the City of Alton.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS that the attached NOTICE OF SALE concerning 2411 Salu Street, Alton, Illinois be published by the City Clerk for three consecutive weeks in a qualified newspaper published in the City of Alton. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Director is authorized to pursue funds from the Madison County Sustainability Program for the 2015 Environmental Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 with matching funds of \$3,000.00 coming from the 2015 Park and Recreation budget. Mr. Boulds made a

motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Rules of the Council be Suspended in order to act upon said resolution. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds,
Mayor Walker – 8

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 7

NAYS: None – 0

Mary T. Boulds MMC
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)