

CITY OF ALTON  
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 25, 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 Wastewater Treatment Operations Supervisor Roth to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

At this time, Mayor Walker recognized Police Chief Simmons, who called upon Mr. Jason Harrison to step forward and be sworn in to the Office of the Chaplain for the Alton Police Department.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2015 and the following Communications: Republic Services, re: Solid Waste and Recycle Volumes for the month of January, 2015 and the following Report of Officers: City Treasurer, re: Monthly Report for January, 2015; Comptroller, re: Overtime Analysis for January, 2015; Animal Control Department, re: Monthly Report for January, 2015. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacAfee, that said Minutes, Communications and 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 February 23, 2015; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Resolution, re: Demolition of 609 George (garage only); Resolution, re: City Treasurer to reimburse VVH Golf Management, LLC for payments from the Capital Improvement Escrow Fund; Resolution, re: Improvement of College Ave. Sidewalk from Holman St. to Rock Springs Dr.; Resolution, re: Illinois Department of Transportation, Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for federal participation for the project described as College Ave. Sidewalk from Holman St. to Rock Springs Dr.; Resolution, re: Lease Agreement for the farm land in or near Gordon Moore Park; Amendment, re: Comptroller is authorized to solicit proposals from qualified farmers interested in becoming the tenant for the farm land in or near Gordon Moore Park; Resolution, re: The Fire Chief to pursue a FY

14 SAFER grant to provide staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response; Resolution, re: City Treasurer to reimburse STO, LLC for payments from the Spencer T. Olin Trust Fund; Resolution, re: City Officials to execute the PBPA Patrol Contract; Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2015-02, Mowing and Trimming Services for the Building & Zoning Department. 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 February 23, 2015 be allowed and payment be made for same. 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, 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:

609 George (garage only)

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 entered into a Lease Agreement with VVH Golf Management, LLC regarding the Rock Spring Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, the City holds the Capital Improvement Escrow Fund to pay for certain expenses related to the Rock Spring Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, VVH Golf Management, LLC has submitted invoices for Hurley Construction in the amount of \$5,876.24 and Frost Electric in the amount of \$235.46, for a total amount due of \$6,111.70 said invoices are attached; and

WHEREAS, VVH Golf Management, LLC has paid the invoices and is requesting reimbursement from the Capital Improvement Escrow Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS that the City Treasurer is authorized to reimburse VVH Golf Management, LLC for the payments in the amount of \$6,111.70 from the Capital Improvement Escrow Fund. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, 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:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois that the following described street (s) be improved under the Illinois Highway Code:

<u>Name of Thoroughfare</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
College Ave. Sidewalk	FAU 8961	Holman Street	Rock Springs Drive

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. That the proposed improvement shall consist of removal and replacement of existing sidewalk and shall be constructed 5 feet wide and be designated as Section 15-00231-01-SW.
2. That there is hereby appropriated the (additional \_\_\_\_\_ Yes  No) sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (67,500) for the improvement of said section from the municipality's allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funds.
3. That work shall be done by Contract and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation. 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:

Illinois Department of Transportation

Preliminary Engineering  
Services Agreement  
For  
Federal Participation

Local Agency  
City of Alton  
County

Consultant  
Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc.  
Address

Madison

215 Market Street

Section  
15-00231-01-SW

City  
Alton

Project No.  
TE-00D8 (204)

State  
Illinois

Job No.  
P-98-300-15

Zip Code  
62002

Contact Name/Phone/E-mail Address  
Bob Barnhart/(618) 463-3530  
[rbarnhart@alton-il.com](mailto:rbarnhart@alton-il.com)

Contact Name/Phone/E-mail Address  
Dave Godar/(618) 462-9755  
[dgodar@smsengineers.com](mailto:dgodar@smsengineers.com)

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2015 between the above Local Agency (LA) and Consultant (ENGINEER) and covers certain professional engineering services in connection with the PROJECT. Federal-aid funds allotted to the LA by the state of Illinois under the general supervision of the Illinois Department of Transportation (STATE) will be used entirely or in part to finance engineering services as described under AGREEMENT PROVISIONS.

#### Project Description

Name College Avenue Sidewalk Route FAU9861 Length 2,610 ft. Structure No. N/A

Termini From Holman Street to Rock Springs Drive

Description Remove and replace existing sidewalk along the north side of College Avenue. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be Laid Over. The motion LOST by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, Velloff, Fleming – 3

NAYS: MacAfee, Martin, Brake, Boulds – 4

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

AYES: MacAfee, Martin, Brake, Boulds – 4

NAYS: Ryan, Velloff, Fleming – 3

Mr. Velloff presented the following amended resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Alton has had a long standing lease agreement with a tenant farmer for some of the lands owned by the City in or near Gordon Moore Park; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of entering into a similar lease agreement with a new tenant to farm those lands; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation has suggested that multiple proposals be solicited from persons who may be interested in entering into a farm lease agreement as a tenant with the City of Alton as a landlord.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS THAT the City Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to solicit proposals from qualified farmers interested in becoming the Tenant in the attached Lease Agreement with the City of Alton as landlord by completing the blanks as shown on the attached Lease Agreement and submitting the same back to the City Comptroller within a reasonable time frame to be established by the City Comptroller. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said amended 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 Fire Chief of the City of Alton has requested authority to seek a grant requesting Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response known as the FY 14 SAFER grant and;

WHEREAS, the City Council being fully informed supports the efforts of the Fire Chief to obtain the FY 14 SAFER grant upon the terms and conditions and for the purposes hereinafter provided.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, approves and supports the efforts of the Fire Chief of the City of Alton to pursue with all appropriate documentation a FY 14 SAFER grant providing Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response for the purpose of funding four firefighters salaries and benefits for the next two years. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Boulds – 6

NAYS: Fleming – 1

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Alton entered into a Lease Agreement with STO, LLC regarding the Spencer T. Olin Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, the City holds the Spencer T. Olin Trust Fund to pay for certain expenses related to the Spencer T. Olin Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, STO, LLC has submitted invoices for Fischer Lumber in the amount of \$4,055.30, Sharp Custom Home Designs in the amount of \$2,000.00, and DeSherlia Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$4,724.00 for a total amount due of \$10,779.30, said invoices are attached; and

WHEREAS, STO, LLC has paid the invoices and is requesting reimbursement from the Spencer T. Olin Trust Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS that the City Treasurer is authorized to reimburse STO, LLC for the payments in the amount of \$10,779.30 from the Spencer T. Olin Trust Fund. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, 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:

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 the attached PBPA Patrol Contract. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Martin, Brake, Boulds – 6

NAYS: Fleming – 1

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, that the best bid of E-Five Enterprises of Alton, for Mowing & Trimming Services in the amount of \$ .009 per square foot for mowing and \$23.50 per man, per hour for brush and waste removal is hereby awarded for Bid #2015-02, Mowing & Trimming Services for the Building & Zoning Department. 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

#### FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following three (3) ordinances for first reading.

Ordinance No. 7446. An Ordinance establishing one handicap parking space in front of 642 ½ East Broadway Street, Alton, Illinois and removing one handicap parking space in front of 655 East Broadway Street, Alton, Illinois.

Ordinance No. 7447. An Ordinance amending Chapter 3 of Title 2 of the City Code establishing a Community Relations Commission.

Ordinance No. 7448. An Ordinance granting a special use permit for a bed and breakfast at 510 Seminary Square, Alton, Illinois.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that the above and foregoing three (3) ordinances be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

### SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following ordinance for second reading.

Ordinance No. 7444. An Ordinance amending the Traffic Code of the City of Alton, Illinois, to establish a two way stop at the intersection of Plum Street and Fourth Street. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that said ordinance be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Ordinance No. 7445. An Ordinance deleting the Human Relations Commission from the City Code. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacAfee, that said ordinance be adopted. 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 Alton Beautification and Clean City Committee, re: Minutes of January 8, 2015; the Alton Historical Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of February 3, 2015; the Appearance Review Commission, re: Public Hearing Minutes of January 14, 2015; the Civil Service Commission, re: Minutes of January 21, 2015 and Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 21, 2015; the Park and Recreation Commissions, re: Minutes of January 20, 2015 and the Tax Increment Finance Joint Review Board, re: Public Hearing Minutes of February 17, 2015. 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 resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Alton is pursuing a Grant through the Illinois Department of Commerce to assist in lighting improvements at City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor and appropriate officials are hereby authorized and directed

to execute the attached pre-application with the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and to submit a final application in substantially the same form as the pre-application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Comptroller is authorized and directed to prepare and solicit bids for this project. Said bids solicited shall not be awarded unless the City of Alton receives the requested grant funds. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said 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 Dane Rockafellow. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that said request be approved.

Mr. Rockafellow took the floor and spoke, re: 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Impact.

#### COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Ryan presented the following three (3) resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance Concerning Animal Licenses 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:

118 W. 15<sup>th</sup>

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:

209-211 W. 16<sup>th</sup>

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

Mrs. MacAfee presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, finds and determines that a certain 2007 John Deere – Walk Behind mower, ID #TC7H9C30005 Serial #10C002451 is no longer necessary or appropriate for the use of the City of Alton and it is declared to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the Park District of the City of Venice, Illinois, has expressed an interest in the aforesaid mower and can provide a suitable use for said equipment to the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City of Venice Park District has requested to purchase same; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Director of Public Works of the City of Alton, the City of Alton does hereby determine a fair compensation to be charged to the City of Venice Parks Department, for the 2007 John Deere – Walk Behind mower, ID #TC7H9C30005 Serial #10C002451 is One Dollar (\$1.00).

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 transfer and convey the 2007 John Deere – Walk Behind mower, ID #TC7H9C30005 Serial #10C002451, to the City of Venice Parks Department, Venice, Illinois, for One Dollar (\$1.00) consideration, and upon the condition and understanding that said mower is transferred without any warranties of any nature, including any warranty of fitness for any particular purpose, except the warranty as to title. Mrs. MacAfee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mrs. Martin presented the following resolution

*WHEREAS, James M. Bailey, Sr.* was born on May 5, 1915, in Trenton, Tennessee, and he lived in Alton, Illinois, for over 71 years; and

*WHEREAS, James M. Bailey, Sr.* attended Vashon High School and was inducted into the Vashon High School Hall of Fame; and

*WHEREAS, James M. Bailey, Sr.* earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1939 from Lincoln University Missouri where he was the first person to pledge Eta Sigma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, was inducted into the Lincoln University Alumni Hall of Fame, and was inducted into Lincoln University Distinguished Alumni;

*WHEREAS, James M. Bailey, Sr.* earned his Master's Degree in 1948 from the University of Illinois; and

*WHEREAS, James M. Bailey, Sr.* worked for 38 years as an educator with the Alton Community Unit School District in the following capacities: Junior High School Teacher, Junior High School Basketball Coach, Principal at Lovejoy Elementary School, Principal at Central High School, first African American Assistant Principal at Alton High School, Supervisor of Principals of all the Elementary Principals, and first African American Superintendent of Schools; and

*WHEREAS, James M. Bailey, Sr.* was the first African American elected to the Alton City Council, serving for 10 years, and the first African American City Comptroller; and

*WHEREAS, James M. Bailey, Sr.,* in addition to his work in education and with the City of Alton, chaired the Steering Committee that founded Lewis and Clark Community College, formed the Steering Committee that founded SIUE, co-founded the Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial Scholarship, assisted in planning and implementing a school desegregation program, served as a community volunteer registering voters in Alton, organized and was the first Board Chair of Madison County EEOC, and served on the Board and as Chairman of the Hayner Public Library District; and

*WHEREAS, James M. Bailey, Sr.* received numerous honors and recognitions throughout his life including: the Alton Human Relations Award, Brotherhood Award, Alton Community Citizens Award, Lovejoy Human Rights Award, NAACP's Outstanding Citizen Award, Madison County Urban League Award, 100 Black Men Award, Illinois Association of Club Women, Inc.'s "Man of the Year" Award, Kimmel Leadership Award, and the Alton High School Library bears his name; and

*WHEREAS, James M. Bailey, Sr.* was married to Mary Louise (Simmons) Bailey and they raised both sons, Dr. James M. Bailey, Jr. and Judge Duane Bailey, on Salu Street; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the portion of Salu Street between Washington Avenue and Humbert Street be honorarily designated "**James M. Bailey, Sr. Memorial Way**" and that the Public Works Department is hereby authorized and directed to erect appropriate signage reflecting this designation. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and necessary to amend the city code concerning the regulation of burglary and robbery alarm systems.

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. Boulds presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Director be authorized to request estimates and to select a vendor to remove sedimentation in approximately 1,600 feet of sewer line in the Downtown area of Piasa and Landmarks. 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

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Mary T. Boulds MMC  
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)