

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 9, 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 Director of Development & Housing Caffey to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

COUNCIL MINUTES AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2015 and the following Report of Officers: Department of Building and Zoning, re: Monthly Report for November, 2015; Animal Control Officer, re: Monthly Report for October, 2015. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said reports 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 Brake presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for December 7, 2015; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; Amended Resolution, re: City Council agrees with the recommendation of the Comptroller and Treasurer of the City of Alton that billings be directed to the owners of the real estate that is provided the refuse services; Amended Resolution, re: City Council agrees with the recommendation of the Comptroller and Treasurer of the City of Alton that billings be directed to the owners of the real estate that is provided the sewage services; Resolution, re: City Council deems it appropriate to remove the Chronic Nuisance Properties section from the City Code and the attached ordinance be considered; Resolution, re: It is the intent of the City of Alton that the tax imposed by the City of Alton with regard to the privilege of using or consuming electricity; Resolution, re: That the tax imposed on the business of distributing, supplying, or furnishing or selling gas for use or consumption; Resolution, re: Legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court 823 Pearl; Resolution, re: Establishing a handicapped parking space in front of 1203 Diamond be considered; Resolution, re: Attached ordinance amending the City Code of the City of Alton pertaining to property maintenance codes be considered; Resolution, re: Bids received by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the improvement of College Avenue located from Central Avenue to Washington Avenue; Resolution, re: Authorizing the execution of a service

agreement for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program (Electric Aggregation). Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said report be placed on file. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Discount and Special Bills Paid; also all Expenditure Bills as listed in the Comptroller's report dated December 7, 2015 be allowed and payment be made for same. Mr. Brake 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. Brake presented the following amended resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Alton has had a history of difficulty in collecting from occupants and users of the trash or refuse services provided by the City of Alton; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alton agrees with the recommendation of the Comptroller and Treasurer of the City of Alton that billings be directed to the owners of the real estate that is provided the trash or refuse services of the City of Alton in an effort to produce a system more likely to be properly paid and collected by the City of Alton.

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 Mr. Ryan, 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. Brake presented the following amended resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Alton has had a history of difficulty in collecting from occupants and users of the sewage services provided by the City of Alton; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alton agrees with the recommendation of the Comptroller and Treasurer of the City of Alton that billings be directed to the owners of the real estate that is provided the sewage services of the City of Alton in an effort to produce a system more likely to be properly paid and collected by the City of Alton.

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 Mr. Ryan, 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. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Code has established Chronic Nuisance Properties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alton Illinois deems it appropriate to remove the Chronic Nuisance Properties section from the City Code;

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. MacAfee, 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. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Alton that the tax imposed by the City of Alton with regard to the privilege of using or consuming electricity shall not be imposed upon electricity furnished to accounts held in the name of the City of Alton.

NOW THEREFORE 7BE 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 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. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Alton that the tax imposed on the business of distributing, supplying, furnishing or selling gas for use or consumption in the corporate limits of the City, and not for resale, shall not be applied or charges to any account(s) of the City of Alton.

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 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. Brake 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:

823 Pearl

Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, 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. Brake presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached Ordinance pertaining to establishing a handicapped parking space in front of 1203 Diamond be considered. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, 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. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Property Maintenance Code previously adopted by ordinances of the City of Alton have been updated by the various governing bodies that publish standard property maintenance codes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS that the attached Ordinance amending the City Code of the City of Alton pertaining to property maintenance codes be considered. Mr. Brake 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. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Illinois Department of Transportation on November 6, 2015 for the improvement of College Avenue known as Section 11-00231-00-RS located from Central Avenue to Washington Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, two (2) bids were received by IDOT for this project ranging from \$989,394.30 to \$1,000,013.97, and the low bid submitted by Charles E. Mahoney Co. from Swansea, Illinois in the amount of \$989,394.30 was 27.2% above the engineer's estimate of \$777,985.95; and,

WHEREAS, a single bid was received previously by the Illinois Department of Transportation on June 12, 2015 for this project in the amount of \$1,065,766.00 which was 37.0% above the engineer's estimate and the City opted to re-bid the project on November 6, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the City of Alton concurs with the Illinois Department of Transportation's award of the construction for the project to the low bidder. Mr. Brake 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. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 1-92 of the Illinois Power Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3855/1-92, permits a (city/village/township), if authorized by referendum, to adopt an ordinance by which it may operate a program to solicit bids and enter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of electricity and related services and equipment to residential and small commercial customers who do not opt-out of such a program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alton provides an opt-out electric aggregation program for eligible electric accounts within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, such aggregation program was authorized by referendum passed by a majority vote of the qualified electors voting on the question; and

WHEREAS, because electricity is a commodity for which supply bids typically are made each morning and expire the same day at the close of business, the City must act promptly to accept any such desired bid in order to contractually guarantee a per kilowatt hour electric rate for its residential and small commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alton, City Council finds that the best interests of the City are served by authorizing the City of Alton to receive and review bids and, in consultation with the City's consultant Good Energy, LP, accept the bid most beneficial to the City of Alton, pursuant to 20 ILCS 3855/1-92, to aggregate the residential and small commercial retail electric loads located within the City of Alton and to arrange for competitive electric supply to these retail electrical accounts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. The statements set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as if set forth in full in Section 1.

SECTION 2. The corporate authorities of the City of Alton hereby authorize and direct the City or their designee to receive and review bids and, in consultation with the Cities consultant Good Energy, LP, accept the bid most beneficial to the City of Alton without further action of the City Council. The City or their designee is hereby authorized to execute a service agreement with the bidder who submits the bid most beneficial to the City for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program, without further action of the City Council, with said execution and attestation to take place within the applicable time constraints required by the bidder; provided, however, that the energy price to be paid per kilowatt hour pursuant to the service agreement is less than the default rate currently in effect, resulting in savings for the City residential and small commercial retail customers.

SECTION 3. All prior actions of the City officials, employees, and agents with respect to the subject matter of this Resolution are hereby expressly ratified.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable, and should any provision of this Resolution be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute, or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable and as though not provided for herein, and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the City of Alton, and shall remain in effect for the current bid and any and all future bids associated with each occasion when the renewal of an electricity supply contract for its Municipal Electricity Opt-Out Aggregation Program exists. Mr. Brake 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

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 7490. Ordinance authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA minimum/maximum contribution agreement. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said ordinance be LAID OVER. The Chair so ordered.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 7485. An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied by Ordinance No. 7393 for the year 2015 to pay debt service on \$3,550,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014, as established by Ordinance No. 7393, of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois. 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

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

Ordinance No. 7486. An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied by Ordinance No. 7202 for the year 2015 to pay debt service on \$2,750,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, as established by Ordinance No. 7202, of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

Ordinance No. 7487. An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2015 to pay debt service on \$5,675,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, established by Ordinance No. 6943, of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

Ordinance No. 7488. An Ordinance providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$8,750,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, of the City of Alton, Madison County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said City, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, authorizing and directing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection with the issue of said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Bernardi Securities, Inc. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that the above and foregoing ordinances be adopted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following resolution:

Ordinance No. 7489. An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 6753, an ordinance that established one handicapped parking space in front of 701 Oakwood. 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

REPORTS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the following appearance Review Commission, re: Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee, re: Minutes of November 3, 2015 and Alton Plan Commission, re: Minutes of November 24, 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

The Clerk presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, for a special use permit with restrictions and for a waiver to Title 11, Chapter 9, Section 5 C (d) regarding the number of off-street parking spaces required for the special use permit on the property identified by permanent parcel number 23-2-07-02-17-301-019, Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian, (see attached legal), also known as 1801 State Street, Alton, Illinois, to operate a limited service restaurant and catering business. BE AND HEREBY IS APPROVED.

Mayor Pro Tem presented the following request for the floor from Steve & Dee Gehrs. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said request be approved.

Steve & Dee Gehrs took the floor and spoke, re: Re-zoning of 1801 State St. (we have nothing to add but wanted to be available for questions).

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

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSTAIN: Velloff – 1

The Clerk presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that a special use permit on the property identified by permanent parcel number 23-2-07-02-07-201-031, Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian, also known as 46 E. Elm Street, Alton, Illinois, to operate a used car dealership (a use within NAICS Code 44112), BE AND HEREBY IS APPROVED.

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following request for the floor from Joe Jenkins. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said request be approved.

Mr. Jenkins took the floor and spoke, re: Special Use Permit, Car Lot located at 46 E. Elm, Alton, IL.

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that the above and foregoing resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

The Clerk presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that a special use permit with restrictions be granted on the property identified by permanent

parcel number 23-2-07-10-08-201-026 and 23-2-07-10-08-201-033, Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 10 West of the Third Principal Meridian, also known as 845 Danforth and 300 McInerney, Alton, Illinois, to operate a nursing home and assisted living facility (a use within NAICS Code 623100). Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Walker presented the following reappointments of Judy Egelhoff to the Alton Amphitheater Commission; Steve Cousley to the Alton Regional Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors; James Ryan to the Alton Regional Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors; Cynthia A. Roth to the Alton Regional Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors; Karen Baker-Brnctic to the Alton Regional Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors; Michael Barker to the Alton Regional Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said reappointments be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSTAIN: Ryan – 1

At this time Mayor Walker made announcement that we hope to suspend rules and pass those special use ordinances next week to let those businesses or developments proceed.

APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES AT PRIOR MEETING

The Clerk presented the following three (3) resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that officials of the Dept. of Development & Housing are hereby authorized to purchase real property identified by the attached Parcel Index Numbers from the Madison County Tax Agent with said purchases funded by Community Development Block Grant supplemental funds.

2. WHEREAS, it the Public Works Director of the City of Alton has recommended certain improvements to the sanitary sewer system of the City of Alton which have been discovered in the course of a construction of a 24" forced main relocation of a sanitary sewer line, the full cost of which is paid by Dynege; and

WHEREAS, it is cost efficient to complete this necessary work utilizing the contractor currently on site working on the project paid for by Dynege.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS that the Public Works Director is hereby authorized and directed to retain

Hailer Plumbing of Okawville, Illinois to perform two change orders, as shown in the attached copies of each, with the cost for such improvements to be paid from the sewer fund.

3. WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad has requested a closure of the railroad crossing on Washington Street for repairs; and

WHEREAS, Union Pacific Railroad has requested the cooperation of the City of Alton for said closure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the City Council does hereby approve and direct the closure of Washington Street affecting all lanes of traffic crossing the railroad tracks commencing November 30, 2015 from 10:00 p.m. until December 1, 2015 at 5:00 a.m. or until appropriate repairs are fully completed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RoadSafe Traffic Systems and/or the applicable railroad will be responsible for all appropriate traffic barricades and signage effectuating said road closure and any detours associated therewith.

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the above and foregoing resolutions be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk presented the following Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2015 – 23, Demolition of 619 East Broadway for the Building and Zoning Department. Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said Bid Report and Resolution be TABLED until the January 13, 2016 City Council Meeting. 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 Rev. Stanton E. Holliday. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that said request be approved.

Rev. Holliday took the floor and spoke, re: Police Matters.

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Velloff presented the following petition and two (2) resolutions:

1. I move that the attached petition by Edmund Jones and Giant City, LLC to add Fitness Centers (uses within NAICS code 713940) to the list of Special Uses within the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District and for a special use permit to operate a fitness center at the

properties identified by Parcel ID Number 23-2-07-12-17-306-019, 23-2-07-12-17-306-020, and 23-2-07-12-17-306-021, more commonly known as 900-918 Union Street, Alton, IL be referred to the Plan Commission.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached redevelopment agreement with GC Properties, LLC pursuant to the terms of the Alton Tax Increment Finance Grant Program.

3. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached redevelopment agreement with GC Properties, LLC pursuant to the terms of the Alton Residential Tax Increment Finance Grant Program.

Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said petition be referred to the Plan Commission and said two (2) resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mrs. Martin 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:

1124 Putnam

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 two (2) resolutions:

1. WHEREAS, the City of Alton acquired certain real estate in connection with the improvements to College Avenue and said real estate shall be devoted to use as right-of-way in connection with said project; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS that an ordinance be considered dedicating the real estate on the attached exhibit for right-of-way purposes.

2. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Director be authorized to accept the proposal from S.N.I.P. Alliance to hold spay-neuter clinics at the Alton Public Works Facility on the terms as attached. The 2016 dates are Saturday, January 9, 2016; Sunday, January 10, 2016; Friday, February 5, 2016;

Sunday, February 7, 2016; Friday, February 12, 2016; Saturday, February 13, 2016; Saturday, March 5, 2016; Sunday, March 6, 2016; Saturday, March 12, 2016; Sunday, March 13, 2016.

Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Fleming presented the following two (2) resolutions:

1. WHEREAS, the City of Alton acquired certain real estate in connection with the improvements to North Rodgers Bridge and said real estate shall be devoted to use as right-of-way in connection with said project; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS that an ordinance be considered dedicating the real estate on the attached exhibit for right-of-way purposes.

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:

3516 Hoover

Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said resolutions 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 Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached redevelopment agreement with the Laura Lofts Homeowners's Association, pursuant to the terms of the Alton Tax Increment Finance Grant Program. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Rules of the City 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 the above and foregoing resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a tax levy ordinance for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of April 2015 and ending on the 31st day of March 2016; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that a tax levy ordinance be considered for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of April 2015 and ending on the 31st day of March 2016 in an amount recommended by the Comptroller as shown in the ordinance attached hereto. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that the Rules of the City Council be Suspended in order to act upon said resolution and first and second reading of the ordinance. 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 the above and foregoing resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Mr. Boulds presented Ordinance No. 7491 for first reading:

Ordinance No. 7491. An Ordinance providing for the Annual Tax Levy upon the real estate situated within the corporate limits of the City of Alton, in the County of Madison, State of Illinois, subject to taxation for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of April, 2015, and ending on the 31st day of March, 2016.

Mr. Boulds presented Ordinance No. 7491 for second reading:

Ordinance No. 7491. An Ordinance providing for the Annual Tax Levy upon the real estate situated within the corporate limits of the City of Alton, in the County of Madison, State of Illinois, subject to taxation for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of April, 2015, and ending on the 31st day of March, 2016.

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said ordinance be adopted. 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)