

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

ABSENT: Martin - 1

Mayor Walker called upon Director of Park & Recreation Haynes to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

COUNCIL MINUTES, COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF OFFICERS

The Clerk presented the following Council Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2016 and the following Communications: Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial Newsletter for January, 2016 and the following Report of Officers: Comptroller, re: Overtime Analysis for January, 2016; Department of Building and Zoning, re: Monthly Report for January, 2016. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said Minutes, Communications and Report of Officers be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT – Martin - 1

COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Brake presented the following Committee of the Whole Meeting Report for February 8, 2016; Resolution, re: Discount and Special Bills paid; AON Actuarial Valuation Report April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016; Resolution, re: Attached ordinance approving the transfer of 2016 bond volume cap allocation to the Southwestern Development Authority be considered; Resolution, re: Certain streets be closed on Saturday, March 12, 2016 to facilitate a St. Patrick's Day event; Amended Resolution, re: Alton Half Marathon Group is sponsoring a Half Marathon Run in the City of Alton; Resolution, re: Officials and agents are hereby authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court 1311 E. 5th; Resolution, re: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached redevelopment agreement with Dan Mar Enterprises, Inc.; Resolution, re: Officials and agents are hereby authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court 2306 Sunset, 2305 Amelia; Resolution, re: Alton WWTP Spray Water Pump Replacement Tabulation of Bids. 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 Detail Bills as listed in the Comptroller's report dated February 8, 2016 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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin - 1

Mr. Brake presented the following reports:

AON Actuarial Valuation Report City of Alton Firefighters Pension Fund and City of Alton Police Pension Fund April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said reports be placed on file. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin - 1

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the attached ordinance approving the transfer of 2016 bond volume cap allocation to the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority be considered. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Alderman James Ryan has requested, that certain streets be closed on Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to facilitate a St. Patrick's Day event; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the request, which was submitted in a timely manner, and does hereby approve said request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department are hereby authorized and directed to effectuate the temporary closure on Saturday,

March 12, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to facilitate a St. Patrick's Day event of the following streets:

State Street between Wall and Broadway

W. 3rd Street from State to Piasa

Belle from 3rd to 4th

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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

Mr. Brake presented the following Amended Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Alton Half Marathon Group is sponsoring a Half Marathon Run in The City of Alton which event constitutes a public purpose(s);

WHEREAS, this Half Marathon Run will require the temporary closure of the east bound lanes of Illinois Route 143 and the north bound lanes of US route 67 (the Clerk Bridge), a State Highway in the City of Alton from 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. March 19th, 2016.

WHEREAS, Section 4-408 of the Illinois Highway Code authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue permits to local authorities to temporarily close portions of State Highways for such purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alton that permission to close off the eastbound lanes of River Heritage Parkway (IL. RTE 143) from the Clark Bridge (US RTE 67) to the Alton Lock and Dam Way and from the north bound lanes of the Clark Bridge (US RTE 67) to it's City limits with the State of Missouri as above designated, be requested of the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this closure shall occur during the approximate time period between 7:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on March 19th, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that traffic from that closed portion of highway shall be detoured over routes with an all weather surface that can accept the anticipated traffic, which will be maintained to the satisfaction of the Department and which is conspicuously marked for the benefit of traffic diverted from the State highway. (The parking of vehicles shall be prohibited on the detour routes to allow an uninterrupted flow of two-way traffic.)*

The detour route shall be as follows: the two (2) westbound lanes of River Heritage Parkway (IL. RTE 143) will be divided into two-way traffic lanes (one lane West and one lane East) from Lock and Dam way (Entrance to the Melvin Price Lock and Dam) the route will also facilitate the closure of the outside (eastern most) traffic lane of the Clark Bridge (US RTE 67) from it's beginning at the State border between Illinois and Missouri to it's intersection with RiverHeritage Parkway (IL. RTE 143).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alton assumes full responsibility for the direction, protection, and regulation of the traffic during the time the detour is in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Police officers or authorized flaggers shall at the expense of the City of Alton be positioned at each end of the closed section and at other points (such as intersections) as may be necessary to assist in directing traffic through the detour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Police Officers, flaggers, and officials shall permit emergency vehicles in emergency situations to pass through the closed area as swiftly as is safe for all concerned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such signs, flags, barricades, etc., shall be used by the Alton Half Marathon Group as may be approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation. These items shall be provided by the City of Alton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the closure and detour shall be marked according to the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an occasional break shall be made in the procession so that traffic may pass through. In any event, adequate provisions will be made for traffic on intersecting highways, pursuant to conditions noted above. (Note: This paragraph is applicable when the Resolution pertains to a Parade or when no detour is required).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alton Half Marathon Group hereby agrees to assume all liabilities and pay all claims for any damage which shall be occasioned by the closing described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alton Half Marathon Group shall provide a comprehensive general liability insurance policy or an additional insured endorsement in the amount of \$100,000.00 per person and \$500,000.00 aggregate which has the Illinois Department of Transportation and its officials, employees, and agents as insureds and which protects them from all claims arising from the requested road closing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation to serve as a formal request for the permission sought in this resolution and to operate as part of the conditions of said permission. 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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

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:

1311 E. 5th

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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

Mr. Brake 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 Dan Mar Enterprises, Inc., pursuant to the terms of the Alton Tax Increment Finance Grant Program. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said resolution be Tabled. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

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2306 Sunset

2305 Amelia

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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

Mr. Brake presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Alton for the Alton WWTP Spray Water Pump Replacement project; and,

WHEREAS, the low bid received for this project was submitted by Loellke Plumbing, 22975 E County Road, Jerseyville, IL in the amount of \$92,750.00, which was 36% below the engineer's estimate of \$145,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS that the contract for the Alton WWTP Spray Water Pump Replacement project be awarded to the low bidder, Loellke Plumbing. 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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Clerk presented the following Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee, re: Minutes of January 5, 2016; Civil Service Commission, re: Minutes of January 6, 2016 and January 20, 2016; Alton Beautification and Clean City Committee, re: Minutes of January 7, 2016. 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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

APPOINTMENTS

The Clerk presented the following reappointment of Gary Doerr to the Plan Commission and the following appointments of James Rogalsky, Eva Perkins and Wade Gibson to the Plan Commission. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the following reappointment and appointments be Laid Over. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk presented the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the attached lease between the Union

Pacific Railroad Company and the City of Alton, Illinois for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a passenger boarding platform and associated facilities at the Alton Regional Multimodal Transportation center. 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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES
AT PRIOR MEETING

The Clerk presented the following four (4) ordinances and one (1) resolution:

Ordinance No. 7504. An Ordinance dedicating city owned real estate adjacent to Rock Springs Park as Public Right-Of-Way.

Ordinance No. 7505. An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance concerning Special Uses. (LOST)

Ordinance No. 7506. An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance concerning Special Uses.

Ordinance No. 7507. An Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit to allow the operation of a Fitness Center at the property located at 900-918 Union, Alton, Illinois.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON ILLINOIS THAT the Mayor and appropriate city officials as may be designated by the Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City of Alton the attached Software License and Service Agreement.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said four (4) ordinances and one (1) resolution be approved as noted. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

PUBLIC FORUM ADDRESSING CITY BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following request for the floor from Sandra Eaves, Dan Rauschkolb, Charles Wiley, John Swengrosh, Rachel Davies, Patricia Swengrosh, Raquel Sidwell, Tony Balsamo, Rebecca Hartman and Bill Miller. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said request be approved.

Ms. Eaves was not present to speak.

Mr. Rauschkolb took the floor and spoke, re: Residency.

Mr. Wiley relinquished his time to his Attorney Bill Miller.

Ms. Davies was not present to speak.

Ms. Swengrosh took the floor and spoke, re: What is the new information that changed the vote on the Special Use Permit for Alton Area Towing? Also why would you issue a permit for us to renovate the building knowing there is a zoning issue?

Ms. Sidwell was not present to speak.

Mr. Balsamo was not present to speak.

Ms. Hartman took the floor and spoke, re: In behalf of Alton Area Towing.

Mr. Swengrosh took the floor and spoke, re: Overturning Special Use for Alton Area Towing business.

COMMENTS OR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mrs. MacAfee presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Alton aspires to be a safe and humane community; and

WHEREAS, less than 2% of cats entering shelters are reclaimed nationally; and

WHEREAS, cats are thirteen times more likely to return home by non-shelter means than by shelter means; and

WHEREAS, 66% of lost cats are found because they return home; and

WHEREAS, a national survey revealed that almost 70% of citizens do not want kittens and cats picked up and killed by animal shelters; and

WHEREAS, Alton Animal Control takes many of the cats from our shelter to Madison County Animal Control; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, 1,542 cats were brought into Madison County Animal Control and 1,154 kittens and cats (75%) were killed; and

WHEREAS, Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), is the only humane and effect means of reducing community cat populations; and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence and experience in the United States and other countries, demonstrates that TNR is the only way to reduce community cat populations long-term; and

WHEREAS, under the Illinois Public Health and Safety Pet Overpopulation Control Act, funding is available to citizens who live in cities and counties who recognize trap, neuter, and return programs to get cats and kittens sterilized at a reduced cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the City of Alton should amend its animal control ordinance to provide for community cats to be sterilized, vaccinated and returned; and that the City of Alton should recognize Trap-Neuter-Return as an effective and humane way to reduce the stray cat population. Mrs. MacAfee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Velloff presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pride, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization focused on the greater Alton area with the purpose of the enhancement of the appearance of our community; and

WHEREAS, Pride, Inc., has a long history of pursuing that purpose to the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, Pride, Inc. has contacted the appropriate officials of the City of Alton requesting cooperation in a landscaping project Pride, Inc. would like to undertake at State House Square in Alton; and

WHEREAS, the plan Pride, Inc. has presented includes the follows:

- A. Pride, Inc. will build flower beds with shallow retaining walls both around the fountain and away from the fountain;
- B. Pride, Inc. will plant flowers, trees and ground cover;
- C. Pride, Inc. will select trees to be planted which will be located inside the existing power lines and will have a maximum heights not greater than 20 feet so as to not interfere with the power lines;
- D. Pride, Inc. agrees to maintain the landscaping installed by Pride, Inc. so as to not create an additional burden on the City resources; and

WHEREAS, Pride, Inc. requests that the City cut and remove the existing trees and stumps so as to permit Pride, Inc. to begin their landscaping project; and

WHEREAS, the Park Department of the City of Alton has advised that they are ready, willing and able to cooperate with the request from Pride, Inc. and has recommended approval of the proposal received from Pride, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the City of Alton accepts the terms of the foregoing offer from Pride, Inc. to install new landscaping at State House Square and to be responsible for the future maintenance of that landscaping on the conditions as outlined above. Mr. Velloff made a

motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Brake presented the following petition:

I move that the attached petition of Ebony Pirtle and Keith Brown for a special use permit to operate a childcare center (uses within NAICS Code 6244) at the property identified by Parcel ID Number 23-2-07-12-06-104-034 more commonly known as 935 Tremont Street, Alton IL be referred to the Plan Commission. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said petition be referred to the Plan Commission. The Chair so ordered.

Mr. Brake presented following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alton, Illinois, finds and determines that the below listed routers are no longer necessary or appropriate for the use of the City of Alton and it is declared to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS, Lewis and Clark Community College, CNET Program, Godfrey, Illinois, has a suitable use for said below listed routers and has requested to purchase same; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Jarvis Swope of the City of Alton, the City Council does hereby determine a fair compensation to be charged to Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey, Illinois, for the below listed routers 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 routers listed below to Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey, Illinois, for One Dollar (\$1.00) and upon the condition and understanding that said routers are transferred “as is” without any warranties of any nature, including any warranty of fitness for any particular purpose:

Cisco 3825 256mb flash Serial Number FTX1032A05L
Cisco 3825 2GB flash Serial Number FTX125A3YX
Cisco 256MB flash Serial Number FTX1007COP5
Cisco 3825 2GB flash Serial Number FTX1334AJ68
Cisco 1841 256 mb flash Serial Number FTX1634819A
Cisco 1841 64mb flash Serial Number FTX21520RW
Cisco 1841 32mb flash Serial Number FTX1036W2N5

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

Mr. Boulds presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Alton has an agreement with Illinois American Water Company to install fire hydrants within the City of Alton; and

WHEREAS, Illinois American Water Company has installed 7 fire hydrants on Belle Street, 1 fire hydrant on Hodge Court and 2 fire hydrants on Hazel Drive pursuant to the Franchise Hydrant Agreement between the City of Alton and Illinois American Water Company for the 2015 allotment; and

WHEREAS, Illinois American Water Company has installed 1 fire hydrant on Maupin Street, 2 fire hydrants on Vernie Avenue and 1 fire hydrant on Charlene Court pursuant to the Franchise Hydrant Agreement between the City of Alton and Illinois American Water Company for the 2016 allotment; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief of the City of Alton confirms that said fire hydrants have been installed by Illinois American Water Company at the locations indicated above.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Fire Chief notify that the City of Alton is in agreement that Illinois American Water Company installed 7 fire hydrants on Belle Street, 1 fire hydrant on Hodge Court and 2 fire hydrants on Hazel Drive were installed from the 2015 allotment pursuant to the Franchise Hydrant Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, that the Fire Chief notify Illinois American Water that the City of Alton is in agreement that Illinois American Water Company installed 1 fire hydrant on Maupin Street, 2 fire hydrants on Vernie Avenue and 1 fire hydrant on Charlene Court from the 2016 allotment pursuant to the Franchise Hydrant Agreement between the City of Alton and Illinois American Water Company. 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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds, Mayor Walker - 7

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that the Council go into executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues with the attorneys present, Kim Clark and Amanda Scoggins requested to be present. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

The Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

The Council reconvened to open session at 8:56 p.m.

The Council Members present on call of the roll:

PRESENT: Ryan, MacAfee, Velloff, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

ABSENT: Martin - 1

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, Brake, Fleming, Boulds – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Martin – 1

Mary T. Boulds MMC
City Clerk

(Seal of the City of Alton, Illinois)

