

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON, ILLINOIS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING REPORT

FEBRUARY 23, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, Alton, Illinois at approximately 7:00 p.m. on the above date.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Velloff.

Roll Call of members present or absent was as follows:

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

ABSENT: None – 0

Also in attendance were Mayor Walker; Comptroller Cowan; City Treasurer Roth; Fire Chief Sebold; Police Chief Simmons; Public Works Director Barnhart; Director of Development and Housing Caffey; Personnel Director Scoggins; Wastewater Treatment Operations Supervisor Roth; Director of Park and Recreation Haynes; Chief of Staff/City Council Liaison Herkert; Corporation Counselor Schrempf and Assistant Corporation Counselor Williams.

Chairman Velloff presented the Discount and Special Bills paid as listed in the Comptroller's Report dated February 23, 2015 be approved and a Resolution authorizing same be presented at Wednesday's Council Meeting. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said Bills be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None - 0

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That its officials and agents of the City of Alton are authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court as listed below: 609 George (garage only). Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacAfee, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: 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. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the following described street be improved under the Illinois Highway Code: College Ave. Sidewalk (FAU 8961) from Holman Street to Rock Springs Drive which consists of removal and replacement of existing sidewalk and that there be appropriate the sum of \$67,500.00 for said improvement. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: Illinois Department of Transportation, Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation for the project described as College Avenue Sidewalk (Route FAU 8961) from Holman Street to Rock Springs Drive to remove and replace existing sidewalk along the north side of College Avenue. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Velloff – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the Park & Recreation Director is authorized and directed to execute the attached Lease Agreement for the farm land in or near Gordon Moore Park. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said Resolution be approved.

Mr. Boulds presented the following Amendment:

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

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

NAYS: None – 0

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

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the City Council 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. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: 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. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the Mayor and appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to execute the attached PBPA Patrol Contract. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2015-02, Mowing and Trimming Services for the Building & Zoning Department. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, 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. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

At this time Alderman Ryan stated that Governor Rauner announced a possible 50% reduction of income tax to Illinois cities. If so, the City of Alton would be under some real constraints.

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

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

MICHAEL VELLOFF
CHAIRMAN

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