

CITY OF ALTON  
ALTON, ILLINOIS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING REPORT

APRIL 20, 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, Boulds, Ryan, MacAfee – 6

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Also in attendance were Mayor Walker; Comptroller Cowan; City Treasurer Roth; Fire Chief Sebold; Police Chief Simmons; 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.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented a request for the floor from Larry Stephenson & John Breitingner of NorthMarq Capital (owners of Alton Sq. Mall). Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said request be approved.

Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Breitingner took the floor and spoke, re: The mall ownership desires to update the council on recent business activity at the mall as well as discuss the importance of the Alton Sq. Business District to the mall's long-term viability.

Chairman Velloff presented the Discount and Special Bills paid as listed in the Comptroller's Report dated April 20, 2015 be approved and a Resolution authorizing same be presented at Wednesday's Council Meeting. Mr. Boulds made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that said Bills be approved.

At this time Mr. Ryan made a motion requesting a separation of vote for the line item on page 14 under Human Resources, Legal Expenses, "Hodges, Loizzi, Eisen" in the amount of \$11,543.24 and for the line item on page 15 under Police Department, Legal Expenses, "Hodges, Loizzi, Eisen" in the amount of \$18,710.84, seconded by Mr. Brake.

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

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacAfee, that each line item for the Human Resources Department and the Police Department be voted upon separately.

The vote for approval of the line item on page 14 under Human Resources, Legal Expenses, “Hodges, Loizzi, Eisen” in the amount of \$11,543.24 was as follows:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

The vote for approval of the line item on page 15 under Police Department, Legal Expenses, “Hodges, Loizzi, Eisen” in the amount of \$18,710.84 was as follows:

AYES: Velloff, Martin, Boulds, MacAfee – 4

NAYS: Brake, Ryan – 2

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the mayor is authorized and directed to execute the attached Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation by and between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Alton. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the Mayor and appropriate officials are authorized and directed to accept the donation of land identified on the attached exhibit and legal description needed to complete the improvements at Riverview Park for which the City has received a scenic byway grant. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacAfee, that said Resolution be approved.

Mr. Ryan presented the following Amendment:

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 accept the donation of land identified on the attached exhibit and legal description needed to complete the improvements at Riverview Park for which the City has received a scenic byway grant. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said Amendment be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Velloff, Martin, Brake, Boulds, Ryan, MacAfee – 6  
NAYS: None – 0  
ABSENT: Fleming – 1

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

AYES: Velloff, Martin, Brake, Boulds, Ryan, MacAfee – 6  
NAYS: None – 0  
ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the City of Alton has received a scenic byway grant through the Illinois Dept. of Transportation for restoration of Riverview Park and that the City of Alton is required to provide twenty percent (20%) of the total project costs as the local share and that \$101,096.00 is appropriated as the local share with said funds coming from the Dept. of Development & Housing FY15 budget. 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, Boulds, Ryan, MacAfee – 6  
NAYS: None – 0  
ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That officials and agents of the City of Alton are authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court: 2107 State. 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, Boulds, Ryan, MacAfee – 6  
NAYS: None – 0  
ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the Public Works Department, Police Department and Fire Department are authorized and directed to effectuate the temporary closure of Belle Street from Third Street to Fourth Street on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. until Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. and on Saturday, September 25, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. until Sunday, September 26, 2015 at 6:00 a.m. to facilitate certain special events being conducted in downtown Alton in the vicinity of Mac's Time Out Lounge. 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, Boulds, Ryan, MacAfee – 6  
NAYS: None – 0  
ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the City Treasurer is authorized to reimburse STO, LLC for the payments to Fischer Lumber Company, Gene's Appliance Service Heating and Cooling, Robert Sanders Waste Systems, Inc. and Store Supply Warehouse in the amount of \$19,129.12 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, Boulds, Ryan, MacAfee – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the Mayor is authorized to execute the "Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation" between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Alton for the federal TAP Funds for the reconstruction of sidewalks along College Avenue from Holman Street to Rock Springs Drive. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacAfee, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following two (2) Resolutions:

1. Resolution, re: That officials and agents of the City of Alton are authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court: 1315 Highland.
2. Resolution, re: That officials and agents of the City of Alton are authorized to pursue appropriate legal action against such properties in the Circuit Court: 2208 E. Broadway. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said two (2) Resolutions be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the Mayor is authorized to execute the "Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation" between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Alton for the federal STP funds for the construction of improvements to College Avenue from Central Avenue to Washington Avenue. Mrs. Martin 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: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the following described street be improved under the Illinois Highway Code: College Avenue FAU 8961 from Central Ave. to Washington Ave. and that there be appropriated \$218,000.00 from the municipality's allotment of MFT funds. Mrs. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented a request for the floor from Elizabeth Scrafford. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said request be approved.

Ms. Scrafford took the floor and spoke, re: Dynegy Agreement regarding water pipe.

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the Mayor and appropriate officials are authorized and directed to execute the attached Agreement with Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that said Resolution be approved.

Mr. Ryan presented the following Amendment:

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 Agreement with Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC in substantially the form as attached hereto. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said Amendment be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

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

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

Chairman Velloff presented the following Resolution, re: That the City Council deems it advisable to amend the Traffic Code of the City of Alton by affecting the no parking areas on Henrietta Street and North Rodgers Avenue in the vicinity of Senior Services Plus in accordance with the recommendations with the Alton Police Department and that the Corporation Counselor draft an appropriate ordinance incorporating the recommendations of the Alton Police Department. 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, Boulds, Ryan, MacAfee – 6

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

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

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

NAYS: None – 0

ABSENT: Fleming – 1

MICHAEL VELLOFF  
CHAIRMAN

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