

CITY OF ALTON
ALTON, ILLINOIS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING REPORT

MAY 11, 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 Chairwoman Martin.

Roll Call of members present or absent was as follows:

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

ABSENT: None – 0

Also in attendance were Mayor Walker; Comptroller Cowan; City Treasurer Roth; Fire Chief Sebold; Police Chief Simmons; Director of Development and Housing Caffey; Public Works Director Barnhart; 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.

Chairwoman Martin presented the Discount and Special Bills paid as listed in the Comptroller's Report dated May 11, 2015 be approved and a Resolution authorizing same be presented at Wednesday's Council Meeting. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said Bills be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairwoman Martin presented the following Resolution, re: That the Mayor is authorized to execute a contract for professional services to complete the design of Phase VIII of Riverfront Park, including circulation, parking and landscaping, with said funding coming from the Marina/Riverfront \$0.10 Fund. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacAfee, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairwoman Martin 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: 3141 Belle. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairwoman Martin presented the following Resolution, re: That the City Council deems it advisable to establish a restricted parking in front of the pedestrian bridge entrance on Broadway and that the Police Department of the City of Alton has conducted a traffic study and made recommendations with regard thereto and that the attached ordinance be considered. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacAfee, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairwoman Martin presented the following Resolution, re: That the attached Ordinance pertaining to establishing a handicapped parking space in front of 307 George Street be considered. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. MacAfee, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairwoman Martin presented the following Resolution, re: That the City Clerk was authorized and directed to advertise the sale of surplus real property identified as 224 Hamilton St. and that proposals were received and publicly opened at the regular meeting of the Alton City Council on April 8, 2015 and that the officials of the Dept. of Development & Housing are authorized and directed to convey title to said surplus property for the expressed consideration of \$1,000. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Velloff, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairwoman Martin presented the following Resolution, re: That permission be granted to the East End Improvement Association, Inc. and Upper Alton Association, Inc. from the Illinois Department of Transportation to temporarily close off IL Route 140 from Brown Street to College Avenue and from Washington Avenue to Clawson Street from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on May 25, 2015 for the annual Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Brake made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said Resolution be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairwoman Martin presented the following Resolution, re: That the Public Works Director is authorized to sell a 1991 Kawasaki Mule, K.M.-1, Model KAF540E that is in disrepair and no longer used to Matthew Halliday in the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00). Mr. Velloff made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that said Resolution be approved.

After some discussion, Mr. Velloff withdrew his motion and Mr. Boulds withdrew his second.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said Resolution be PLACED ON FILE. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairwoman Martin presented the following Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2015-06, Demolition of 2700 Residence Street & 2931½ Werges Street for the Building and Zoning Department. Mr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brake, that the best bid of Supreme Trucking and Excavating, for 2700 Residence Street in the amount of \$4,750.00 and for 2931½ Werges Street in the amount of \$4,050.00 be awarded for Bid #2015-06 for the Building & Zoning Department. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

Chairwoman Martin presented the following Bid Report and Resolution, re: Bid #2015-07, Asbestos Removal for 1901 Swift Street & 2716 Residence Street for the Building and Zoning Department. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Boulds, that the best bid of Universal Abatement, for 1901 Swift Street in the amount of \$5,624.00 and for 2716 Residence Street in the amount of \$4,412.00 be awarded for Bid #2015-07 for the Building & Zoning Department. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None – 0

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following eight (8) requests for the floor regarding Piasa Body Art: Felicia Breen, James Rogalsky, Monica Mason, Jean Cousley, Sarah McGibany, Christine Favilla, Drew Mader and Chris Hinkle. Mayor Pro Tem Ryan presented the following four (4) requests for the floor regarding the Police Department: Joshua Young, Marcus Harrison, Jan Mirikitani and Rance Thomas. Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fleming, that said twelve (12) requests be approved.

Ms. Breen took the floor and spoke, re: On behalf of allowing Grand Piasa Body Art to be allowed to locate on Broadway.

Mr. Rogalsky took the floor and spoke, re: On behalf of Piasa Body Art, would like a positive vote.

Ms. Mason took the floor and spoke, re: Special Use Permit at Henry and Broadway.

Ms. Cousley took the floor and spoke, re: Support an existing Alton business that wants to relocate and improve a building in an area where this is much needed.

Ms. McGibany took the floor and spoke, re: In support of bringing Piasa Body Art to Broadway in Alton.

Ms. Favilla took the floor and spoke, re: Special Use Zoning regarding Tattoo Shop.

Mr. Mader took the floor and spoke, re: Proposed Zoning Amendment regarding Piasa Body Art being voted down; would like to see the City Council vote for approval of the Zoning change.

Mr. Hinkle took the floor and spoke, re: Would like the chance to speak if needed regarding Piasa Body Art.

Mr. Young was not present to speak.

Mr. Harrison took the floor and spoke, re: Chief of Police.

Ms. Mirikitani took the floor and spoke, re: Matter of public safety and Police.

Alderman Fleming made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that Ms. Mirikitani be granted five (5) minutes more to speak. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Brake, Fleming, Ryan, Velloff – 4

NAYS: Martin, Boulds, MacAfee – 3

Ms. Mirikitani continued to speak regarding matters of public safety and Police.

Dr. Thomas of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens of Alton area and North County Churches uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice, took the floor and spoke, re: Chief Simmons.

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

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

NAYS: None – 0

ALICE MARTIN
CHAIRWOMAN

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