

**CITY OF TROY**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**January 4, 2010**

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at 116 E. Market Street, Troy, Illinois. Mayor Tom Caraker, Sr. called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Caraker requested a moment of silence for our fallen Soldier Bradley Smith of Troy who was killed in Afghanistan on January 3, 2010 by a road side bombing.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor Tom Caraker, Sr.; Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf; Clerk Mitchell; Treasurer Roady

**OTHER OFFICIALS** Present: Administrator Soland, Attorney Wigginton, Chief Rizzi, Director of Public Works Secrest, Absent: Code Administrator Frey.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from December 21, 2009 regular City Council Meeting: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to approve the Minutes from December 21, 2009 as presented and written. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite abstained, Brannon abstained, Davis yea, Evans abstained, Hendrickson abstain, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, Metcalf yea, Mayor Caraker yea, 5 yeas, 4 abstentions, 0 nays, motion carries. Minutes from December 7, 2009 Tax Levy Public Hearing: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve the Minutes from December 7, 2009 Public Hearing as presented and written. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Brannon yea, Davis yea, Evans abstain, Hendrickson yea, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, Metcalf yea, 7 yeas, 1 abstention, 0 nays, motion carries.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Clerk Mitchell has nothing at this time.

**MAYOR'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS/CITY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

Meeting with Glen Carbon-Municipal Boundaries: Mayor Caraker stated he has met with the Mayor of Glen Carbon and not heard back from him. Mayor Caraker commented he will follow up on this. Presentation of Utility Cost Analysts Program: Administrator Soland commented the Council received in your packets an Ordinance that will authorize the mayor to sign an agreement with Utility Cost Analysts, a Utility and Telecommunications Auditing Service. What we are proposing is to make sure the City is paying what we should be paying for utilities. There is no cost associated to having an audit. If there are savings, we share in those savings with the company. It is a 50/50 split and if they find no errors there is no charge. The statics show that about 75% of utility bills have errors. Administrator Soland commented our City Attorney Wigginton has looked the contract over and made a few changes to the verbiage for the city's benefit. Administrator Soland commented in our agreement the verbiage states we do not have to change things say from Sprint to ATT do to their findings in the audit. Administrator Soland commented how this works is they audit the utility bills and give us the audit, if we get money back the utility company pays us and in turn we pay the audit company 50% of what was found, if no mistakes are found then they get nothing.

Five Year Plan: Administrator Soland commented we are putting together a Five Year Program beginning the Fiscal Year 2011. He would like for the Aldermen to get together request in their Wards or around town for things they may see that need to be done. We will put together the Budget and then right after that we will put together the Five Year Plan. Administrator Soland said he would appreciate their input. Alderman Davis commented he knows one thing right now and that is a welcome to Troy sign out by the truck stops, of course after the bridge is complete so we will know where to place it.

**PEOPLE REQUESTING TO BE ON THE AGENDA:** Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Mrs. Dawn Mushill: Mrs. Mushill introduced the Chamber Board Members that came for tonight's presentation; President of the Chamber Norris Brase, Administrative Assistant Diana Stogsdill, Treasurer Scott Wiesehan, John Mulcrone, Ambassador, Jim and Beth Sheldon Chamber Web Site and Director, Ambassador Dr. Sheri McGuire, and Ambassador Christian Luetkemeyer.

Executive Director Mushill commented the purpose of tonight's presentation is to provide the Troy City Council with background and information on; Role of the Chamber in the community, Use of tourism funds provided to the Chamber, The decision to become the Troy/Maryville/St. Jacob Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Dawn Mushill commented we had the Fall Fest that had about 800 in attendance and promoted this in 13 local newspapers, two radio stations, online community calendars, free cable stations, and distributed over 2,000 placemats at Pizza Man and distributed 1,000 flyers. Mrs. Mushill commented our goal for 2010 is to increase booth participation and attendance. The Troy Family Summer of Fun goal is to have an event every Friday night from Memorial Day through September. We have had a major revamp of the Chamber website and had over 550,000 hits to date. Mrs. Mushill stated we have many links from our website for schools, churches and restaurants. We have 22 planters throughout downtown area, and banners; our goals are to continue planters in the downtown area. We have new residents packets also distributed through the Troy Water Office.

Mrs. Dawn Mushill commented we had the Kelly Miller Circus and had about 3,000 in attendance our goal for 2010 is to increase that number. Our Chamber Events includes Monthly Networking luncheons and Morning Mingles. Business After Hours and Ribbon Cuttings Twice Weekly E-News. We had in December Santa's Village with the help of the Tri-Township Park organizing this event, utilized more than fifty Triad students and ten local businesses. We also had live reindeer and next years event will also have live camels. We have our Chamber Newsletter and over 1,400 distributed via e-mail. For Community Volunteerism we serve on the Triad Prevention and Planning Committee, coordinate a volunteer day with Triad Middle and High School with various projects. Mrs. Mushill stated the addition of St. Jacob name to the Chamber, this is building a stronger Chamber and both Maryville and St. Jacob were without Chambers. There is no reduction in Troy community events. All Troy Tourism money is used for Troy community events and the Chamber does not plan events in other communities. 65% of Chamber members businesses are in Troy and the Chamber income is this; 22% Tourism funding (from the City of Troy), 42% Chamber membership dues, 24% Fundraisers (i.e. Auction & Golf Scramble. 7% networking events and 5% Chamber advertising (i.e. newsletters & website, etc.) As of now we have 381 members, 111 members in 2000, 98% yearly retention rate, average dues \$165.00, 14 members and 20 Chamber Ambassadors.

Other information; we received the 2009 Partnership Award from SWIC, distributed over 5,000 member to member discount cards. The City of Troy is always listed first sponsor on all events and goals for 2010 printing key cards for member to member discount cards providing local gift certificates to be used at local businesses to keep money in the community. Mrs. Mushill commented our staff size is one full time (Executive Director) one part-time (Administrative Assistant) we have interns as available from local colleges-unpaid, staff has no benefits such as health insurance, life insurance or dental insurance, etc. The Chamber and the City work closely together the Chamber also worked on the Growth Management Plan (Comprehensive Plan). The Chamber assisted in creating the Troy Progress Community Improvement Board, in implementing quarterly public-private meetings with interested parties, working with local real estate developers and leasing agents in creating an overall marketing campaign, surveying residents and non-residents about retail and services needed.

Alderman Lanahan stated Dawn does a great job. Mayor Caraker, Administrator Soland and the rest of the Council applaud Mrs. Dawn Mushill for such a great job. Mrs. Dawn Mushill wanted to thank her staff and all the volunteers for all their help in making this a successful Troy/Maryville/St. Jacob Chamber of Commerce.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:** *Alderman Adomite has nothing at this time*

**BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Davis has nothing at this time.*

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Brannon has nothing at this time.*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Lanahan has nothing at this time.*

**LAND USE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Evans*

Alderman Evans mentioned that the Planning Commission will meet on January 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES:** *Alderman Hendrickson has nothing at this time.*

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Italiano*

Director of Public Works Secrest: DPW Secrest commented the Street Crew has put up more signs around town and Industrial Dr. & Lions Dr., replaced a culvert on Spring Valley Rd., Cleaned out culverts for rain, swept streets, and filled potholes. The Water Crew put in two water services at 8868 Route 162 & 8417 Herrick Park, prepared pumps for heavy rain, and cleaned lift station on Meadow Drive.

Alderman Italiano asked if the City has designated a snow route. Attorney Wigginton commented we are going to make an ordinance to enforce it. This plan has been well thought out and in the meantime if we have a heavy snow we will use this plan. So if you get a call that the snow plow went right past their street you will need to explain the snow route plan.

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Metcalf*

Ordinance to Authorize Mayor to Execute Agreement with Utility Cost Analysts: Alderman Metcalf moved, seconded by Alderman Brannon to pass Ordinance 2010-01 an Ordinance authorizing the City to enter into and the Mayor to Execute an Agreement between the City of Troy and Utility Cost Analysts. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to adjourn. Voice vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Tammy J Mitchell, RMC, CMC  
City Clerk