

**CITY OF TROY**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**February 19, 2008**

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 to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Present; Mayor Tom Caraker, Sr.; Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart; Clerk Mitchell; Absent: Alderman Metcalf because he had a new baby girl, Treasurer Roady

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Administrator Soland, Attorney Wigginton, Chief Rizzi, Building & Zoning Administrator Frey, Absent: Water & Sewer Superintendent Secrest (training)

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the February 4, 2008 regular City Council Meeting: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve the regular City Council Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2008 as written. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Brannon yea, Davis yea, Evans abstained, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, McTaggart yea, 6 yeas, 1 abstention, 0 nays, motion carries.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Clerk Mitchell had a thank you card from Karen (Bob) Obernuefemann mother Amelia Kampwerth who passed away.

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

School Impact Fees Status: Attorney Wigginton commented he has sent a letter to the School District Attorney and they should be getting back with him shortly. In the Ordinance we changed to say that the entire taxing district must agree to this Ordinance in order to pass it.

Status of Contract Economic Development Resources Inc.: Attorney Wigginton commented he has advised to the Economic Development Resources, Inc. that we will be changing some things in the agreement to better protect the city. Then when he meets with Mr. Norber he will get back with the Council.

Mayor Caraker commented we will receive back the Ordinance from the School District and all the three towns and County will have to agree to this Ordinance before it is valid.

**PEOPLE REQUESTING TO BE ON THE AGENDA:** No one requested to be on the agenda tonight.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:** *Alderman Evans* has nothing at this time.

**BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Adomite*

Building Inspector's Report for January 2008: Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to approve the Building Inspector's report as presented, the Estimated Value is \$1,959,247.62, Fees Collected are \$8,916.60, Building permits Retired were \$600,358.97. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Mayor Caraker commented he would like for the Council to notice permit number 08-001-B for Troy Acquisitions (Walgreen's.) Alderman Adomite asked how the registration for the Rental Inspections is going.

Building & Zoning Administrator Frey commented most people have done it already but we will be chasing after a few. Alderman Adomite commented on the subdivision report that we have a couple that is ready to go.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Brannon*

Business Registrations for January 2008: Alderman Brannon commented there was one regular Business Commercial; Laughlin-Richerson Funeral Home/Guideon Richeson-205 Edwardsville Road. There was one Code Inspection Laughlin-Richerson and there was no TDR report tonight.

Status of Committee Meeting: Alderman Brannon commented that he had an Economic Development Committee Meeting on February 7, 2008 and discussed the 2008 Tourism Fund Grant cycle. Tom Cissell updated the committee on the funding opportunities through the East West Gateway Organization. Mr. Cissell stated there is approximately \$3.9 that will be available for Illinois and split between Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties. Mr. Cissell felt that an award of approximately \$300,000.00 is attainable. Alderman Brannon commented there is a filing fee of \$3,000.00 and is refundable if you don't get the Grant money. Alderman Brannon moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to approve the expenditure of \$3,000.00 for filing fee of the Grant, and will be refundable if the grant is denied, and this \$3,000.00 will come out of the General Fund. Alderman Evans asked when this is due. Mr. Cissell commented this is due Friday and the filing cost is due on March 14, 2008. Mr. Cissell stated he has the application complete. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Mayor Caraker complimented Mr. Cissell for a great job at sticking with the Grant process.

Alderman Brannon commented that he has scheduled an Economic Development Committee meeting to meet with the applicants for Tourism Fund disbursement on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. and ask Clerk Mitchell if she could get that posted and mail out letters. Alderman Brannon commented that the amount requested exceeds \$150,000.00 and we have considered that we may get \$10,000.00 a month. We can't continue to borrow from this fund so we will be cutting back considerably.

Dawn Mushill commented we sold 350 tickets, dress casual, and the doors open up at 5:00 p.m.

Alderman Brannon commented that he has gone through our 5 year plan and he would like to commend the Department Heads and Administration for getting most of this accomplished.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Lanahan*

Treasurer's Report for January 2008: Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve the Treasurer's Report/Fund Balances as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Sales Tax Report from Illinois Department of Revenue for November/February: The Sales Tax Report was \$80,460.85.

Bills to be Approved and Paid for the month of January/February 2008: Alderman Lanahan presented the Aged Obligation Report Summary; Total Computer Checks for February 2008 was \$225,943.40, Total manual Checks were \$21,046.53, and the Grand Total was \$246,989.93.

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Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderwomen McTaggart to approve the Aged obligation Report Summary and pay the Bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Alderman Lanahan commented coming down on Pike we were going to cut the trees away and his brother CJ has been cutting back the trees, therefore it will cost the city less when they come out to cut those back.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Metcalf*  
Has nothing at this time.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES:** *Alderman McTaggart*  
Police Report for January 2008: Alderwomen McTaggart moved, seconded by Alderman Brannon to approve the Police Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Chief Rizzi commented that the process for hiring the new police officer is about over and we don't expect any problems. Mayor Caraker commented he has had 2 complaints at Henning School that Route 40 is really getting dangerous and people are flying down that highway. Chief Rizzi commented that he will get someone out there in the morning.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Italiano*  
Water & Sewer Report for January 2008: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Water & Sewer Report for January 2008 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart yeas 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Mayor Caraker commented the Director of Public Works is in Effingham for training. Administrator Soland commented that right at Washington and 162 we had a water main break so it looked like part of the construction but, it was not. Alderman Italiano commented we have a Tab Sheet for a new cargo van but we will bring it up at he next meeting.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Davis* has nothing at this time. Mrs. Mushill commented that on March 13 we will have the next Business after Hours at the City of Troy and she asked everyone to join us. Alderman Lanahan commented he would like for the Council to see this banner he would like to get for Christmas next year, because if he purchases it before the end of the month, we can get it at 40% discount. Mayor Caraker commented he will meet with Administrator Soland if no one has a problem with that. Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to adjourn, all Alderman present yeas, 0 nays, motion carries, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Tammy J Mitchell, RMC, CMC  
City Clerk