

**CITY OF TROY**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**March 15, 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.

**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 Brian Manion, Chief Rizzi, Director of Public Works Secrest, Code Administrator Frey.

Mayor Caraker commented we need to amend the Agenda under N. Legislative Committee item #1 Resolution to accept Preliminary Plat for Carrington Farm Villas and remove it from this Agenda tonight. *Alderman Metcalf moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to remove item #1 under Legislative Resolution for the Preliminary Plat for Carrington Farms. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.*

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from March 1, 2010: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to approve the regular City Council Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2010 as written. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite abstained, Brannon yea, Davis yea, Evans abstained, Hendrickson yea, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, Metcalf abstained, 5 yeas, 3 abstentions, 0 nays, motion carried.

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

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

Administrator Soland commented at the next meeting we will have a Preliminary Draft of the Budget for your review. Administrator Soland commented that our Budget will reflect of what the Governor is recommending less funding for cities, villages, pension and state police. Alderman Adomite will further discuss that under Administrative Services.

Alderman Evans commented that the information that is being distributed for the recycling pick-up is out dated if you go on Allied Waste web site you can get all the updated material. Alderman Evans commented that we can print that out and distribute this to the public.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:** *Alderman Adomite*

Comments on Governors Proposed Budget: Alderman Adomite commented in your packets the article from the Chicago Tribune that entails the Governor Proposed Budget. Just because this is proposed in Springfield does not mean that it is approved, because it will have to pass Legislation.

The Governor is proposing for Municipalities that get a 10% share of the State share of the Income Tax Revenue, to instead only disburse 7% which amounts to about 3 hundred million State wide. If you look at the second sheet he gave the council, normally we would get about \$918,000 and now we would get about \$642,600. Remember this is not in final plan but, it is something we are reflecting our budget on.

Status of Census Program: Alderman Adomite commented that soon you will receive in the mail your Census packet. Mayor Caraker said he received his today. Alderman Adomite mentioned that we have set up a couple of assistance stands for people who need help filling out there Census. The one in Troy will be staffed by Census employees and will be at the Tri-Township Library from March 19 to April 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, also at the Maryville Village Hall and St. Jacob Village Hall and a national call line for those needing help. Alderman Adomite commented that we also have a “Be Counted Sites” that will be set up here at City Hall. This will be for those who did not get a questioner sent to them; they will be able to pick one up here at City Hall.

Treasurer’s Program for Property Tax Payments: Alderman Adomite explained to the council the new plan set forth by the Madison County Treasurer’s Office. Taxes can now be paid in monthly installments in hopes to give tax payers an extended period of time to pay their taxes.

Treasurer Roady commented that we will receive a portion of our real-estate taxes on the following fiscal year. After the first year we should be alright because we don’t spend the money in one lump sum it is budgeted all year round.

Award of Grass Mowing Contract: Alderman Adomite commented in your packets you have the Tab Sheet for the Grass Cutting, and the low bid was Construction & Maintenance Solutions at \$7,000.00. Administrator Soland commented that we make sure they have insurance and things of that nature, and if they don’t have something like insurance, then we would go to the next low bidder.

Administrator Soland commented this is where we start and it is a qualified bid. Alderwoman Hendrickson asked if he fails in the contract from the start are we allowed to take the next one. Mayor Caraker commented yes we can we would go to the next low bidder. *Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Brannon to accept the low bidder Construction & Maintenance Solutions in the amount of \$7,000.00 provided he has all the necessary qualifications, insurance etc. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis nay, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf, 7 yeas, 1 nay, motion carried.*

**BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Davis*

Building Inspector’s Report for February 2010: Alderman Davis presented the Building Inspector’s Report for February; the Estimated Value is \$1,635,415.95, Fees Collected were \$7,506.39 and Retired Permits totaling \$396,902.16, 42 Building Inspections, and 31 Rental Inspections. Alderman Davis moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to accept the Building Inspector’s Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Code Administrator Frey commented that on February 22, 2010 the City received a check for \$13,956 to release 21 property maintenance liens against 300 Wickliffe. The actual cost for filing/release fees amounted to \$8,600. The difference represents the \$250.00 administration fees charged each time the city has to abate a nuisance. Since 2000, the City has invoiced 169 properties, filed 143 liens, and incurred \$34,003 in property maintenance costs. During these times, the City received reimbursement of \$5,150.0 in 2008, \$2,710 in 2009, and \$14,410 in 2010. Since 2000, the

City has received reimbursements totaling \$41,288. If a special assessment on property taxes would have been applied per City Ordinance 2007-17 the City could have collected an additional \$14,795. Code Administrator Frey commented he is very proud of this program and proud of Linda getting this paperwork in order and getting it filed to keep this program moving. The key to this program is to get the word out to the home owners or lending institutions that own some of these properties.

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

Business Registrations for February 2010: Alderman Brannon commented that there were no New Businesses for February 2010.

Approval of Tourism Fund Money: Alderman Brannon commented in your packets are the results of the Economic Development Committee Meeting and would like to recommend to the Council the Tourism Fund Request for 2010. The amount we have approved in committee is \$134,125.00 (attached to Minutes) and that is higher than anticipated but we had more information this year than in the past. Alderman Lanahan asked where the Christmas light money is. Alderman Brannon stated that is in with the City Promotions. Alderman Brannon moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve the Tourism Fund request in the amount of \$134,125.00 as presented by the Economic and Development Committee. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Lanahan*

Treasurer's Report for February 2010: Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderman Davis to accept the Treasurer's Report for February as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to accept the Fund Balances as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Sales Tax Report from Illinois Department of Revenue for December 2009/March 2010: Alderman Lanahan presented the Sales Tax from the Illinois Department of Revenue for December 2009/March 2010 in the amount of \$79,798.01.

Bills to be Approved and Paid for the months February/March 2010: Alderman Lanahan presented the Aged Obligation Report Summary Report for February/March 2010; Total Computer Checks for the month of March 2010 were \$190,557.65, Total Manual Checks are \$23,732.60, and the Grand Total is \$214,290.25. Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to approve the Aged Obligation Report Summary and pay the Bills. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Time for Treasurer: Treasurer Roady commented this is an interesting time for the Budget, but we will continue to pay our bills.

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

Report on Planning Commission Meeting: Alderman Evans commented the Planning Commission is working on the Neighborhood Commercial Zoning. They have a rough draft they are working on, and are going to be looking for the Councils input. They would like to know if they are going in the right direction. Code Administrator Frey commented he would like to have a committee meeting for the committee to go through the rough draft. The Planning Commission next meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES:** *Alderman Hendrickson*

Police Report for February 2010: Alderwoman Hendrickson moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to approve the Police Monthly Activity Report submitted by Chief Rizzi, Jr. in the amount of \$8,712.25. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Time for Chief: Chief Rizzi commented we will have orientation this weekend to update the eligibility list. We are not hiring at this time, just updating the list. Alderman Davis asks what the age limit was. Chief Rizzi, Jr. commented the youngest is 20 to 35 unless you acquired police experience or military experience.

Alderwomen Hendrickson commented she has a correspondence letter from the Troy VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 976 stating on Saturday, April 24, 2010, they will be sponsoring a 5k run/walk and a 1-mile kid's fun in the Troy Park. The theme will be "Soldiers Call Your Mom." A simple phone call home while deployed offers a vital link between service members and their families.

Alderwoman Hendrickson commented that next week Keith Frey and Dave Fults will accompany her at a seminar/training to help ensure we are NIMS compliance. This is crucial when it is time to get Federal dollars, that we are qualified with NIMS. Next Monday she has a meeting to go through our Disaster Plan for the City.

Alderwoman Hendrickson commented this Thursday, March 25; we will hold our first CERT program in Troy if anyone would like to attend. This will be at the Park Office at 6:00 p.m.

Alderwoman Hendrickson commented on April 20<sup>th</sup> we will have 20 high school students graduating from the CERT class if anyone would like to come see them.

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

Water & Sewer Report for February 2010: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to approve the Monthly Water Plant and Waste Water Treatment Plant report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Results of Public Works Committee Meeting of March 12, 2010: Alderman Italiano commented we had a committee meeting and Administrator Soland will discuss this. Administrator Soland commented we are looking into retrofitting our rotors, retrofitting of our blowers, they are not working properly now, this should help reduce our energy consumption. We would be going through Illinois Electric Works out of Granite City. They have a rebate based on energy saved the first year, the total cost is \$39,318 and the rebate could be \$19,659-DCEO. With the blowers the same thing the total cost would be \$12,552 and the rebate could be \$6,276-DCEO. The total cost for this project is \$54,530.00 and we can recoup most of the cost. Alderman Italiano commented we had a committee meeting on this and it is a great idea to fix this and save some money and energy. Administrator Soland commented this is a first come first serve basis, so we are ready to go apply tomorrow.

*Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the project of retrofitting the rotors and blowers at a cost of \$54,530 with Illinois Electric Works 2161 Adams, Granite City Illinois. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.*

Director of Public Works: DPW Secrest commented the Street Department went to class for chemical application for weed kill and mosquitoes, worked on snow plow routes, swept streets, repaired catch basin on Wren Hill, dirt work and planted grass, picked up trash, washed vehicles, filled pot holes, and removed salt spreaders.

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The Water Crew read meters, washed vehicles, dug up and check valves on Meadow Dr. Lift station, repaired water main break on Stonebriar, locates on Staunton Rd. and Rt. 162, repaired leaks at Kirsch Rd, Harvestyme, and Wheatridge, repaired shut off on Josh Lane, and we installed 11 new services. Alderman Evans said he had some citizens worried about kids playing on the rock piles, should we post signs or something. BPW Secrest commented we have fences all around it, but we will look into it.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Metcalf*

**Resolution to Accept New Zoning Map:** Alderman Metcalf moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to Adopt ***Resolution 2010-02*** regarding the 2010 Official Zoning Map. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Resolution for Motor Fuel Tax:** Alderman Metcalf moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to Adopt ***Resolution 2010-03*** a Resolution for maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code (Motor Fuel Tax). Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

**Ordinance Pertaining to F.O.I.A.:** Alderman Metcalf moved, seconded, by Alderman Adomite to Pass ***Ordinance 2010-11*** an ordinance of the City of Troy Setting Forth Provisions for Compliance with the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Davis 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 8:45 p.m.

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Tammy J Mitchell, RMC, CMC  
City Clerk