

**CITY OF TROY**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**May 5, 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.

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

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Administrator Soland, Attorney Manion, Chief Rizzi, Director of Public Works Secrest, Code Administrator Frey.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the April 21, 2008 regular City Council Meeting: Alderman Brannon moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to approve the regular City Council Meeting Minutes as written. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Brannon yea, Evans abstained, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, McTaggart yea, Metcalf yea 6 yeas, 1 abstention, 0 nays, motion carries.

Minutes from the April 7, 2008 Public Hearing for Vacating a portion of North Washington Street: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderwomen McTaggart to approve the Minutes from April 7, 2008 Public Hearing for Vacating a portion of North Washington Street. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Brannon yea, Evans abstained, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, McTaggart yea, Metcalf abstained, 5 yeas, 2 abstentions, 0 nays, motion carries.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Has nothing at this time.

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

Approval of Mayor's Annual Appointments: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Mayor's Annual Appointments as presented and changed. Alderman Adomite mentioned that on the Paul Simon museum there have been a few changes, the President is now Regina Hendrickson, Ruby Schultze is a voting member, and Jeri and Theresa are removed. Mayor Caraker said to give us a full list of all the changes. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Report on Madison County Transportation Grant Application: Mayor Caraker commented that the Transportation Grant was approved for the downtown Transportation Enhancement Program in which, we are very proud of. Mayor Caraker commented the cost is about \$800,000.00 and we received about three to four hundred thousand dollars. Those improvements are from Center Street to Prospect includes trees, lighting and everything. That was approved and we made the application and it was highly recommended that we had started the engineering first. Mayor Caraker commented that one reason we were very effective was because we had our plans done. Alderman Brannon moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve the Engineer Mr. Tom Cissell to finish and complete the design. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Presentation of 2008/2009 Annual Budget: Mayor Caraker commented under Finance we will have the proposed Budget to approve.

Administrator Soland commented he has tried to be conservative on the budget, as it was in the past. We have increased the line items that you have, it should be much more effective and a great tool for us to have. Administrator Soland suggested turning to the last page of the Budget to the Fund Analysis. Administrator Soland commented everything is in good shape, but, there are a couple of funds that are a little stressed, like the Water and Sewer Fund. There has been less usage, less growth and fewer tap-on-fees. Therefore, it has taken our fund balance down a little. Every other fund is pretty solid with the exception of the Water and Sewer fund. Administrator Soland pointed out that 42% of the Water & Sewer Funds goes to the EPA, and that is not cheap. Treasurer Roady commented that with the water bonds they are set by ordinance and is required by law. We can't use that money just because it is there, it has to be there. Alderman Lanahan asked why the Water Fund has \$75,125.00 in red. Administrator Soland commented that we will get in the Water Reserve and put that amount of \$75,125.00 in the Water Fund if you notice that the Water Reserve has less \$75,125.00 at the end balance. Alderman Adomite asked about the Police Protect Tax. Treasurer Roady commented that is a tax that we just levied about a year ago and is part of the real-estate tax. Alderman Adomite asked about the City Hall salaries why it is budgeted like it is. Administrator Soland commented that he is not sure why things were budgeted in the past but this year is was budgeted strictly on the salaries. Administrator Soland commented last year there was also a couple of employees retire.

Special Census: Administrator Soland commented that Troy's new population is 10,083. We have gained \$132.45 per person per capita. This \$153,000 per year is what we will receive, and is well worth the money paid for the special census. Alderman Evans mentioned that the Ground Storage Tank looks really good and we have had a lot of compliments on it.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:** *Alderman Evans*

Alderman Evans commented he has nothing on the agenda tonight but, he will have some things to discuss in closed session.

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

Alderman Adomite commented that at the next meeting he will be in Florida

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Lanahan*

Treasurer Roady commented this is our budget that we will try to follow, and next meeting we will have the Appropriation Ordinance that will give us legal right to spend it.

Approval of 2008/2009 Annual Budget: Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve and accept the fiscal year of 2008/2009 Annual Budget for the City of Troy as presented.

Roll call vote taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

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**LAND USE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Metcalf*

Planning Commission –Public Hearing May 8, 2008: Alderman Metcalf commented the Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing on May 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. This is going from R-1 and C-3 to a Planned Development with a portion of residential and a portion of commercial. Also, he will not be able to attend the meeting on June 2, 2008. Mayor Caraker commented that this was approved before, and since then has changed owners or developers therefore, the development had to start over.

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

Chief Rizzi commented that the cars came in and they plan to pick them up tomorrow. Also, Saturday there is a 5K run and the Explorers are having our Bicycle Rodeo/Finger printing for children from 9:00 to noon. Chief Rizzi commented we went today and ordered some new badges.

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

Director of Public Works: Director of Public Works Secrest commented that they have been replacing sidewalks in the Homes of Liberty Place, and filling pot hole all around town. Mr. Secrest commented the Street Department went to a Larvacide class for mosquito, so they will be ready this summer. We worked on some catch basins on Zink and Old Farm Road. We have been running the street sweeper on Fair Oaks, Meadowbrook, Avalon, Tailor Lakes and part of Oak. They also been flushing hydrants and reading meters. The ground storage tank is finished and looks really nice. The new meter reader van will be in tomorrow. Mayor Caraker asked about replacing sidewalks in the Homes of Liberty Place. Director of Public Works commented we had to take them up to replace some water lines. Alderman Italiano asked if we can get Themes to get something done about the drive at FCB Bank that is really getting bad. Director of Public Works Secrest commented he will talk to them. Alderman Italiano asked if we could get a schedule for the street sweeper. Mr. Secrest commented yes. Administrator Soland commented he will be meeting with them and will certainly let them know that is a bad area, also, he is concerned that we have a whole highway to build and only seeing seven guys out there working.

Alderman Italiano asked if we are getting the situation on Reed at the cemetery under control. Code Administrator Frey commented right after the last Council meeting we talked to him and gave him 14 days to comply otherwise, we will start writing more tickets.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:** *Alderman Davis* has no report at this time.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 5ILCS 120-2 (c) (1)- Personnel. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries, went into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

The Council reconvened at 8:22 p.m. Alderman Evans commented as the result of the April 24, 2008 Hearing with personnel issues he would like to move forward. Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to proceed with the termination of Christine Havel a police telecommunicator for noncompliance with residencies as established in the policy manual in section 1 paragraph 9 effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Brannon yea, Evans yea, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, McTaggart yea, Metcalf yea, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Mayor Caraker commented this is an unfortunate situation but she had ample time to correct the problem.

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Chief Rizzi commented in anticipation of this happening and not knowing if this was going to happen, he has drafted a letter for vacancy it has created in the Police Department. Chief Rizzi commented we need to start the process for hiring another telecommunicator and we do have one person left on the standing list.

Chief Rizzi commented he would like to offer Theresa R. Ratliff the position of telecommunicator depending on the back ground investigation and the medical physical. Alderman Evans asked if she is in compliance with the residencies policy. Chief Rizzi commented she is not at this time she lives in Marine but, we will make sure she will be.

Aldermwomen McTaggart moved, seconded by Alderman Brannon to give Chief Rizzi permission to proceed with offering Theresa R. Ratliff the position of telecommunicator contingences on passing a back ground investigation and medical physical. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to adjourn, voice vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Tammy J Mitchell, RMC, CMC  
City Clerk