

CITY OF TROY
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, June 7, 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, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf; Clerk Mitchell; Treasurer Roady; Absent: Alderman Brannon, Alderwoman Hendrickson.

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from May 17, 2010 regular City Council meeting: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve the regular City Council meeting Minutes as written. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Davis yea, Evans abstained, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, Metcalf yea, 5 yeas, 1 abstention and 0 nays, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Mitchell has nothing at this time.

MAYOR'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS/CITY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS: Mayor Caraker, Administrator Soland and Attorney Manion have nothing at this time.

PEOPLE REQUESTING TO BE ON THE AGENDA: State Representative Ron Stephens: State Rep. Stephens thanked the Council for letting him speak tonight. State Rep. Stephens started with the Budget of the State of Illinois and stated it is just a mess. State Rep. Ron Stephens gave the Council a hand out, and explained that the Governor was going to mess with portion of the State Income Tax that would go to the municipalities. This would have had to pass legislation; now the Governor has seen the error in his ways and decided not to mess with it. If we wanted to do back door tax increase this would be the worst way because the municipalities would have to raise taxes due to that. For now your portion of the State Tax is secure.

State Rep Stephens commented there is a certain amount appropriated and that is what they will spend, part of that is to go into the pension system and transfer out for municipal share, and we are not sure yet if the senate is going to pass the pension borrowing bill in which the house passed. We also are unsure how the governor is going to implement the Emergency Budget Powers Act. We voted no on all the above. State Rep. Ron Stephens has been in the legislature for 28 years and for about 20 of those years republican and democrats or whatever, all sat down together and worked on the budget together. Our moral obligation is to balance this budget and for the past 6 years we have not operated that way the republicans have been banned from the table, we have not been at the negotiation table and were not allowed to be at this table.

The bottom line is this for fiscal year from 2011 has increased by \$3.988 billion total spending revenues minus FY11 total GRF spending leaves a deficit of \$4.162 billion, therefore, this leaves approximately \$6 billion FY 10 bills remain unpaid. When the \$6 billion in FY 10 unpaid bills are added to the \$4.162 FY11 spending deficit our total deficit is \$10.162 billion.

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The FY 11 budget included \$2.2 billion in borrowing (Tobacco Fund, borrowing \$1.2 billion and borrowing from special funds \$1 billion).

This is not good for the people of Illinois and he thinks they have way over spent and we can not just do this. He is embarrassed to report this to the City of Troy but, this will take 35 years to pay off what we have borrowed. Mayor Caraker commented we function and just say no, and keep a balanced budget. This council and administration works very hard at this and it shows. Mayor Caraker commented he is asking the legislative to just say no on the spending.

State Rep. Ron Stephens thanked the council and wanted to leave on one note that, he made a big mistake. Life is about decisions and he made a real bad one. State Rep Ron Stephens made a decision to drive after he had been drinking. Now he has to deal with this issue and he would like to apologize for this type of behavior. State Rep Ron Stephens can't even start his car without using his breathalyzer in his vehicle. State Rep. Ron Stephens commented he is not the first politician to get a DUI and will not be the last. He said he is sorry for what he did and stated we have to make things better. Mayor Caraker thanked State Rep. Ron Stephens for his honesty.

Alderman Lanahan asked what happened to all this billions of dollars in tobacco tax. State Rep. Ron Stephens commented the state has borrowed against that fund and he voted against the tax, due to the fact that people go right across the river and get them much cheaper and he has voted against raising this tax again. State Rep. Ron Stephens thanked the city for letting him speak tonight.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: *Alderman Adomite*

Alderman Adomite commented he met Troy Yocum walking across America for the Families of our Military Hero's in need. When he came to Troy Alderman Adomite (Mayor Pro Tem) walked with Mr. Yocum down Rt. 40. Alderman Adomite commented he is walking 7,000 miles.

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*

Treasurer Roady commented we need to schedule a Public Hearing for the Appropriations Ordinance. Treasurer Roady commented that he will not be here the first meeting in July. Mayor Caraker stated that July 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. will be the Public Hearing for the Appropriations Ordinance.

Alderman Lanahan commented that a street sign is fading and is hard to read located on Main and High Street. Director of Public Works Secrest commented if the state doesn't take care of it we will.

LAND USE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Evans*

P.C. Public Hearing-June 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for 218 Edwardsville Road R-2 to C-2: Alderman Evans commented there is a Public Hearing for 218 Edwardsville Road, the petition was issued by Jimmie Evans and he is looking to rezone from R-2 Medium Density Residential to C-2 General Commercial. This is where the old Wiesemeyer Station is. This was a non-conforming use. Code Administrator Frey commented we have tried to rezone this to C-2 in the past but it was dropped. The Public Hearing will be on June 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and then there will be a regular meeting and hopefully have a fine tuned draft of the zoning changes and modifications.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES: *Alderman Hendrickson*

Chief Rizzi commented that a few weeks ago he went to Florida for the Ceremony for Bradley Smiths' family. He was the representative for the City of Troy, and the family was very appreciative.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: *Alderman Italiano*

Public Works Director: PWD Secrest commented they finished putting up the snow route signs, crack filled streets in Fair Oaks, dirt work on DeVries and Meadowlark, Cut weeds and right of ways, repaired 5 catch basins, swept streets, and ditch work on Ash and Kimberlin. The Water Crew finished flushing hydrants, fixed a yard in Fair Oaks, 3 water services, and repaired a leak on Ivy Ct., one on Oak Street, Ashbrooke and East Market. Did locates for the Bridge and Lakeview Acres, repaired a sink hole on Rose St., and helped fix the yard in Fair Oaks.

Alderman Lanahan commented the man hole on James there is a big hole that keeps sinking down. DPW Secrest commented that the contractor must have put something in there that keeps settling because we have dug that up twice and fixed it.

Alderman Metcalf asked if the snow signs are complete now and did they take effect. Administrator Soland commented that it takes affect 30 days from when the last sign is posted. DPW Secrest commented that we finished putting the signs up today.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Metcalf*

Ordinance Regulating Wages of Laborers, Mechanics & Other Works: Alderman Metcalf moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to Pass *Resolution 2010-13* Regulating Wages of Laborers, Mechanics & Other Works. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Alderman Metcalf commented he had a complaint about limbs and grass being high during a holiday when someone went to visit the City Cemetery. Alderman Metcalf commented maybe we could get the grass and such cut closer to the holidays when more people are visiting the cemetery.

Administrator Soland said that is a good idea and he will work on it.

Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to go into Closed Session for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective Negotiating Matters and 5 ILCS Probable or Imminent Litigation. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries, went into Closed Session at 8:06 p.m.

The Council reconvened at 8:55 p.m. Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Davis to adjourn. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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