

CITY OF TROY
Regular City Council Meeting
July 21, 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, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf, McTaggart.; Clerk Mitchell; Treasurer Roady; Absent: Alderman Brannon

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Administrator Soland, Attorney Wigginton, Chief Rizzi, Code Administrator Frey.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the July 7, 2008 regular City Council Meeting: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to accept the regular City Council meeting Minutes as written. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Davis yea, Evans abstained, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, McTaggart yea, Metcalf yea, 6 yeas, 1 abstention, 0 nays, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Mitchell has nothing at this time.

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

Mayor Caraker commented he wanted to bring everyone up to speed on a situation that has turned out to be a positive one, concerning the Sugar Mill Road bike trails. The Madison County Transit has agreed "not" to put up a fence; they will have a 30 ft. easement that will be used per City Ordinance from February 20, 2005. In addition to this they will not cut down any more trees, and the property owners would not have private access, they would have to start at the entrance.

Mayor Caraker commented that the residents asked if they could replant those trees at their cost. Alderman Davis asked if the residents that have put up things by that easement will they have to remove them. Mayor Caraker commented no not in his opinion, some of that stuff has been there for years. Alderman Metcalf asked if someone gets hurt there is the City liable. Attorney Wigginton commented that the property owners have encroached on the City's property so we have made it clear this is not a permanent use. The City could be held liable but not likely. Mayor Caraker commented that everybody has an easement in front of their house and you have to mow the grass. It may be the City's but the home owner has to keep it maintained.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: *Alderman Evans*

Status of Procedural review for competitive bidding: Alderman Evans commented you have received Minutes from the Committee meeting we had. Alderman Evans commented that he also received a letter from Attorney Wigginton with his concerns and updates needed for this Ordinance. Some of these issues are not in compliance with the State Statues therefore; it is in need of updating.

Alderman Evans commented he would like to see if the Council would like to continue to get this Ordinance up to date and maybe add a few things. Alderman Lanahan commented we need to have insurance, if someone gets hurt we will get sued. Attorney Wigginton commented that Alderman Lanahan brings up a valid point and we should have proof of insurance and our name should be on the certificate. Alderman Evans commented he would like to have a few meetings and have proposed up dates and recommendation and hopefully in a month or two we can get back to the Council on these changes and go from there.

Lease/Purchase-Copier for Building & Zoning Department: Alderman Evans commented we have three bids for the copier for Building and Zoning Dept. The low bid was Metro Document Center of Illinois with the lease amount of \$116.50 per month for 60 months. Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to accept the low bid from Metro Document Center of Illinois at the lease price of \$116.50 per month for 60 months. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: *Alderman Adomite*

Building Inspector's reports for June 2008: Alderman Adomite presented the Building Inspector's Report for June 2008; The Estimated Value was \$222,956.12, Fees Collected was \$1,653.30, and the retired Permits are \$1,528,375.43. Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to accept the Building and Zoning Report for June 2008 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Alderman Adomite commented that there are 33 new inspections this month. Alderman Adomite commented he would like to have a 6 month report on what is happening with the Rental Inspections. Also, he wanted to mention there will be a Focus Group for the Wendell Branch Water shed this Thursday to review the study if anyone would like to attend.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: *Alderman Brannon*

Business Registrations for June 2008: Mayor Caraker commented there was only one sign permit issued for June 2008.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Lanahan*

Treasurer's Report for June 2008: Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2008 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Sales Tax report from Illinois Department of revenue for April/July 2008: Alderman Lanahan commented the sales tax report from the Illinois Department of Revenue was \$83,714.04.

Bills to be Approved and Paid for the month of June/July 2008: Alderman Lanahan presented the Aged Obligation Report Summary; Total Computer Checks were \$401,901.11, Total manual Checks for the month of June were \$77,636.48, and the Grand Total is \$479,537.59. Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve the Aged Obligation Report Summary and Pay the Bills. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Alderman Lanahan asked if there was any way to get the State to cut these weeds before the homecoming. Administrator Soland commented we have spoken with them and starting today they are going to cut those weeds and what does not get done at that point then we will finish it up.

LAND USE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Metcalf*

Report on Planning Commission: Alderman Metcalf commented that this month PC meeting they briefed on the documents from Gene Norber. This Thursday is the Task Force meeting and it will be a general brain storm session with the E.D.R. Mayor Caraker asked if the PC is up to speed with all that is going on with the E.D.R. Alderman Metcalf commented that yes they are, they have been discussing it at the Planning Commission meetings. Alderman Evans asked who the officers for the Planning Commission were. Alderman Metcalf commented that Tom Cissell is Chairman, Co-Chairman is Brian Rader, and Jim DeCarli is Secretary, we have eight on the board and are in need of one more member.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES: *Alderman McTaggart*

Police Report for June 2008: Alderwomen McTaggart moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to approve the Police Report for June 2008 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried. Chief Rizzi, Jr. commented he contacted the dealer this morning on the replacement car and should hear something soon. Chief Rizzi, Jr. commented that he heard from Officer Woodring a few weeks ago and he is supposed to hear something soon.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: *Alderman Italiano*

Water & Sewer report for June 2008: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Water & Sewer Report for June 2008 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Status of Rt. 162 Construction: Administrator Soland commented on Rt. 162 they are going to begin mechanically putting in the curbs and there has been talk of the asphalt beginning on the south side soon.

Status of North Staunton Road Construction: Administrator Soland commented on North Staunton Road it will take about 30 to 45 day to relocate water lines. The construction begins hopefully not long after the water lines are relocated, and it will be about a 6 month project.

Status of Troy O'Fallon Rd./Rt. 40 Construction: Administrator Soland commented the letting is set for September 19 and we are looking at 1.25 million process has begun to obtain the easements and there are about 16 to work on. This should be a 4 month project. Hopefully we will start the project around October 2008. Mayor Caraker commented the Main Street Bridge construction will be complete late spring 2009. Hanks Excavating was awarded the bid for Staunton Road.

Oil & Chip July 29 & 30, rain date July 31: Alderman Italiano commented we will start Oiling roads on July 29 and 30 there will be signs posted for no parking on the streets involved.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Davis*

Alderman Davis wanted to thank the mayor and administrator for taking care of the issue on Sugar Mill road.

Administrator Soland commented that the Madison County Transit (MCT) bus service from Highland, St. Jacob and Troy to St. Louis will have the highest frequency of its kind in the region. This will accommodate these daily overloads and prepare for future growth, the MCT Board is responding by adding three new morning trips and three new afternoon trips for a total of 14 trips each way. This significant increase will create a window of 10-minute service from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. from Highland, St. Jacob and Troy to St. Louis. This will be effective August 18, 2008

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Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderwomen McTaggart to go into Executive Session for the purpose of; Property Acquisition 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11), Pending or Probable Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5), and Supervisory Personnel-Compensation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried, went into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

The Council Reconvened at 9:17 p.m. Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderwomen McTaggart to approve the Committees recommendation to have DeeAnne Byrne-Scott and Keith Frey receive a 4% increase, and Alan Secrest and Robert Rizzi, Jr. be in their position for one year and then come back for an evaluation. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, McTaggart, Metcalf yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderwomen McTaggart to adjourn, all aldermen present yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Tammy J Mitchell, RMC, CMC
City Clerk