

CITY OF TROY
Regular City Council Meeting
August 18, 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; Clerk Mitchell; Treasurer Roady; Absent: Alderman Brannon

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Attorney Wigginton, Lt. Luttrell, Code Administrator Frey. Absent: Administrator Soland, Director of Public Works Secrest.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the August 4, 2008 regular City Council Meeting: Alderman Davis had two correction one on page three and one on page four. Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the regular City Council meeting Minutes as corrected and written. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Davis yea, Evans abstained, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, Metcalf yea, 5 yeas, 1 abstention, 0 nays, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Mitchell announced that the last day to register to vote is October 7, 2008 for the General Election to be held on November 4, 2008.

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

Mayor Caraker commented that the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday September 2 due to the Holiday.

Accept Alderman Resignation: Mayor Caraker commented with huge regrets the council needs to accept the letter of resignation of Alderwomen Susan McTaggart and he wishes her well. Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to accept the letter of resignation from Susan McTaggart as Alderwomen Ward I. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: *Alderman Evans*

Alderman Evans commented you have a rough draft of the Ordinance for Bidding and Contract Procedures with the proposed changes. Alderman Evans stated please look this Ordinance over and if you have comments or changes get with him or Administrator Soland before next council meeting. We are looking to approve this at the next council meeting.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: *Alderman Adomite*

Alderman Adomite presented the Building and Zoning Department Report for July 2008; the Estimated Value is \$592,283.90, Fees collected were \$2,859.77, and Permits retired are \$1,396,379.19. Alderman Adomite mentioned that the Rental Inspections fees collected to date were \$5,375.00 and there is still a lot of activity.

Alderman Lanahan commented that Joe Lanahan does not have a rental at the address shown in this report. Administrator Code Official Frey commented we will get that corrected.

Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Davis to accept the Building and Zoning Inspector's report as presented and corrected. Roll call vote taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Alderman Adomite commented that Wendell Creek is having another focus group and they are looking for at least six people. They are giving \$20.00 for any one interested in attendance at the meeting; last meeting they gave stainless steel cups. Mayor Caraker asked if this is relative to E-coli and contaminates in the Illinois waterways. Alderman Adomite commented yes it is there have been studies on this from SIU and Illinois State Universities showing pollutants higher in some areas. They are trying to get an idea on how to get some of the pollutants out of the water. Mayor Caraker commented we have storm water statutes that are unreal. My point is that they are talking to the wrong people it should not be the City of Troy even if we would have open discharge we are permitted by the Department of Public Health and we have no authority at all. Alderman Adomite commented that Troy has not sponsored the event we just held it in Troy. Frank Miles was at the first meeting and this second meeting is aimed at the public to be a focus group. Alderman Davis commented that it is like a brain storming group. Mayor Caraker commented wrong place, wrong people. He appreciates your dedication, but this takes qualified people to discuss agriculture run off. Alderman Lanahan commented that there is tons of human waste running into the lake in Chicago take care of that first then come down this way. Mayor Caraker commented tell the assistant professor to give him a call.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: *Alderman Brannon*

Business Registration for July 2008: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded Alderman Lanahan to accept the Business Registration Report for July 2008; Regular Commercial Enterprise: Certified Title and Escrow, Inc/Teresa Bochantin at 408 W. Highway 40, Cinco de Mayo/Gerardo Garcia-Mendez at 920 Edwardsville a Mexican restaurant, Lucent Management, Inc. d/b/a Snap Fitness, Inc. at 427 Edwardsville Rd., Scott Credit Union at 501 Edwardsville Rd., one sign permit issued and two inspections. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Mayor Caraker commented that the Fall Fest will be at the Troy Park on September 6, 2008.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Lanahan*

Treasurer's Report for July 2008: Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Sales Tax Report from Illinois Department of Revenue for May/August 2008: the Sales Tax from the Illinois Department of Revenue this month was \$94,318.64.

Bills to be Approved and Paid for the month of July/August 2008: Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve the Aged Obligation Report Summary and Pay the Bills; Computer checks were \$380,882.49, Total Manual checks are \$48,811.10, and the Grand total is \$429,693.59. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Treasurer Roady commented Fund no# 02 Police Pension for \$112,133.52 that is there to pay for the Police Pension that comes from our taxes.

Treasurer Roady also commented that there is a new line item on the Fund balances "Grant Police" this is for all the grants that they receive, and has to be in its own account. Lt. Shownes is applying for quite a few grants; this money will only be wired into an account set up especially for the grants. All this money is earmarked for a particular project that the Police Dept. is trying to acquire like finger printing machine, cameras for the squad cars and other things.

LAND USE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Metcalf*

Report on Planning Commission Meeting: Alderman Metcalf commented at the Planning Commission meeting last week we reviewed Ordinance updates of the Subdivision Codes and we have a few to run past Attorney Wigginton. This was subject to electronic submission of documents to be sent out 10 days prior to the meetings. Alderman Metcalf commented that this is a fair thing for the PC to look over their packets 10 days prior to the meeting or public hearing. The EDR is also having a meeting on Thursday, September 11.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Police report for July 2008: Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to accept the Police Report for July 2008 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Lt. Luttrell commented that Officer Matt Long is now solo this week. Officer Woodring is back on active duty and they have our car we are just waiting for it to be delivered from the GM Dealership in Michigan who are on strike at this point. Alderman Davis asked if a neighborhood watch program would be beneficial to the Police Dept. Lt. Luttrell commented yes even though we have 18 officers in our police force we encourage any citizen to help and be better witness or call when something strange is going on and have more communications with the police department.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: *Alderman Italiano*

Water and Sewer report for July 2008: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the Water & Sewer Report for July as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Director of Public Works: Director of Public Works Secrest is at a Seminar.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Davis* has nothing at this time.

Alderman Adomite asked about the correspondence that we received from Charter Communications. Attorney Wigginton commented that they were supposed to have a security fund here that would act like a performance fund so if they fail to perform then we can have it as a security fund. We were requiring them at the meeting to do so, and they want to remove that from the agreement and we cannot see how when they are so poor at customer service. Attorney Wigginton commented we are going no where with Charter Communications.

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We think they need a state license to operate within each municipality but they disagree with us. Alderman Adomite commented that how can they continue without a franchise agreement with the municipalities? Attorney Wigginton commented they are putting a deaf ear to us with the consortium.

Alderman Italiano moved seconded by Alderman Lanahan to adjourn, all aldermen present yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Tammy J Mitchell, RMC, CMC
City Clerk