

CITY OF TROY
Regular City Council Meeting
October 5, 2009

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: Attorney Wigginton, Chief Rizzi, Director of Public Works Secrest; Administrator Soland was at an administrators conference.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the September 21, 2009 regular City Council Meeting: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to approve the regular City Council Meeting Minutes as written corrected. Alderman Lanahan had a correction on page 3, the word (we) should be they as in (the developers). Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Brannon yea, Davis yea, Evans abstained, Hendrickson yea, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, Metcalf yea, 7 yeas, 1 abstention, 0 nays, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Mitchell has nothing to report at this time.

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

Report on North Staunton Road: Mayor Caraker commented that on North Staunton the road is poured along with curbs and gutters and at the north end where concrete meets oil and chip that will be asphalt and then should have the stripping down this week hopefully if the rain doesn't postpone it.

Alderman Brannon commented Troy/O'Fallon Road is great; he has received many calls from residents that are very happy with the road. Alderwoman Hendrickson stated she is very appreciative as well, the road is great. Mayor Caraker commented in front of Alderwoman Hendrickson house there will be landscaping done. There are some dirt areas that need grass seed yet. Alderman Davis said he had a complaint that there is no right turn lane just an arrow to turn left. Alderman Brannon commented there is a right turn arrow. Alderman Davis commented there is no right turn lane. Chief Rizzi commented he was approached by Mr. Brendel and chief notified Administrator Soland and he said they should be pulling the sign out; they just have not done that yet. That would be State or County to remove the sign.

Clay Street: Mayor Caraker commented we will start the project next week. Director of Public Works Secrest commented they have it staked out and hopefully will start this week if the weather holds out. Mayor Caraker explained this will go from the Lutheran Church down to Staunton Road. We will be working in conjunction with the Troy Fire Protection it will have curbs and gutters and will precede in phases. Alderman Evans asked if Clay Street will be shut down. Mayor Caraker commented it cannot be shut down because the Fire Department is on that street. Director of Public Works Secrest stated there may have to be temporary closure during work being done right then but the Fire Trucks will always have a way out. Alderman Adomite asked if Staunton Road is open are we still using Kimberlin as a detour. Mayor Caraker commented we are still requesting the Kimberlin bypass while they are still working.

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We had an inspector come to us and tell us to get those cars off the road, because someone is going to get hurt. There is still heavy machinery working on Staunton Road that could be dangerous. Mayor Caraker said to just be patient he is extending the time frame for completion to around October 15, 2009 weather permitting.

I.D.O.T. Informational Meeting at City Hall October 8th, 2009 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.: Mayor Caraker commented there will be an informational meeting that will have easels with all the phases of the bridge project. Right now they are rebuilding and reinforcing the bridge and all the ingress and egress and will be getting that so people can get in and out faster for this winter. This summer they will really start on the bridge project and this "Informational Meeting" that will help the council be able to answer the many questions we will receive. Mayor Caraker encourages the Council to attend this meeting from I.D.O.T.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: *Alderman Adomite*

Status Report on 2010 Census: Alderman Adomite commented he would like to take this opportunity to explain what the Complete Count Committee is doing and why this is so important to the city. In the process we have developed a presentation and so far we have had the chance to present this to the Historical Society the Genealogical Society and the Senior Citizens. He would like to share a small part of this presentation to the council and why it is important to the United States and for Troy's future. We know that the Census is used for many different things for State and Federal Government for redistricting all the way down to redistricting our city wards after 2010 Census. There is a distribution of about 300 + billion dollars in Federal and State Funds that are portioned out according to your population so; they use Census data for that.

They provide census data for Congressmen; we used to have 21 for Illinois, now we have 19 Congressman. It is also used for genealogical research, and also for future planning of hospitals, schools, businesses, homes, and even our United Methodist Church uses the population count for mapping out our Ministry area. Alderman Adomite commented this next screen at the top that gentleman signature is John W. Lenny this is my Grandpa Paul's Great Grandfather and is Alderman Adomite Great, Great, Great Grandfather from the City of Ogden, Illinois and this is his Census record from 1870. This just goes to show on how the Census impacts us even 139 years later.

Why the Census was important to Troy at our Special Census we were able to count 1159 more people for our community. That came out to be about \$132.45 per person per year that we received from State and Federal money based off our population count. If you remember we spent about \$50,000 to \$60,000 on that Special Census and we have received about \$614,000.00 in extra money. Therefore when we talk about Complete Count for 2010 for every person we lose out on is about \$1,300 a year for 10 years so, it is very important to get a complete count.

Alderman Adomite wanted to state a few facts about the Census; the first Census was taken in 1790 and every 10 years after that and is Constitutional Mandated. There will be two forms sent out one short and 1 out of every 10 will get a long form.

This year Mrs. Reba Mathis told me that they came by her house and used a GPS hand held to map in her house to get accurate housing.

Alderman Adomite explained the Census schedule for 2010; in the spring of this year we did an address update and this fall they are in the process of recruiting workers. There will be 850,000 temporary Census workers and this is the largest non-military operation in the United States. In February and March of 2010 they will begin mailing out questionnaires to the households, and that delivery is so important to return the first time for Complete Count. Who ever does not turn them in, after April they will start visiting households and it is very expensive to send someone out up to 6 times to make contact with that household. In December of 2010 the Census will be delivered to the President of the United States and in March the Census count will be delivered to the individual's states and the re-districting will begin.

Alderman Adomite commented there is a very strong confidentiality with the Census. If anyone has any questions they can call the City Clerk's office she can contact us and we can contact the Census Office. Census records will stay closed to everyone for 72 years. It is illegal for any Census worker to share any information with another governmental agency the courts can't even subpoena these records for 72 years. Anyone discloses these records can be fined up to \$250,000.00 and a five year prison term.

Alderman Adomite commented the Complete Count Committee is to increase participation within our community make sure the questionnaires are returned and to educate the public. If anyone has concerns they can come to the Complete Count Committee and we will report it to the Census Bureau.

We would like to get a complete count at the lowest price possible. In 2000 it cost about 4.5 million to do the Census a cost of about \$16.00 per person. There is also a Census program for the schools to educate and answer question if needed. There are about 85% of people on average nation wide that will return at a savings of 80 to 90 million dollars for the government.

Mayor Caraker asked if the Census workers are paid. Alderman Adomite commented yes they are about \$10 to \$11 dollars an hour.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: *Alderman Davis*

Alderman Davis said in your packets there is a Schedule of Property Maintenance Cost. This has maintenance cost of \$30,073 and the total collected by the city was \$26,878 the difference of \$6,675. At the bottom of this report it states if assessment (per Ordinance 2007-17 on property taxes would have applied we could have assessed \$21,322. Alderman Davis moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve the maintenance cost spread sheet as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Alderman Davis commented he hopes this is appropriate to say, but he would like to make a comment on a news paper article that he has read. Alderman Davis stated that the article in the paper calling us underhanded, shady, and uninformed was very inappropriate and he is very upset with the person who wrote this, and he would like to go on record this was uncalled for and was very inappropriate and we are not underhanded or shady we were just misinformed.

Alderman Lanahan commented that he wrote this article and he stands by it. Alderman Lanahan stated he stands by it because when we do something we need to follow our rules and regulations and check these rules and regulations before we do something. Alderman Davis commented we are not shady and underhanded. Alderman Lanahan commented it looks that way when people ask what are we doing out there on this and that and that is why he wrote it. Alderman Adomite commented we are a team, sometimes we may not ask the right questions or ask questions too late but we are a team.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: *Alderman Brannon* has nothing to report tonight.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Lanahan*

Treasurer Roady has nothing to report tonight. Alderman Lanahan asked if we ever checked on the brackets for the Christmas lights. Mayor Caraker commented he is not sure and he needs to get with Administrator Soland when he gets back from class.

LAND USE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Evans*

Comments on Subdivision Ordinance: Alderman Evans commented that everyone should have had enough time to look this over and get any concerns to me or Keith Frey. Therefore this Ordinance will be under Legislative.

Report on Land Use Committee Meeting from 9-24-2009: Alderman Evans commented you have received a copy of the minutes tonight and we are looking at the Boundaries between the Village of Glen Carbon and the City of Troy. Alderman Evans commented the committee reviewed the proposed boundaries from the Village of Glen Carbon and also reviewed their Growth Management Plan along with maps. The committee's recommendation; the line of demarcation between Glen Carbon and Troy would start at the intersection of Route 162 and Old Troy Road running north along the east edge of Troy Road until reaching approximately Interstate 270. Upon reaching interstate 270 the boundary line would turn easterly, traveling on the southern edge of the Interstate, until crossing over Interstate 55. After crossing Interstate 55 turn in a northerly direction until reaching approximately Maple Grove Road, at the southern edge of Maple Grove Road until reaching Old Staunton Road. The justification for including Maple Grove road is the majority of the area is currently beyond the Village of Glen Carbon's mile and a half planning area boundary.

Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Davis to accept the Land Use Committee's Recommendation for the defining the boundary between the Village of Glen Carbon and the City of Troy, and direct Mayor Caraker to present a written proposal to the Mayor of Glen Carbon. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Public Hearing on Comprehensive Development Plan 10-8-2009 at 7:00 p.m.: Alderman Evans commented that the Planning Commission will hold a Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing after I.D.O.T. Informational Meeting. Mayor Caraker commented there was a lot of planning involved in this and there will be a representative from EDR to speak. Alderman Evans commented that if you have not had a chance to read through all this then come to the meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES: *Alderman Hendrickson* has nothing at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: *Alderman Italiano*

Director of Public Works Secrest: DPW Secrest commented that the Street Crew fixed the ditch at De Vries with rip rap, cut weeds on Collinsville Road, cut the right-a-ways, put up street signs, swept streets, and helped with the cross walk project on Main and Market. They also repaired lights at Spencer Park and poured curb on Carla Dr.

The Water Crew repaired leaks on Cheshire and Rt 40, replace dezric valves at the water plant, installed a fire hydrant at 2606 Vandalia, repaired leak on Rex Dr., moved 11 water services on Clay for the Clay St. street project. Did water shut off's and water on, and started reading meters.

Alderman Adomite wanted to thank Alan Secrest for working on the De Vries Ct. ditches the people there were very pleased with it.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Metcalf*

Ordinance for Troy Subdivision Codes: Alderman Metcalf moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to pass Ordinance 2009-21 an ordinance amending Chapter 18.5 Subdivisions of the Code of Ordinances. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Alderman Metcalf wanted to thank the Planning Commission for a great job they have done on all this.

Alderman Adomite wanted to pass along to Mr. Tom Cissell the letter of explanation was very helpful in reading through all these codes. Mayor Caraker commented that our Planning Commission is dynamite they are well versed and three of the members are registered professional. With Mr. Tom Cissell being the Chairman he is an engineer and very professional at his job.

Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite 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 8:15 p.m.

Tammy J Mitchell, RMC, CMC
City Clerk