

CITY OF TROY
Regular City Council Meeting
October 6, 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, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan; Clerk Mitchell; Treasurer Roady; Absent: Alderman Metcalf

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Chief Rizzi, Jr., Director of Public Works Secret, Attorney Keck; Absent: Administrator Soland, Attorney Wigginton, and Code Administrator Frey.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the September 15, 2008 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, Brannon yea, Davis yea, Evans abstained, Hendrickson yea, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, 6 yeas, 1 abstention, 0 nays, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Mitchell commented that Congressman Shimkus will have a traveling help desk here at City Hall on October 15, 2008 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

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

Status of Route 162: Mayor Caraker commented that they have poured asphalt today on lanes 1 and 5. We have rain coming in tonight so it may be a couple of days. They will pour another lift of asphalt and will continue till it is done. Riggin road is still a major overhaul. The target date for completion is the end of November weather permitted.

Status of South main Street Bridge: Mayor Caraker commented South Main St. Bridge is just about done. It is open and they are putting on side rails and it will be completed.

Status of Troy O'Fallon Road: Mayor Caraker commented that upon review of the bids received on September 19th for the improvements to US 40 and Troy-O'Fallon Road, it would appear that the overage from the Engineer's Estimate is largely attributable to the sharp increase in bituminous material prices within the past few months. We are hoping this will ease in the coming months. Therefore, the City of Troy respectfully requests that the Department rejects all bids as received and re-let this project on the January 16th, 2009 letting date. Mayor Caraker commented that is three hundred thousand dollars over.

Status of Downtown Revitalization: Mayor Caraker commented that we have postponed this project; we do not want to start tearing up the downtown while everything else is going on. Mayor Caraker commented that citizens of Troy have put up with enough construction for now without tearing up the downtown area. We are looking at July of 2009.

Appointment of ESDA: Mayor Caraker commented that he had appointed a very qualified gentleman to be the ESDA Coordinator. But with his job it has him traveling too much and he cannot full fill his obligation, Therefore, we need to coordinate with establishing a shelter car center maybe schools, churches, Wiesemeyer Center, City Hall or where ever. We

need to establish it where we can have standby generators. We need to establish emergency water and food supply, medical assistance, and locate and assist elderly or immobile residents that will need assistance and to set up a volunteer program. Mayor Caraker commented after working with Alderwomen Hendrickson this short time I believe her to be very qualified in organizing this program. Mayor Caraker commented he would like to appoint Alderwomen Regina Hendrickson as the ESDA Coordinator for the City of Troy. Alderman Davis moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to appoint Alderwomen Regina Hendrickson to be the City of Troy's ESDA (Emergency Service and Disaster Agency) Coordinator. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Brannon yea, Davis yea, Evans yea, Hendrickson abstained, Italiano yea, Lanahan yea, 6 yeas, 1 abstention, motion carries. Alderwomen Hendrickson commented she is looking forward to the challenge and working with the Chief and everybody else involved.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: *Alderman Evans*

Appointment of School Crossing Guard: Alderman Evans commented he will turn the floor over to Alderman Hendrickson Chairman of Law Enforcement. Alderwomen Hendrickson commented that Chief Rizzi, Jr. made a request to hire a Crossing Guard. Alderwomen Hendrickson moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to appoint Joann Conklin for the position of School Crossing Guard effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: *Alderman Adomite*

Alderman Adomite commented he has nothing tonight.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: *Alderman Brannon*

Alderman Brannon commented he has nothing tonight.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Lanahan*

Alderman Lanahan commented he has money left over this year for Christmas lights. Alderman Lanahan commented it is to late this year to get discounted lights therefore, he will look into next year. Alderman Lanahan commented on Staunton Road during the storm we were pumping sewers on the streets. He had a citizen call about that and was concerned about the EPA. Public Works Director Secrest commented that we report that to the EPA every time we have to do that. We also have to report boil orders.

LAND USE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Metcalf*

Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. October 6 (2) Variances: This hearing is currently going on that Mr. Harrison is asking from the required 10,070 feet to 11,500 square feet. This may seem a little different but what the owner is doing is to get the variances first and then he will do the rezoning. Mr. Harrison would like to change the C-2 to an R-2 we understand what he is doing and this will come back to us next meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES: *Alderman Hendrickson*

Alderwomen Hendrickson commented we have hired a new School Crossing Guard and we also discussed ESDA. Alderwomen Hendrickson commented she is going to get with Chief Rizzi as soon as possible to get the program on ESDA moving. Chief Rizzi, Jr. commented our new car is out on the street. Chief Rizzi, Jr. commented we have received a new vehicle that was seized from a DUI and it is sitting in the parking lot right now, we are waiting on the title. Chief Rizzi, Jr. commented that our automated finger printing machine has been in stalled if anyone would like to stop by and see it. We also have started another speed detail last week.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: *Alderman Italiano*

Director of Public Works: Director of Public Works Secrest commented we replaced part of the sidewalk on Market Street that had sunk down. We have repaired a culvert on Formosa Rd. We laid some hot mix down on Hazel Street, replaced two bad spots on Wood Thrush, and fixed the roof at City Hall do to the fact that someone was getting water in their office. We have raised a sidewalk on Avalon and the water crew is flushing hydrants and reading meters. We had one water main break on Creekside Dr., and it caused a boil order. Now there is a break on James Drive and there is a boil order in effect at this time. Alderman Davis commented that one of his constitutes asked why we don't spray for mosquitoes and I let him know I would ask. Mayor Caraker commented that we don't spray because of spraying poison into the air. We put tablets in or near lakes stream or any dead spot where mosquitoes would breed. You can purchase them at Ace Hardware.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Davis*

Resolution for Closing of Public Highways:

Alderman Davis moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to adopt Resolution 2008-12 for the closing of market St. to Hickory and Wickliffe for the purpose of the Veterans Day Parade. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Iderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Italiano to adjourn: Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.