

CITY OF TROY
Regular City Council Meeting
December 1, 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 he is out of town on business.

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the November 17, 2008 regular City Council Meeting: Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Brannon 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.

Mayor Caraker commented that we need to amend the agenda under Legislative as item 2 and item 3 will be for the Chairman. To add Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No# 1998-30 and Authorizing the Abatement of Certain Ad Valorem Property Taxes Heretofore Levied and the Filing of Certificates in Connection Therewith. Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to amend the Agenda and add under Legislative item #2 Abatement Ordinance. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Mitchell presented a thank you card from Ed Stark the Commander of the VFW for the City's participation in the Veterans Day Parade.

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

Status of Staunton Road Sewer Bid: Administrator Soland commented we opened the bids today for the project on Staunton Road, and the lowest bid was \$428,002.30 and that is still too high. We are going to go back through this, and see if we can get it lowered. Administrator Soland commented tonight we were hoping to come to the Council with the low bid and get it approved, but, that is not the case, we need to go through all of these numbers and evaluate to see where we are at. We will have something at the next meeting. Alderman Italiano asked when the next meeting with the engineers is. Administrator Soland commented he will let him know so he can attend. Mayor Caraker commented that there is only about a \$20.00 difference in some of these. Administrator Soland commented that some of the bids that are so close because, they omitted a lot of items with a no bid. Mayor Caraker commented that he to will be attending the meeting because it is a qualified bid and he needs to see what is going on. Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to postpone the bids for the Troy-Staunton Road emergency sewer interceptor sewer project until the next meeting. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: *Alderman Evans* has nothing at this time.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: *Alderman Adomite* has nothing at this time.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: *Alderman Brannon* has nothing at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Lanahan* has nothing at this time.

LAND USE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Metcalf* has nothing at this time.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES: *Alderman Hendrickson*

Hiring of New Police Officer: Alderwomen Hendrickson commented that you have received a letter in your packets regarding the hiring of a new police officer. Capt. Luttrell commented taken from the hiring list his name is Robert E. Gulash. This job offer has been made contingent on Mr. Gulash passing a medical physical and psychological examination. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners opinion is that Mr. Gulash is an excellent candidate and should make a good police officer. Alderwomen Hendrickson moved, seconded by Alderman Brannon to move forward with the hiring of a new police officer contingent on passing the medical and psychological exam and as recommended and approval by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Alderwomen Hendrickson commented that she has spoke with the Chief and they are going to meet sometime in December to pull all the information we have received for the Volunteer in Policing (VIP) and CERT classes. We would like to start right after the New Year.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: *Alderman Italiano*

Director of Public Works: Director of Public Works Secrest commented that the water crew has been working on the water line on Troy-O'Fallon Road. They have been lowering man holes for Themes Construction. They put a new service in on MacArthur Drive, repaired a service on Bluebird. The street crew been working on their salt spreaders, the chloride pump, and they helped the water crew on water lines. They have been repairing Christmas lights replacing bulbs. The street crew also repaired a storm sewer on Sunnybrooke. Alderman Italiano asked if we get any reimbursement on doing the man holes. Director of Public Works commented no. Alderman Italiano asked is there anything that will need to be replaced that we should get in the budget. Director of Public Works Secrest commented there is stuff in the 5 year budget to see if they can be postponed, or what is needed.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Davis*

Ordinance to Pass 2008 Tax Levy: Alderman Davis moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to pass Ordinance 2008-23 an Ordinance Levying Taxes for the City of Troy beginning May 1, 2008. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Alderman Adomite commented for the record the tax rate is less than 1%.

Abatement Ordinance: Alderman Davis moved, seconded by Alderman Brannon to pass Ordinance 2008-24 an Ordinance Repealing Ordinance number 1998-30 and Authorizing the Abatement of Certain Ad Valorem Property Taxes Heretofore Levied and the Filing of Certificates in Connection Therewith. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan yeas, 7 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Aldermen Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Davis to adjourn, all Aldermen present yeas, 0 nays, meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Tammy J Mitchell, RMC, CMC
City Clerk