

CITY OF TROY
Regular City Council Meeting
December 7, 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: Administrator Soland, Attorney Wigginton, Chief Rizzi, Director of Public Works Secrest, Code Administrator Frey.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from November 16, 2009 regular City Council Meeting. Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to approve the regular City Council Meeting Minutes as presented and written. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Brannon yea, Davis yea, Evans abstained, Hendrickson yea, Italiano yea, Lanahan abstained, Metcalf yea, 6 yeas, 2 abstentions, 0 nays, motion carried.

Mayor Caraker commented we need to amend the Agenda under Legislative item #1 Issuance of Business District/Note Payable to Troy Acquisition LLC for Walgreens Project is to be removed from tonight's Agenda. Alderman Italiano moved, seconded by Alderwoman Hendrickson to amend the Agenda under legislative item #1 to be removed. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

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

MAYOR'S/ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS/CITY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:
2009 Tax Levy Presentation/Discussion/Administrator Soland and Treasurer Roady:

Mayor Caraker, Sr. commented we had the Public Hearing for the 2009 Tax Levy. Is there any more discussion on this? Alderman Soland appreciates the Council consideration of this Ordinance.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: *Alderman Adomite*

Alderman Adomite wanted to thank Aldermen Evans and Davis, Mayor Caraker, Administrator Soland and Treasurer Roady for their participation in the Administrative Services Committee Meeting. We reviewed estimates on revenue stream for FY 2009/2010.

Alderman Adomite commented the purpose of this meeting was to look at some of the revenue estimates and other line items as well as property taxes; he wanted to touch on the few items they discussed. Alderman Adomite commented he has been looking at the budget and the previous budgets. We looked at sales tax and of course are looking at a decrease in State funds for this upcoming year. Administrator Soland put together some numbers that we are looking at for next year and there is a 14% decrease in the State Income Tax Funds and 11% decrease in the Use Tax Fund and will probably see no increase in our Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

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Alderman Adomite wanted to mention the schools disbursements from the State are going down. Alderman Adomite said we are seeing a decrease in a lot of different departments. Alderman Adomite commented in regards to the Truth and Taxation, he is going to research and see what Legislative proposed this, even if you see a 23% increase it might only be \$3.00 increase on a \$200,000 home. This is false and taxation there is no truth to this at all, it seems like there has to be a better way of doing this and he is going to report back on this. Alderman Adomite wanted to thank Aldermen Evans, Davis and the City staff for working on this.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: *Alderman Davis*

Alderman Davis wanted to thank Administrator Soland and the staff for their diligent work on the Tax Levy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: *Alderman Brannon*

Alderman Brannon wanted to thank everybody for a great job.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Lanahan*

Treasurer Roady commented that we levy a certain amount last year and the County for various reasons cut that down that amount about \$100,000. This year we are levying about the same as last year and that is what we have to compare to get that amount. The way the law is written is may say 23% but no way is it 23% and we have to follow it.

Alderman Adomite said whatever lawmaker came up with this, so the tax payer would get an idea on how much their taxes would go up based on a percentage, and that is wrong.

Alderman Lanahan commented he would like to see the paper write something about our Christmas lights on the power poles, because when the power company took them down they took all of our brackets on those poles and now we can't hang all of our Christmas decorations. Alderman Lanahan commented when they take down a pole they should take the stuff off.

LAND USE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Evans*

Alderman Evans commented there is a Planning Commission Meeting on December 10. Code Administrator Frey commented they planned to work on researching Zoning Ordinances from other communities. We are looking at adding another zoning to residential so they will start on that Thursday.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: *Alderman Italiano*

Director of Public Works Secrest: DPW Secrest commented since last meeting the Street Crew worked on Alderman Lanahan's Christmas lights, worked on the snow plows and spreader, repaired a storm sewer on Stonebrooke, blacked topped some pot holes, cleaned the shop, and put in a culvert on Weston, and ran the street sweeper. DPW Secrest commented the Water Department helped with Christmas Lights, cleaned the shop, repaired a meter pit on Troy Ave., repaired water on Autumn Circle, Kimberly Ct. and Reid, took Vac Con for Service, raised a manhole at TA Truck Stop for the bridge work, did locates and read meters.

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Alderman Italiano commented the Public Works Department did a really good job on Clay Street.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Metcalf*

Alderman Metcalf commented the Issuance of Business District/Note Payable to Troy Acquisition LLC for Walgreens is on hold for tonight.

Ordinance adopting the Official Comprehensive Plan of the City of Troy: Alderman Metcalf moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to pass *Ordinance 2009-22* adopting the Official Comprehensive Plan of the City of Troy. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Ordinance to Approve 2009 Tax Levy: Alderman Metcalf moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to pass *Ordinance 2009-23* the 2009 Tax Levy Ordinance in the amount of \$1,551,414. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.

Ordinance Authorizing Abatement of Certain Ad Valorem Property Taxes: Alderman Metcalf moved, seconded by Alderman Adomite to pass *Ordinance 2009-24* an Ordinance repealing Ordinance 1998-30 and authorizing the Abatement of Certain Ad Valorem Property Taxes Heretofore levied and the Filing of Certificates in Connections Therewith. Alderman Adomite asked if this was going to repeal some of our property taxes saving us money by eliminating some taxes from Ordinance 1998-30. Attorney Wigginton commented the City of Troy has previously issued its General Obligation Bonds, Series 1992 in the original principal amount of \$3,710,000.00 the Series 1992 Bonds. The 1992 Bond Ordinance contained property tax levies for years 1992 through and including 2010 in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the Series 1992 Bonds, the City filed in 1992. A portion of the Series Bonds has been refunded and the Tax Levies contained in the 1992 Ordinance must be partially abated. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Brannon, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Italiano, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 8 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Metcalf 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 7:53 p.m.

Tammy J Mitchell, RMC, CMC
City Clerk