

CITY OF TROY
Regular City Council Meeting
February 2, 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, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Lanahan, Metcalf; Clerk Mitchell, Absent: Treasurer Roady, Aldermen Brannon, and Italiano

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from January 20, 2009 regular City Council Meeting: Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Davis to approve the regular City Council Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2009 as submitted. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Davis yea, Evans abstained, Hendrickson yea, Lanahan yea, Metcalf abstained, 4 yeas, 2 abstentions, 0 nays, motion carries.

COMMUNICATIONS: Clerk Mitchell has nothing at this time.

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

Status of Road Construction: Administrator Soland commented on Rt. 40 and Troy O'Fallon Rd. the bid letting was about a week ago and we awarded that bid, but are unaware of the actual starting date. We feel confident that it shouldn't be long. The water lines are about 80% finished and the sewers are done. We put this back out to bid and saved ourselves about \$225,000.00 that was a really good move. Administrator Soland commented that Staunton Road project is to begin this week, AT&T is finished with phase I. Administrator Soland commented that the bid letting for the Troy Street Scape project will be advertised February 5, 2009 and the bid letting will be February 19, 2009.

Notice of Public Hearing February 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Exchange of Property: Mayor Caraker announced on Tuesday February 17th at 7:00 p.m. prior to our regular Council Meeting we will have a Public Hearing to discuss the potential exchange of property between the City of Troy and the Estate of Louis Buesking.

PEOPLE REQUESTING TO BE ON THE AGENDA:

Brent Gorsage, Thomas Wolf: Mr. Wolf commented he has a copy of this proposal to give the Council. Mr. Wolf and a crew have been making a film in Troy. They are looking to have this finished and submitted to Sundance Film Festival in 2010. Mr. Wolf commented some of the things they wish to do are a foot-chase taking place along Main Street in town. This scene would require an intersection to be closed down temporarily. They also wish to continue using Hickory Street. Some of the scenes require using mock fire arms and other props that are 100% fake. Also, given permission to use the streets, they will inform the police and invite the police to check on them any time and comes with no offense to them.

Mayor Caraker commented that we will need this in written form so the Council can go through it, research it and see where any safety & closing street concerns can be answered.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: *Alderman Evans*

Results of Administrative Services Committee Meeting: Alderman Evans commented that they had their Administrative Services Committee meeting tonight and the first part they discussed is for City Software. Alderman Evans commented that the city wants to purchase some new software. Currently the city is using three different software companies for the office. One is for accounting one for payroll and one for the water department. We are looking at combining these three all down to one software company. By doing away with all the different software, Continental Utility Software and ADP for payroll and combine these into our accounting software which is Civic Systems. The city is currently paying for three different software companies; we pay \$1,100.00 annually for support of Continental software and \$7,800.00 for ADP payroll. Alderman Evans commented they are looking tonight for approval from the Council to go ahead and negotiate with Civic Systems. Alderman Evans commented this is in the budget and we are prepared to write the check. By eliminating these two systems we are looking at a \$9,000 to put toward Civic Systems. Administrator Soland commented that our utility software is about 11 years old and needs some extensive upgrading. Administrator Soland mentioned that our auditor is not familiar with Continental Software and has had a hard time understanding why the system re-distributes the funds to the different utilities. Administrator Soland commented we pay a lot of money every year to have our paychecks written, by doing this in house it would be a lot more cost efficient. Alderman Evans commented that in your packets there is a you can go through and tonight we just need guidance from the council to proceed or not. With further questions and comments, concerns from the council Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to have administration move forward with the negotiations for the cost of software, upgrade, licensing, training, and technical support package with Civic Systems Inc. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.

Alderman Evans commented the other thing we discussed was the trash contract; we still have a three year contract that will run out this July. They have proposed for a new three year contract with the cost projected for three years. This contract also includes recycling and yard waste pick-up, also they are proposing to provide every customer a 90 gallon trash bin on wheels. The bulk items are two per week at no charge and all rates are billed quarterly. Alderman Evans commented that Allied Waste wants to go with an automated trash truck that would pick-up the bin and empty it. Alderman Evans commented that we will be looking at these 90 gallon trash bins for the elderly Allied Waste is more than happy to make exception with them. Alderman Evans commented that complaints are minimal and our staff works great with there staff and they have been a good provider of service. Administrator Soland commented the prices are set for three years. For our community we average for bulk items about 18 tons per month estimated 45 appliances a month. Administrator Soland commented that the 90 gallon bins are more efficient and quicker and he thinks this would be good for the city. Administrator Soland commented we are one of the communities that have the highest recycling per month. There were questions and concerns from the council. Administrator Soland commented you have time to research the contract at this time, we have until June. Alderman Evans moved, seconded by Davis to give permission to the City Administrator to proceed with renewing our contract with Allied Waste based on this quote sheet we have tonight, and also come back to the Council with a finalized contract. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Davis yea, Evans yea, Hendrickson yea, Lanahan yea, Metcalf nay, 5 yeas, 1 nay, motion carries.

Alderman Metcalf commented if we don't go out for bid he would like to know what other towns are paying. Alderman Evans commented that if we had a lot of problems with Allied Waste then he would be the first one to put this out to bid but, we have had a good relationship with them and that weighs a lot with cost and everything. Mayor Caraker commented that this includes the contract with the township.

BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: *Alderman Adomite*

Program for Re-Programming for HDTV: Alderman Adomite commented he has been working with the Building Department on a program to help the senior citizens. We want to propose that the Building Dept. have free assistance for the residents over the age of 65 years or older a resident within the city limits of Troy. How this would work is to that they will call us and we could schedule an appointment residents should have purchased the necessary DTV converter box and have the necessary cables and antenna. Then, an appointment will be scheduled to have a city staff member come out and install the DTV converter box. Alderman Adomite commented that our employees will be well identified with mane badge etc. for a security stand point. They can all between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. DTV converter boxes need to be purchased prior to scheduled installation; they can be purchased at local retailers, including Best Buy, Wal-Mart, Target, Sears and RadioShack. The City provides no guarantees on the strength of the new signal or on picture quality or any extra equipment they may have to purchase. City staff will not assist with antenna installation on roofs or in attics. Alderman Adomite commented this should be a one time event and while they are out there they can let them know they can get a carbon monoxide detector at Building and Zoning department. Alderman Adomite commented this is no different when we purchased carbon monoxide detector or when the City helped with the storms for tree removal. However I think it is a great service to the community.

Alderman Lanahan asked Public Works Director Secrest if we went into people's yards cutting tree limbs but we pick them up our of the street. We did not go on people's property they were laying in the street. Public Works Director Secrest commented that is correct. Alderman Lanahan told Alderman Adomite that is a lie. Alderman Adomite commented he referenced that because TV was an important source of information whether is it is severe weather or something like that they will be informed. Alderman Davis asked if we were staffed to handle that. Code Official Frey commented that he doesn't expect to get that many calls but, yes they are staffed. Code Official Frey commented he thinks we should put in a deadline for this also, so it does not carry on year after year. Alderman Metcalf commented he could see three months with no over time that would make him happy. Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Evans to authorize our Building and Zoning to participate in a curiosity DTV help-line and a DTV assistance with the DTV and a period not to exceed three months free for senior's citizens. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite yea, Davis yea, Evans yea, Hendrickson yea, Lanahan nay, Metcalf yea, 5 yeas, 1 nay, motion carries.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: *Alderman Brannon*

Tourism Letters: Mayor Caraker commented that Alderman Brannon is out of town do to a death in the family. Mayor Caraker commented that the Tourism Letters for request on monies has been mailed out the deadline is February 20, 2009 to be accompanied by receipts. Alderman Brannon is working on the 2009-2010 Tourism Fund disbursements.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Lanahan*

Treasurer's Report for December 2008: Alderman Lanahan moved, seconded by Alderwomen Hendrickson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries.
Sales Tax Report from Illinois Department of Revenue for October/January: The Sales Tax for October 2008/January 2009 was \$85,087.09.

LAND USE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Metcalf*

Planning Commission Public Hearing February 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.:

Alderman Metcalf commented that there is a Public Hearing scheduled for February 12, 2009 for Osborn Development LLC is asking instead of a 60' right of way (row) on Town Centre, Osborn Development is requesting a 50' row which will line up with the existing Dorothy Road across Illinois Route 162. Alderman Evans asked if there is going to be a stub street. Administrator Soland commented that there will be a parking lot there. Code Official Frey commented that Osborn only wants to change the right of way not the street width. Code Official Frey commented he only wants the right of way to be 50' instead of 60'.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES: *Alderman Hendrickson*

Chief Rizzi commented that Lt. Shownes was involved in an accident where he was training at the academy and was struck by a car. He is currently in the hospital in St. Louis where he was in ICU for about three days with a skull fracture and lacerations. Last week he was transferred to a rehab hospital and last we heard is that he is alert and awake but is still having problems with lights. The doctors seem to be confident that he will make a full recovery.

Alderwomen Hendrickson commented in light of Lt. Shownes being down for a while, she spoke with chief and the mayor to try to put together some sort of a public program for individuals to do disaster preparedness in their own homes. Alderwomen Hendrickson commented we can introduce this into the community and maybe they would like to get involved in the ESDA program as well.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: *Alderman Italiano*

Time for Director of Public Works: Public Works Director Secrest commented they have been working long hours moving snow. They are working on water lines on Troy O'Fallon, repaired a leak by RP Lumber, did some pot hole patching around town, and went to some safety classes. Alderman Evans wanted to complement the Director of Public Works Secrest for working through the night to get our roads cleared.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: *Alderman Davis*

Award of Construction Contract for Troy O'Fallon Road: Alderman Davis moved, seconded by Alderman Lanahan to approve the award Construction Contract for Troy O'Fallon Road project in the amount of \$1,438,503.46 to Christ Bros Asphalt, Inc. Roll call vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries. Alderman Davis commented he spoke with Mr. Fruth today and what has happened is two of the employees have reached the amount they can earn so they have been released. Mr. Fruth assured Alderman Davis that there will be a couple of new ones come aboard because they are working with FEMA.

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Mayor Caraker thanked Alderman Davis for keeping up with this. Alderman Adomite moved, seconded by Alderman Metcalf to adjourn. Voice vote was taken: Aldermen Adomite, Davis, Evans, Hendrickson, Lanahan, Metcalf yeas, 6 yeas, 0 nays, motion carries, meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Tammy J Mitchell, RMC, CMC
City Clerk