



MINUTES

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6:00 P.M.

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 9, 2019.

Mayor Renner directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members of Council answered present:

Council Members: Jamie Mathy, Donna Boelen, Mboka Mwilambwe, Julie Emig, Joni Painter, Jenn Carrillo, Jeff Crabill, Kim Bray, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Council Member Scott Black was absent from the meeting.

Staff Present: Tim Gleason, City Manager; Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Jurgens, Corporation Counsel; Nicole Albertson, Human Resources Director; Scott Rathbun, Finance Director; Scott Sprouls, Information Services Director; and other City staff were present.

Recognition/Appointments

A. Presentation of Bloomington Firefighters who have completed a one-year probation:

Fire Chief Brian Mohr, accompanied by Firefighters Benjamin Stalets, Mathew Roux, and Michael Maines, came forward to address Council. Chief Mohr introduced each of the men, recognizing them for their recent completion of the City's one-year probation as Firefighters. He discussed each of their accomplishments and ask their family and friends present in the audience to stand to be recognized.

City Clerk, Leslie Yocum, came forward and swore in the men before Council and all those present.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive public comment, and the following individuals provided comments to the Council:

Scott Stimeling	Chris Collins
Karen Kinsella	Renee Martin

Consent Agenda

Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion; Items pulled by Council from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed separately.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carillo, that the Consent Agenda, including all the items listed below, be approved as presented with the exception of Items 7C, 7D, 7I, and 7F.

Item 7A. Consideration and action to Approve the Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (*Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.*)

Item 7B. Consideration and action to approve Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$8,894,342.02, as requested by the Finance Department. (*Recommended Motion:* The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 7C was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy.

Item 7D was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy.

Item 7E. Consideration and action to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Bloomington Public Schools, District 87, for the provision of rock salt during winter 2019-2020, in the amount of \$106.67 per ton, not to exceed a total of \$26,667.50 (250 tons), as requested by the Public Works Department. (*Recommended Motion:* The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement be approved.)

Item 7F was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Crabill.

Item 7G. Consideration and action to grant Workers Compensation Settlement Authority in the amount of \$158,128 to City of Bloomington Police Officer Shawn Albert, case #W002772902, as requested by the Human Resources Department. (*Recommended Motion:* The proposed Workers Compensation Settlement be approved.)

Item 7H. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Change Order for \$16,425 to the Kronos Workforce TeleStaff & Timekeeper Project for Additional Solution Consultation Hours, as requested by the Human Resources Department. (*Recommended Motion:* The proposed Resolution be approved.)

Item 7I was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Carrillo.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Crabill, Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy:

Item 7C. Consideration and action to reject the Bid for the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts Third Floor Insulation Project (Bid #2020-04) due to the Bid being above the project budget, as requested by the Procurement Department and the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department.

Council Member Mathy apologized as he'd only meant to pull item 7D.

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bray, that the proposed rejection of Bid #2020-04 be approved.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Crabill, Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mathy:

Item 7D. Consideration and action on a Contract with Henson Robinson Company in the amount of \$506,078.00 for the FY2020 Creativity Center Roof Replacement & HVAC Upgrades, Bid #2020-19, as requested by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department.

Council Member Mathy pointed out the funds covering the proposed project come from privately raised funds from nearly 12 years ago and that no City funds are allocated to be spent on the project.

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Painter, that the minor technicality be waived and proposed Contract be approved.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Crabill, Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Carrillo:

Item 7I. Consideration and action on an Ordinance Approving Farm Lease Extensions on Two City of Bloomington Farms Commonly Known as Parker Bottom and Farm #8425, as requested by the City Clerk Department.

Council Member Carrillo questioned why the City owns farmland in Woodford County. Mrs. Yocum, City Clerk, responded in providing history of the particular parcel and its ties to a Wildlife Preserve.

Council Member Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, that the proposed Ordinance be approved.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Crabill, Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Crabill:

Item 7F. Consideration and action to approve an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2020, in the amount of \$385,000, and a Joint Purchasing Requisition with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services for the purchase of rock salt, for a total purchase amount of up to \$782,838, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Council Member Crabill discussed recent research he had completed regarding alternative options to rock salt and asked Jim Karch, Public Works Director, to come forward and comment as well. Mr. Karch came forward to address Council. He explained the use of alternative options and stated that his team was already looking into other options and would bring forward additional information in the future.

Council Member Crabill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Painter, that the proposed Ordinance and Joint Purchasing Requisition be approved.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Crabill, Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 8A. Consideration and action on 1) an Ordinance Levying Taxes for the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2019 and Ending April 30, 2020 for the City of Bloomington, and 2) an Ordinance Levying Taxes for the City of Bloomington - Library, McLean County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2019 and Ending April 30, 2020 for the City of Bloomington, to approve the 2019 Tax Levy of \$20,511,384 for the City of Bloomington and \$4,935,359 for the Bloomington Public Library, as requested by the Finance Department.

Mayor Renner pointed out that the City has not raised property taxes on individuals in eleven years.

City Manager Tim Gleason reminded the community that the City of Bloomington and the Library receive only about 15% of the taxes collected via tax bill. He asked Finance Director, Scott Rathbun, to come forward to address Council.

Mr. Rathbun reviewed the proposed tax levy against 2015-2018 tax levies. He also confirmed that the City has not raised property taxes since 2009.

Council Member Crabill asked a question regarding a change in the numbers reported between several years Mr. Rathbun presented. Mr. Rathbun responded accordingly and stated he would also investigate Council Member Crabill's question further and get back to him.

Council Member Crabill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mwilambwe, that the proposed Ordinances be approved.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Crabill, Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following item was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration and action on approving 1) a Resolution Abating All or a Portion of the Taxes Heretofore Levied to Pay Debt Service on Certain Obligation Bonds of the City of Bloomington, McLean County, Illinois, and 2) a Resolution Abating Tax Levy for Rent Payable Under Lease Agreement Between the Public Building Commission, McLean County and the City of Bloomington for the Old Champion Building and the Expansion of the Parking Garage (two

Resolutions for the abatement of property taxes totaling \$6,017,775.00), as requested by the Finance Department.

Mr. Rathbun continued his presentation. He discussed the abatements proposed in detail and confirmed, per Council Member Crabill's question, that the abatement comes from the general fund.

Council Member Mwilambwe made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bray, that the proposed Resolutions be approved.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Crabill, Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Gleason showed the event calendar, pointed out how lively the downtown area has been over the holiday season and showcased December's First Friday. He also reminded the public that there would not be a Committee of the Whole meeting in December.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner gave condolences to Mr. Gleason for the loss of a family member. He congratulated Council Member Black on his recent marriage and thanked Council Member Painter for her recent assistance in a local event.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Mathy thanked the Fire Department for their recent response to a downtown dumpster fire. He also asked Public Works Director Jim Karch to come forward and discuss train quiet zones throughout the town. Mr. Karch reviewed the City's quiet zones.

Council Member Carrillo spoke fondly of downtown and all that's happening downtown. She urged the rest of the Council to join her in moving cannabis regulation forward and encouraged Council to allow Bloomington to be innovative in its decisions. She mentioned specifically her support for onsite consumption and the use of resources.

Council Member Bray complimented staff and Council for working to make Bloomington the wonderful City it is today. She looked forward to having meaningful conversation on December 16, 2019 regarding how to proceed with cannabis regulation.

Council Member Crabill mentioned the Jean Anderson Awards happening on Wednesday at The Bistro.

Council Member Emig thanked everyone for their participation in downtown. She complimented the Westside Revitalization Project for their Mr. Rogers fundraiser. She asked Mr. Gleason for an update on Judy Buchanan coming forward to present to Council. Mr. Gleason stated he was targeting the Committee of the Whole meeting in January of 2020.

Executive Session

A. Review of Minutes- Section 2 (c)(21) of 5 ILCS 120

Mayor Renner entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Review of Minutes - Section 2(c)(21) of 5 ILCS 120. He clarified that no formal action would be taken during Executive Session.

Council Member Crabill made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mathy, to enter into an Executive Session meeting for the purpose of Review of Minutes - Section 2(c)(21) of 5 ILCS 120.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Crabill, Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Return to Open Session and Adjournment

Mayor Renner asked for a motion to return to Open Session and adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bray, to return to Open Session and adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Council Members Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Crabill, Bray.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON


Tari Renner, Mayor

