

MINUTES OF A JOINT WORK SESSION BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NORMAL COUNCIL AND THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COUNCIL HELD IN THE NORMAL TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORMAL CITY HALL, FOURTH FLOOR UPTOWN STATION, 11 UPTOWN CIRCLE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Town of Normal Mayor Chris Koos called the Joint Work Session between the Town of Normal Council and the City of Bloomington Council to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Koos called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Normal Town Council Members Sonja Reece, Jeff Fritzen, Kevin McCarthy, Scott Preston, Chuck Scott, and Cheryl Gaines. Bloomington Aldermen David Sage, Judy Stearns, Joni Painter, Jim Fruin, Mboka Mwilambwe, Kevin Lower, and Diana Hauman.

ABSENT: Bloomington Mayor Tari Renner and Bloomington Aldermen Karen Schmidt and Scott Black.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Koos led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF PARADIGM BIOAVIATION:

Mr. Rob Fazzini and Attorney George Mueller were physically present to address the Councils and Mr. Alan Robinson, Ms. Gayle Robinson, and Mr. Michael Fairfield were present via a telephone call in. Mr. Fazzini and Mr. Robinson addressed both Councils presenting a proposal to construct a facility that would turn the garbage created by both cities into synthetic jet fuel.

5. PRESENTATION BY STAFF ON THE PROPOSED HOST AGREEMENT AND WASTE SUPPLY AGREEMENT:

Normal City Manager Mark Peterson and Normal Corporation Counsel Brian Day, as well as Bloomington City Manager David Hales and Bloomington Corporation Counsel Jeff Jurgens, presented an overview of the Host Agreement and the Waste Supply Agreement to both Councils, outlining the two municipalities concerns with the Agreements.

6. COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Members of both Council posed questions for both staff and the representatives from Paradigm. Both Councils expressed concern with the proposed Agreements primarily with the length of the proposed Agreements, as well as the fact Paradigm has no experience with this type of venture.

After considerable discussion, Mayor Koos called for an informal poll as to whether the Councils wished to continue talks with Paradigm. The general consensus of the two Councils was to not continue further talks with Paradigm.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Koos called for comments from the public.

Mr. Mike Pawlowski, Fairbury, Illinois, addressed the Councils explaining gasification. Mr. Alton Franklin, 508 Patterson Drive, Bloomington, Illinois, commented on the discussion held this evening.

Mr. Gary Lambert 3018 E. Oakland Ave., Bloomington, Illinois, also commented on the open discussion that was demonstrated at this meeting.

Mr. Rick Galbreath, 3 Mallard Court, Bloomington, Illinois, questioned the ownership of Paradigm Aviation.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussion to be held, Normal Mayor Chris Koos adjourned the Joint Work Session at 8:47 p.m., Tuesday, October 21, 2014.