CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom at 6:00 P.M. Mayor Mboka Mwilambwe called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance ending with a moment of silent prayer/reflection.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mboka Mwilambwe	Mayor	Present
Jenna Kearns	Council Member, Ward 1	Present
Donna Boelen	Council Member, Ward 2	Present, Remote
Sheila Montney	Council Member, Ward 3	Present
John Danenberger	Council Member, Ward 4	Present
Nick Becker	Council Member, Ward 5	Present
Cody Hendricks	Council Member, Ward 6	Present
Mollie Ward	Council Member, Ward 7	Present
Kent Lee	Council Member, Ward 8	Absent
Tom Crumpler	Council Member, Ward 9	Present

Council Member Montney made a motion, seconded by Council Member Kearns, to allow Council Member Boelen to attend the meeting remotely due to illness.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Council Member Boelen joined remotely at 6:03 P.M.

Recognition/Appointments

No recognitions or appointments were made.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment statement of procedure. Monsignor Jason Gray emailed public comment. The following individuals spoke in person: (1) Elaine Rinehimer, (2) Surena Fish, (3) Lucille Eckrich, (4) Ed Rozier, (5) Dick Taylor, (6) Mark Bloedel, (7) Zach Gittrich, and (8) Sarah Lindenbaum.

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 and voted on separately.

City Clerk Yocum noted a correction required in the minutes of Item 7.A. and requested it be approved as amended.

Council Member Crumpler made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, to approve the Consent Agenda with amendments to Item 7.A.

Item 7.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the August 26, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 7.B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 7.C. Consideration and Action on Approving Bills and Payroll in the Amount of $21,594,082.81, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 7.D. Consideration and Action on Approving Reappointments to Boards & Commissions, as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Reappointments be approved.)

Item 7.E. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., for the Engineering Design Services Associated with the Lead Service Replacement Project on Main Street from Locust Street to Jefferson Street, in the Amount Not to Exceed $70,000, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 052

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC., FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEAD SERVICE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON MAIN STREET FROM LOCUST STREET TO JEFFERSON STREET, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $70,000

Item 7.F. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., for the Engineering Design Services Associated with the Census Tract 59 Watermain and Lead Service Line Replacement Project - Phase 1, in the Amount Not to Exceed $250,000, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 053

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC., FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CENSUS TRACT 59 WATERMAIN AND LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 1, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $250,000

Item 7.G. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc., for a Professional Services Agreement Associated with Evaluating the Supplemental Water Source Review 2024, in the Amount Not to Exceed $91,000, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 054

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP, INC., FOR A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT ASSOCIATED WITH EVALUATING THE SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SOURCE, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $91,000

Item 7.H. Consideration and Action on Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Basic Information Technology Solutions, Inc. (BasicITS) for the Purchase, Removal, and Installation of Audio-Visual Equipment at All Fire Stations, in the Amount of $74,026.81, as requested by the Information Technology Department and the Fire Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 055

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BASIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INC. (BASICITS) FOR THE PURCHASE, REMOVAL, AND INSTALLATION OF AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT AT ALL FIRE STATIONS, IN THE AMOUNT OF $74,026.81

Item 7.I. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Authorizing a Contract with PipeWorks, Inc. for the Purchase and Replacement of Two 60-Ton Trane Chillers at the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts (Bid #2025-12), in the Amount of $236,325, as requested by the Arts & Entertainment Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 056

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PIPEWORKS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF TWO 60-TON TRANE CHILLERS AT THE BLOOMINGTON CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (BID #2025-12), IN THE AMOUNT OF $236,325

Item 7.J. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Approval of the Proposal from Farnsworth Group for the Police Department HVAC Evaluation and Improvement Recommendations, in an Amount Not to Exceed $79,550, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services and the Police Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 057

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FROM FARNSWORTH GROUP FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HVAC EVALUATION AND IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $79,550

Item 7.K. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Amending the Bloomington City Code Updating Chapters 6, 7, 22, 29, 32, 37.5, 38, 40, and 41 Moving Licenses Administered by the City Clerk to Align with the City's Fiscal Year, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 079

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BLOOMINGTON CITY CODE CHAPTERS 6, 7, 22, 29, 32, 26, 37.5, 38, 40, AND 41 TO ALIGN LICENSES ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY CLERK TO BE ISSUED ON THE FISCAL YEAR CYCLE

Item 7.L. Consideration and Action on an Application from Clarabel, LTD, d/b/a Rosie's Pub, located at 106 E. Front St., Requesting Approval of a Change in Ownership for their Class RAS (Restaurant, All Types of Liquor, and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Application be approved.)

Item 7.M. Consideration and Action on an Application from Le Marchand De Vin, LLC, located at 1704 Eastland Dr., Ste. 8, Requesting Approval for a Change in Classification from a Class PAS (Package, All Types of Alcohol, and Sunday Sales) to a Class TAPS (Tavern, All Types of Alcohol, Packaged and Sunday Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Application be approved.)

Item 7.N. Consideration and Action on an Application from Dublin Bay, LLC, d/b/a Killarney's Irish Pub, located at 523 N. Main St., Requesting Approval of a Change in Ownership for their Class TAP (Tavern, All Types of Liquor, and Package Sales) Liquor License, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Application be approved.)

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Crumpler

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following Item was presented:

Item 8.A. Consideration and Action on a Recommendation by the Planning Commission to Designate the Structures of Holy Trinity Church and Holy Trinity Rectory, Located at 704 N. Main Street, as "Local Historic Landmarks" and to have the S-4 (Historic Preservation District) Overlay Zoning Designation Applied to the Subject Property, including Either Adoption of an Ordinance Approving the Designation or Adoption of a Resolution Rejecting the Designation, as requested by the Historic Preservation Commission.

City Manager Jeff Jurgens provided a brief introduction of the Item explained the sample motions to Council and detailed the procedures to maintain City code compliance.

Mayor Mwilambwe and Chris Spanos, Corporation Counsel, discussed procedure.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Becker, to approve a Resolution Denying Local Historic Landmark Status and a Zoning Map Amendment to Add the S-4 (Historic District) overlay, for the Property at 704 N. Main Street.

Council Member Becker, Mayor Mwilambwe, and Corporation Counsel Spanos discussed motion procedures.

Council Member Becker then expressed his belief the Designation should not be forced on the property owner, and noted it was not supported by the congregation of the church.

Council Member Boelen stated her motion was based on testimony given at the Historic Preservation Committee and Planning Commission meetings which stated the church qualified for tax credit, but churches don't pay tax, so local tax dollars could be used, and she believed the property rights should trump anything else.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Boelen, Montney, Becker

NAYES: Kearns, Danenberger, Hendricks, Ward, Crumpler

Motion failed.

Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, to approve an Ordinance Designating Local Landmarks, and Approving a Zoning Map Amendment to Add the S-4 (Historic Preservation District) Overlay, for the Property at 704 N. Main Street.

Council Member Montney expressed her respect for opinions on both sides. She stressed the importance of the decision and mentioned imposing restrictions on repair costs could make the situation worse.

Council Member Boelen commented that the property was registered as a National Historic Property and did not believe the local designation would be necessary.

Council Member Crumpler highlighted that the rezoning initiative was brought forth by parishioners and the zoning change would not harm the interest of the diocese. He stressed that the long-term value and architecture of the building should be considered.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Danenberger, Hendricks, Ward, Crumpler

NAYES: Boelen, Montney, Becker

Motion failed.

City Manager Jurgens asked if a Council Member who voted against the Resolution wanted to motion to reconsider, but none were inclined to make such a motion.

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Jeff Jurgens provided updates on the efforts of the Coalition Working to address Homelessness noting they continued to address the issue. He reported the start of the Market Street Beautification Project and the purchase of the Country Financial complex by Illinois State University (ISU) for their College of Engineering. He highlighted the upcoming Bloomington Bison opening home game and expressed his excitement for the team impact on the community. He recognized the community impact of George Drye, former City Engineer & Director of Engineering and Water, who worked with the City for 26 years and recently passed.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe expressed condolences for Mr. Drye's family and thanked City Manager Jurgens for his efforts address the homelessness issue. He shared his excitement for the Country Financial and ISU project as well as other projects that positively impact the community. Lastly, he echoed City Manager Jurgens' excitement for the Bloomington Bison upcoming game.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Kearns wished everyone a Happy Indigenous People's Day.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

AYES: Kearns, Boelen, Montney, Danenberger, Becker, Hendricks, Ward, Crumpler

Motion carried (viva voce).

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

ATTEST

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk