

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SESSION
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015; 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to order

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting was opened by Pledging Allegiance to the flag followed by a moment of silent prayer.

3. Remain Standing for a Moment of Silent Prayer

Mayor Renner requested those present to remain standing for a moment of silent prayer.

4. Roll Call

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

Aldermen: Kevin Lower, David Sage, Diana Hauman, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Mboka Mwilambwe, Jim Fruin and Karen Schmidt.

David Hales, City Manager; Cherry Lawson, City Clerk; and Jeffery Jurgens, Corporate Counsel; Steve Rasmussen, Asst. City Manager; and other city staff were also present.

5. Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. He added that there would not be a response from the City under the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Mayor Renner noted that fourteen (14) Public Comment Cards were received.

The following individuals provided comments during Public Comment:

Joe Walden
William C. Rau
Patricia Marton
Gary Lambert
Alton Franklin
Judy Stearns

6. Recognition/Appointments

The following was presented:

Item 6A. Presentation by Bloomington Firefighter Local #49 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of a check in the amount of \$21,995.79.

Item 6B. Appointment of Leslie Riette Clay to the Human Relations Commission.

7. "Consent Agenda"

Mayor Renner called on the Council to see whether any items needed to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. No items were pulled by the Council.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black move to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Kevin Lower, David Sage, Diana Hauman, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Mboka Mwilambwe, Jim Fruin and Karen Schmidt.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following items were presented:

Item 7A: Consideration of approving the Council Proceedings of September 14, 2015.
(Recommend that the reading of the minutes of the previous Council Proceedings of September 14, 2015, be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed).

Item 7B: Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll and Electronic Transfers.
(Recommend that the bills payroll, and electronic transfers be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)

Item 7C: Consideration of approving an Appointment to the Human Relations Commission. *(Recommend that Leslie Riette Clay be appointed Human Relations Commission.)*

Item 7D: Consideration of review, analysis of Bids, and the approval of Contracts with vendors for supply and delivery of various Water Treatment Chemicals (Bid No. 2016-25). *(Recommend that the staff recommendations be accepted, that the contracts with the responsive low bidders through Bid No. 2016-25 in the amounts and for the terms shown in the table below be approved, that the liquid chlorine agreement, which is being presented as year two of a three year agreement with no price increases, and hydrofluosilicic acid, which is being presented as year three of a three year agreement with no price increases, be approved and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.)*

Item 7E: Consideration of approving an application from Freedom Oil Company, d/b/a Freedom Oil #21, located at 1801 S. Veterans Pkwy., requesting a GPBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week. *(Recommend that the application from Freedom Oil Company, d/b/a Freedom Oil #21, located at 1801 S. Veterans Pkwy., requesting a GPBS liquor license which would allow the sale of packaged beer and wine only for consumption off the premises seven (7) days a week be approved, the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to executed the necessary documents.)*

Item 7F: Consideration of approving an Ordinance Amending Fiscal Year 2016 Budget for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Abandoned Property Program (APP) grant in the amount of \$6,603.14. *(Recommend that Council approve the Ordinance Amending Fiscal Year 2016 Budget for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Abandoned Property Program (APP) grant in the amount of \$6,603.14, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.)*

Item 7G: Consideration of adoption of an ordinance for Case No. PS-05-15 Petition requesting approval of an Amended and Reinstated Preliminary Plan for Cedar Ridge Subdivision for the property located east of US Rt. 51, west of Hendrix Dr., and north of I-74 consisting of approximately 129.2 acres. *(Recommend that an ordinance for Case No. PS-05-15 Petition requesting approval of an Amended and Reinstated Preliminary Plan for Cedar Ridge Subdivision for the property located east of US Rt. 51, west of Hendrix Dr., and north of I-74 consisting of approximately 129.2 acres be approved, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.)*

8. "Regular Agenda"

The following was presented:

Item 8A: Consideration of review and approval of funding a portion of the Shoreline Stabilization and Fish Habitat Installation at North Park, Lake Bloomington through the City's Intergovernmental Agreement with McLean County, the Town of Normal and the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation Office. *(Recommend that the expenditure of \$129,220 be approved for stabilizing 1,750 feet of shoreline on Lake Bloomington through the Watershed Conservation intergovernmental agreement and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.) (Bob Yehl, Director of the Water Department, 5 minutes Presentation, and Council Discussion 10 minutes)*

Water Department Director Bob Yehl provided a brief overview of this item stating, this cooperative effort would entail the funding of a \$149,220 project with \$20,000 coming from a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Reservoir Fisheries Habitat grant to the Friends of EverBloom and \$129,220 coming from the City of Bloomington Water Improvement Fund. The project will be managed by the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District under the Watershed Conservation intergovernmental agreement. The McLean County Soil and Water Conservation

District indicated that there were three plan holders, though only one bid was received. The sole bid received was from Boyle Excavating, Inc.

This project will utilize a proven mitigation effort (shoreline protection) that is part of the IEPA's strategy to reduce phosphorous in the City's drinking water reservoirs. The North Park project was originally budgeted for FY2015, but was carried over, due to unfavorable water level conditions last fall.

The project will increase fish habitat, in addition to mitigating the problems of sedimentation and nutrients that have been determined to impair water quality in the reservoirs.

The shoreline stabilization along North Park is a continuation of many years of work on improving the quality of the City's drinking water reservoirs. Starting in 2005, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency conducted a Source Water Assessment and a Total Maximum Daily Load ("TMDL") analysis of the Lake Bloomington reservoir. A TMDL is the greatest amount of a given contaminant that a reservoir can receive without violating water quality standards and designated uses.

The water quality in Lake Bloomington is impaired by phosphorous, which can stimulate the growth of algae within the reservoir eventually resulting in low dissolved oxygen levels and the proliferation of nuisance organisms. Phosphorous can come from many sources but one known source is completely natural in that phosphorous can be released into the reservoir from soil that has eroded from the shoreline. To minimize the phosphorous load into the reservoir, shoreline erosion must be reduced. Shoreline stabilization is specified as a mitigation technique in our watershed management plans.

This project was competitively bid and will be administered by the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation Office utilizing the Water Conservationist that the City funds the majority of that position through our Intergovernmental Agreement with McLean County, the Town of Normal and the McLean County Soil and Water Conservation Office.

Staff; therefore, respectfully requests the Council authorize the expenditure of \$129,220 of this \$149,220 project. The remaining \$20,000 will be paid for by the Friends of EverBloom with funds from a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Reservoir Fisheries Habitat Partnership grant. This project is identified in the Water Purification Budget under Other Professional Technical Services as the Reservoir Shoreline/Stream Erosion Control Improvements project in the amount of \$200,000. No funds have been expended for this project at this time.

Mayor Renner asked for a motion by the Council.

Motion by Alderman Painter, seconded by Alderman Hauman that the expenditure of \$129,220 be approved for stabilizing 1,750 feet of shoreline on Lake Bloomington through the Watershed Conservation intergovernmental agreement and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Hauman, Fruin, Black, Buragas, Painter, Mwilambwe, Lower and Schmidt

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

9. City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Rasmussen stated that he had no report to offer.

10. Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner stated that he, Alderman Mwilambwe and City Manager Hales attended the Illinois Municipal League Conference nearly two weeks ago. This is really important to the community and it is his hope that other Aldermen are able to attend in the future. Cities do not make progress if they stay isolated, in silos or do not understand what is happening at the state level. Progress is made by its members attending these types of conventions and learning about the various trends that are occurring, issues, problems and innovations. In doing so, the elected body can make better decisions.

When he commented on a possible Parks & Recreation district, his comments were that of a structural issue. Professionally, he has written on this issue for 25 years, and empirically and most political scientist are opposed to a special district of this nature. They do tend to be invisible governments, less salient and places some restrictions on the government to effectively manage its budgets.

11. City Aldermen's Discussion

Alderman Black the Budget Task Force made some recommendations and hope that the Mayor's comments will not limit the discussions that need to occur. He also attended the Harvest Family Worship picnic a couple of weeks back. It was a great event, and it was great to see the police officers and firemen with the families in attendance.

Alderman Schmidt, really appreciated Professor Rau coming before the Council during Public Comment to raise some pretty important concerns and questions. The City needs to get some answers regarding the questions that were raised by Professor Rau. She reminded Council of the Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to approximately 1 pm. At this meeting, Council will review some of the recommendations of the Budget Task Force and began to look at how to bring forward those recommendations into actions.

Alderman Lower stated that he would be out hiking and checking the Enbridge pipeline. Also mentioned that he and other Aldermen would be attending Fire Ops 101, and that he is looking forward to it. In honor of Fire Prevention Week, Local 49 Union is hosting the fire truck parade to bring awareness on Sunday that starts at Franklin Park and ends at State Farm.

Alderman Hauman stated that police and fire officers were out in the community attending the Eastland Neighborhood Party. Brook Ridge II, also had a neighborhood party that was well attended. On Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6 pm she is hosting her second open house of Cider with your Council woman that will be held at 1001 White Eagle. On the corner of White Eagle and Stride.

12. Executive Session – cite section.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Renner directed the motion to adjourn, moved by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Schmidt.

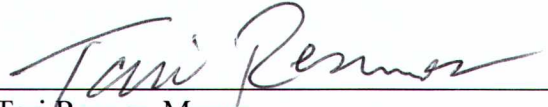
Mayor Renner called the roll which resulted in the following:

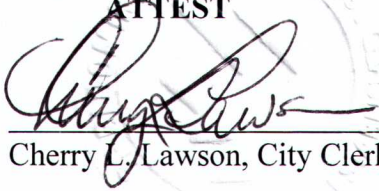
Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Hauman, Fruin, Lower, Buragas, Mwilambwe, Black, Schmidt and Painter.

Nays: None

Motion carried, (viva voce).

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON


Tari Renner, Mayor

ATTEST

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk