City of Bloomington Illinois

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024, 6:00 P.M.

The City Council convened in regular session in the Government Center Boardroom. 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
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

Recognition/Appointments

The following item was presented:

Item 5.A. Proclamation for National Library Week, as requested by the Bloomington Public Library.

Mayor Mwilambwe presented the Proclamation. Jeanne Hamilton, Bloomington Public Library Director, accepted the Proclamation.

Public Comment

Mayor Mwilambwe read a public comment statement of procedure. The following individuals spoke in-person: (1) Tony Coletta; (2) William (J) Phillips; (3) Noah Tang; (4) Zach Carlson; (5) Vicki Tilton; and (6) Surena Fish. No emailed public comment was received.

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.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Danenberger, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Item 8.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting, as requested by the City Clerk Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Minutes be approved.)

Item 8.B. Consideration and Action on Approving Bills and Payroll in the Amount of $5,817,805.41, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.)

Item 8.C. Consideration and Action on Approving Reappointments to Boards & Commissions, as requested by the Administration Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Reappointments be approved.)

Item 8.D. Consideration and Action on Approving the Purchase of Network Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) through Anixter, Inc., in the Amount of $90,339.42, as requested by the Information Technology Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Purchase be approved.)

Item 8.E. Consideration and Action to Approve an Agreement with Donohue & Associates, Inc., for the Fort Jesse Watermain and Enterprise Tower Construction Observation, in the Amount Not to Exceed $565,700, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)

Item 8.F. Consideration and Action to Approve a Three-Year Contract with Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., for Ferric Sulfate (Bid #2024-34), in the Amount of $343 per Ton Delivered, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)

Item 8.G. Consideration and Action to Approve a Contract with Carus, LLC, for Sodium Hexametaphosphate (Bid #2024-34), in the Amount of $3,820 per Ton Delivered, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)

Item 8.H. Consideration and Action to Approve a Contract with Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., as a Limited Source, for Robin 120 Cationic Polymer, in the Amount of $1.09 per Pound, and for Robin 30A Anionic Polymer, in the Amount of $1.62 per Pound, for a Total Cost of $96,000, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)

Item 8.I. Consideration and Action to Approve a Contract with Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., for Hydrofluosilicic Acid (Bid #2024-34), in the Amount of $559 per Ton on a 40,000-Pound Shipment, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)

Item 8.J. Consideration and Action to Approve a Contract with Linde, Inc. for Carbon Dioxide (Bid #2024-34), in the Amount of $275 per Ton Delivered, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)

Item 8.K. Consideration and Action to Approve a Three-Year Contract with Tanner Industries, Inc. for Anhydrous Ammonia (Bid #2024-34), in the Amount of $1,840 per Ton Delivered, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)

Item 8.L. Consideration and Action to Approve a Three-Year Contract with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc., for Liquid Chlorine (Bid #2024-34), in the Amount of $1,749 Per Ton for the Initial Term, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Contract be approved.)

Item 8.M. Consideration and Action to Approve a Five-Year Annually Renewable Agreement with Baker & Tilly US, LLC, for Audit Services, in the Amount of $620,530, as requested by the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement be approved.)

Item 8.N. Consideration and Action to Approve (1) An Agreement with HomeServe USA Corp. for Water Line and Sewer Lateral Protection for the Customers of the City of Bloomington; (2) Insurance Renewal Application for the Servline Leak Protection Program; and (3) An Ordinance Amending the City of Bloomington Water Leak Adjustment Policy, as requested by the Water Department and the Finance Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Agreement, Renewal Application, and Ordinance be approved.)

Item 8.O. Consideration and Action on A Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Public Safety Training Foundation (PSTF), and the Integrating, Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT) Training Foundation for the Use of the PSTF's and ICAT Training Foundation's Facilities, as requested by the Police Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 014

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FOUNDATION (PSTF), AND THE INTEGRATING, COMMUNICATIONS, ASSESSMENT, AND TACTICS (ICAT) TRAINING FOUNDATION FOR THE USE OF THE PSTF'S AND ICAT TRAINING FOUNDATION'S FACILITIES

Item 8.P. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Fehr Graham for Professional Engineering Services, in the Amount Not to Exceed $449,273 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Resolution be approved.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 015

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH FEHR GRAHAM FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $449,273 FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025

Item 8.Q. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing a Construction Contract with Landmark Structures I, L.P., for the Enterprise 1MG Water Tower Construction (Bid #2024-31), in the Amount of $7,485,010, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 017

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH LANDMARK STRUCTURES I, L.P., FOR THE ENTERPRISE 1MG WATER TOWER CONSTRUCTION (BID #2024-31), IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,485,010

Item 8.R. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Authorizing a Construction Contract with George Gildner, Inc. for the Fort Jesse Road Watermain Replacement Construction (Bid #2024-32), in the Amount of $454,458, as requested by the Water Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 018

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH GEORGE GILDNER, INC. FOR THE FORT JESSE ROAD WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION (BID #2024-32), IN THE AMOUNT OF $454,458

Item 8.S. Consideration and Action on (1) An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply by the Installation or Use of Potable Water Supply Wells or by Any Other Method; (2) A Highway Authority Agreement (HAA); and (3) A City of

Bloomington Supplemental HAA, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance and Agreements be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 019

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF GROUNDWATER AS A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY BY THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD

Item 8.T. Consideration and Action on (1) An Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024; and (2) An Ordinance Authorizing a Construction Agreement with P.J. Hoerr, Inc., for the Arena RTU Replacement project (Bid #2024-30), in the Amount of $6,690,600, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services and the Arts & Entertainment Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinances be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH P.J. HOERR, INC., FOR THE ARENA RTU REPLACEMENT PROJECT (BID #2024-30), IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,690,600

Item 8.U. Consideration and Action on An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to Approve Vehicle and Related Equipment Purchases Using an Expedited Process through April 30, 2025, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE VEHICLE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT PURCHASES USING AN EXPEDITED PROCESS THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025

Item 8.V. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Abating the Incremental Property Tax for the Property Located at 102 South East Street, Bloomington, Illinois, as requested by the Economic & Community Development Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Ordinance be approved.)

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 023

AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE INCREMENTAL PROPERTY TAX FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 102 SOUTH EAST STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Item 8.W. Consideration and Action to Approve the Annual Cost for the City's Portion of the Dropbox Recycling Program between the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, and the County of McLean, as requested by the Legal Department. (Recommended Motion: The proposed Annual Cost 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 9.A. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance to Adopt and Appropriate the Fiscal Year 2025 (Beginning May 1, 2024, and Ending April 30, 2025) Budget, as requested by the Finance Department.

City Manager, Tim Gleason, introduced the Item and discussed the budget process.

Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, presented the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget discussing variances and changes. He reminded the public that detailed explanations of the budget were available online, as well as where to find budget materials. He then explained why the budget was being considered in two parts with McLean County Museum of History being considered separately.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to approve the Item as presented.

Council Member Boelen and Mr. Rathbun briefly discussed cash for equipment compared to capital leases.

Council Member Montney asked what percentage of funds from the Capital Projects line item would fund Phase I of the Downtown Streetscape. Mr. Rathbun confirmed that none of the funding from that particular line item would fund Phase I. They then discussed the various line items that comprised the $41 Million to repair or replace streets and sidewalks. Council Member Montney expressed concerns regarding slow rates of repair.

Council Member Crumpler expressed appreciation in the detailed presentations and stated his support to approve.

Council Member Ward echoed her appreciation of Mr. Rathbun's presentations and shared support for the Item. She then addressed the significance of a budget that included competing priorities and a proactive rather than reactive approach.

Council Member Ward called the question, and it was acknowledged by Mayor Mwilambwe.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

NAYES: Montney

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 024

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 (BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2025) BUDGET

The following item was presented:

Item 9.B. Consideration and Action on an Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2025, related to the McLean County Museum of History, as requested by the Finance Department.

Mr. Rathbun reiterated the Item would fund the McLean County Museum of History.

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to approve the Item as presented.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

ABSTAIN: Hendricks

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2025, RELATED TO THE MCLEAN COUNTY MUSEUM OF HISTORY

The following item was presented:

Item 9.C. Consideration and Action on A Resolution Adopting the Downtown for Everyone Streetscape Program Report Volumes 1-3, as requested by the Administration Department.

Deputy City Manager, Billy Tyus, discussed how the Downtown Streetscape Plan ("Plan"), also referred to as the Downtown for Everyone plan, was a roadmap to generational changes to the Downtown establishing it as a place of enjoyment and tourism destination. He described how the vibrancy of Downtown is a big economic development driver, and then went on to stress how the plan paved way for important infrastructure improvements such as separating combined sewers, repairing sidewalk vaults, and paving streets.

Mayor Mwilambwe acknowledged Deputy City Manager Tyus' significant work.

Council Member Hendricks echoed his appreciation to Deputy City Manager Tyus, staff, and all the collaborative stakeholders. He spoke to various beautification and infrastructure improvements, as well as the recommitment to decades of hard work from local businesses. He noted that approving the Plan would allow the City to apply for grant funding.

Council Member Boelen expressed her support and the importance of grant funding.

Council Member Ward pointed out how downtowns bring communities together and discussed how the improvements would impact her neighbors.

Council Member Becker addressed why he had previously voted against the Plan. He then discussed why he was now more in support of it, but that he still believed there were material issues needing addressed.

Council Member Montney and Deputy City Manager Tyus discussed what Council would be voting on.

Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to approve the Item as presented.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 016

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN FOR EVERYONE STREETSCAPE PROGRAM REPORT VOLUMES 1-3

The following item was presented:

Item 9.D. Consideration and Action on (1) An Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024; and (2) a Resolution Approving an Agreement with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., for the Development of Construction Drawings for the North Main Street Project as Part of the Downtown for Everyone Program, in the Amount Not to Exceed $1,050,000 and a Change Order in the Amount Not to Exceed $100,000, as requested by the Department of Operations & Engineering Services and the Administration Department.

City Manager Gleason stressed that the Downtown Streetscape Plan ("Plan"), also referred to as the Downtown for Everyone plan, was a Plan of action that would not be shelved similar to historic plans.

Deputy City Manager Tyus explained the Item included a budget amendment to pay for detailed work related to drainage and parking at the Bloomington Center for Performing Arts.

Council Member Hendricks made a motion, seconded by Council Member Kearns, to approve the Item as presented.

Council Member Boelen and Deputy City Manager Tyus discussed that the Item would approve design work so projects could be bid out.

Mike Sewell, Project Manager with Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, discussed with Council Member Boelen that the only foreseen additional soft costs would be for permits.

Council Member Montney shared that she had additional questions/concerns and wished to dive into tehm before consideration of the Item. She encouraged the community to reach out if they had concerns. She expressed concern with the fees associated to overhead costs and then requested local vendors be used for the project.

Mr. Sewell shared that Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly would be opening an office in Downtown, further demonstrating their commitment as a partner to Bloomington and making them a local vendor.

City Manager Gleason and Deputy City Manager Tyus discussed that a draft Plan had been provided to Council weeks before bringing the Item for consideration.

Council Member Crumpler stated that he and his constituents supported the Item.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

NAYES: Montney

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 017

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC., FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR THE NORTH MAIN STREET PROJECT AS PART OF THE DOWNTOWN FOR EVERYONE PROGRAM, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,050,000 AND A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $100,000

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason shared a video highlighting upcoming events.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Mwilambwe expressed excitement for the adoption and start of the Downtown Streetscape Plan.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Boelen highlighted that about 90% of the Consent Agenda was Water Department Projects and noted that the increased water bill reflected these projects.

Council Member Montney discussed a hockey event she had attended and thanked Mr. Sewell for the opportunity to collaborate.

Executive Session

<u>Item 12.A. Personnel - Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS 120 (30 min.)</u>

Council Member Boelen made a motion, seconded by Council Member Becker, to enter into Executive Session per Section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS 120 to discuss the appointment of an individual as the successor of Tim Gleason, City Manager.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 7:34 P.M.

Adjournment

Council Member Becker made a motion, seconded by Council Member Ward, to return to open session and adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Mwilambwe directed the Clerk to call roll:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

Mboka Mwilambwe

Mboka Mwilambwe, Mayor

ATTEST

Amanda Stutsman

Amanda Stutsman, Deputy City Clerk

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