CITY OF Bloomington ILLINOIS

MINUTES
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MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

The Council convened in Regular Session in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building at 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2020. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Tari Renner.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tari Renner	Mayor	Present	
Jamie Mathy	Ward 1	Present	
Donna Boelen	Ward 2	Present	
Mboka Mwilambwe	Ward 3	Present	
Julie Emig	Ward 4	Present	
Joni Painter	Ward 5	Present	
Jennifer Jazmin Carrillo	Ward 6	Present	
Scott Black	Ward 7	Present	
Jeff Crabill	Ward 8	Present	
Kim Bray	Ward 9	Remote	6:03 PM

Recognition/Appointments

A. Proclamation recognizing February 2, 2020 to be Health for Humanity Yogathon Day, as requested by the Administration Department.

Mayor Renner read the proclamation aloud and welcomed anyone present for the proclamation to come forward to be recognized. A representative came forward to thank the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and provided a brief background of the event and the organization.

B. Recognition of the Appointment of Michael Straza to the Board of Zoning Appeals, as requested by the Administration Department.

Mayor Renner recognized Michael Straza's appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the floor for public comment and the following people came forward: (1) Scott Stimeling and (2) De Urban.

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 Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Emig, that the Consent Agenda, including all items listed below, be approved as presented:

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried

Item 7.A. Consideration and action to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2019 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 Bills and Payroll in the amount of $5,936,433.15, as requested by the Finance Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Bills and Payroll be approved.*)*

Item 7.D. Consideration and action to approve updates to the John M. Scott Health Care Commission's By-laws and Grants Program Policies and Procedures, and new Finance Policies and Procedures, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Updates, Financial Policies, and Procedures be approved.*)*

Item 7.E. Consideration and action to approve the John M. Scott Annual Court Reports for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, as requested by the Community Development Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Annual Court Reports be approved.*)*

Item 7.F. Consideration and action on the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-550 4WD, Horton Model 623 (173") Type I All-Aluminum Modular Ambulance from Foster Coach, Sterling, IL, through the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) Joint Purchasing Cooperative, in the amount of $275,103, and authorization to dispose of a 2012 International 4300 Ambulance (Medic 7) by Online Auction, as requested by the Fire Department. *(Recommended Motion:* The proposed Purchase and Disposal be approved.*)*

Items Pulled from the Consent Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 7.G. Consideration and action to approve a Resolution Authorizing Waiving the Technical Bidding Requirements and Approving the Contract between the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University and the City of Bloomington for the Understanding and Monitoring of Local Water Quality Program, in the amount of $175,000, as requested by the Public Works Department.

Item 7.G. was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Council Member Mwilambwe.

Council Member Mwilambwe pulled the item in order to recuse himself (6:16 p.m.).

Council Member Crabill asked if this whether outsourcing would be more beneficial than using staff. City Manager Gleason responded affirmatively.

Council Member Black made a motion, seconded by Council Member Painter, that the proposed Resolution and Contract be approved, which resulted in the following:

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

RECUSED: Mwilambwe

Motion carried

Council Member Mwilambwe returned at 6:17 p.m.

The following item was presented:

Item 7.C. Consideration and action to approve a multi-year Agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, for the Ferguson Back Office Solution application, in the amount of $25 per meter, up to a maximum of 3,000 meters per year, as requested by the Public Works Department.

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

Council Member Mathy noted that the item was for scheduling software that aids in the on-going replacement of water meters throughout the City.

Mr. Gleason asked Billy Tyus, Deputy City Manager, to come forward to address questions.

Council Member Mathy pointed out that the fee for the contract was significant and noted that the agreement was open-ended. He asked the status of the water meter replacement program and requested a timeline for completion. Mr. Tyus stated that replacement of meters would be a continuous effort as meters aged, but pointed out that the software would not be used indefinitely. Mr. Tyus discussed several uses and advantages of using the software. Council Member Mathy questioned the role staff would have with the new technology. Mr. Tyus responded that existing staff would be better utilized due to no longer requiring manual entry of data. Council Member Mathy and Mr. Tyus discussed the need for water leak detecting software/technology and/or frequent system checks by staff, as well as providing an annual program update to Council.

Council Member Crabill confirmed details of the replacement program and inquired about the number of manual meters still in operation and replacement rates. Mr. Tyus responded that he did not have those numbers off-hand, but could provide the information to him at a later date.

Council Member Mathy made a motion, seconded by Council Member Black, that the proposed Agreement be approved, which resulted in the following:

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

Item 8.A. Consideration and action on Classified (non-union) IMRF Retirement awareness, as requested by the Human Resources Department.

City Manager Gleason pointed out that the City was required under the Local Government Wage Increased Transparency Act to announce publicly any staff members that would retire and take advantage of the sick leave buy back option, which was the purpose of the item presented.

Council Member Boelen asked if staff were aware of any others that would be retiring under sick leave buy back. Mr. Gleason asked Josh Hansen, Compensation and Benefits Manager, to address the Council. Mr. Hansen stated there were three classified non-union employees and five union employees that would be impacted. He also noted that negotiations with Lodge 1000 would be completed in Spring 2020 and would follow a similar process.

Council Member Mathy noted that Council and staff were prepared for the impact of the retirements and mentioned the cost savings of ending the sick leave buyback program.

The following item was presented:

Item 8.B. Consideration and action on a Resolution Authorizing the Initiation of Map Amendments to the Official Zoning Map for Properties in the City of Bloomington, to Amend Errors and Make the Map Consistent with the Previously Adopted Comprehensive Text Amendment to the Bloomington Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 44 of the Bloomington City Code, as requested by the Community Development Department.

City Manager Gleason provided a brief background of the decision to place the item on the Regular Agenda verses the Consent Agenda. He introduced Katie Simpson, City Planner, and asked her to come forward to address Council.

Ms. Simpson stated the amendment was a routine change and explained the purpose of the recent text amendment to the Zoning Code. She described the properties that were re-zoned or consolidated over the past year. She explained the elimination of the B3 District and the creation of three new Downtown Districts. Ms. Simpson noted that 401 properties were affected by the changes, but upon staff review, only 373 properties were properly notified. She detailed the discrepancies with the GIS database and discussed how staff remedied the issue. Ms. Simpson concluded by explaining the next steps in order to adopt the new zoning map.

Council Member Black thanked Ms. Simpson and staff for their work on the zoning updates. He also noted his appreciation for the clarity and visual assistance in the presentation in order to educate the public on why and how the City operates in reference to zoning.

Council Member Mathy agreed with Council Member Black that the amount of communication and explanation of the process was beneficial. He asked for a status update on the Dimmitt's Grove zoning district. Ms. Simpson stated staff were still in review on the district, but that it should appear on the February Planning Commission Agenda.

Council Member Emig asked if the changes would affect taxation. Ms. Simpson responded affirmatively. Council Member Emig inquired whether the new zoning map would be cleaned up by March 31, 2020 or if the GIS program would need continuous attention. Ms. Simpson stated staff would review the GIS program frequently and would continuously work to update the system.

Council Member Emig made a motion, seconded by Council Member Carrillo, that the proposed Resolution be approved, which resulted in the following:

AYES: Mathy, Boelen, Mwilambwe, Emig, Painter, Carrillo, Black, Crabill, Bray

Motion carried

City Manager's Discussion

City Manager Gleason discussed multiple downtown events. He reminded Council and the community of the Legislative Meeting to be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, and discussed topics that would be covered.

A. Finance Director's Report:

City Manager Gleason introduced Scott Rathbun, Finance Director, and asked him to come forward to address Council. Mr. Rathbun presented, discussing general fund revenues and expenditures. He ended his presentation with a summary of the Enterprise Funds.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner commended the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Gala for the 2019 Business Excellence Awards that he attended and noted the Chinese New Year and Martin Luther King holidays.

Council Member's Discussion

Council Member Boelen noted the opportunity she had over the past weekend where she brought a Boy Scout troop for a mock City Council Meeting. She also discussed public comment policies and encouraged the public to reach out to her should they wish to discuss items.

Council Member Mathy mentioned the Visitor's Bureau's Route 66 E-sports Tournament and applauded the well thought-out events.

Council Member Crabill reminded citizens of events at the BCPA and encouraged all to attend.

Council Member Carrillo reminded citizens of additional upcoming events.

Council Member Emig noted an upcoming workshop for self-defense and cyber security.

Executive Session - Cite Section

No executive session was held.

Adjournment

Council Member Carrillo made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crabill, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried (viva voce)

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON	**ATTEST**
Tari Renner	Leslie Yocum
Tari Renner, Mayor	Leslie Yocum, City Clerk