



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 10, 2013

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers with Mayor Bradley M. Robinson presiding. He called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Bradley M. Robinson	Mayor	Present
Michele A. Edwards	City Clerk	Present
Mary Jane Fuller	Deputy City Clerk	Present
Mark Carney	City Treasurer	Present
Rick Ellet	Alderman/Ward 4	Present
Phyllis Emery	Alderman/Ward 4	Present
Tom Gentry	Alderman/Ward 1	Present
John Gooden	Alderman/Ward 3	Present
Mike Helfrich	Alderman/Ward 2	Present
James Houseworth	Alderman/Ward 1	Present
Curt Oetjen	Alderman/Ward 2	Present
Tony Trombino	Alderman/Ward 3	Present

The Mayor declared a quorum present.

Those present were: Bill Kirk, Planning/Zoning Committee; Retia Watson, Retired Treasurer; Marvin Oetjen, Kamper Supply; Paul Gandrimas and Larry Motsinger, Lion's Club; Jim Adams, Building and Codes Enforcement; Dennis Brown, Assistant Fire Chief; Garry Wiggs, Street Superintendent; Dwayne Sheumaker; John Frost, Assistant Police Chief; Edward Taft, Route 13 Frontage; Bernie Makely, 1611 S. Division; Brin Cook, 1603 S. Division; Bob Hall, Citizen; Bud Edwards, Maintenance Superintendent; Ralph Graul, Volunteer Firefighter; Janice McConaughy, Welcome Neighbors; Ron Modglin, Crawford and Associates (7:07 p.m.); Attorney Josh Bradley (7:13 p.m.); Bruce Talley, Fire Chief (7:38 p.m.) William Bateman, The Courier; and Mike and Ronda Robinson.

Motion 1: Gentry moved and Trombino seconded to approve the *minutes of the Regular Meeting* of August 13, 2013 and the Continued Meeting of August 27, 2013 as presented in pamphlet form. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mark Carney presented the August 2013 Treasurer's Report.

Motion 2: Emery moved and Trombino seconded to approve *the August 2013 Treasurer's Report* as prepared and submitted by Mark Carney. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 3: Ellet moved and Helfrich seconded to authorize *interfund transfers for reconciliation of City accounts as follows:*

\$ 233.00 From Perpetual Care Fund to Building Permit Fund

\$ 0.44 From Motor Fuel Tax Funds to General Corporate Fund

\$ 23,406.79 From Downtown Renovation Fund to Sanitation Fund

\$ 2,129.71 From Sanitation Fund to Downtown Renovation Fund

A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Recognition of Guests

*Paul Gandrimas, Chairman of the **Lion's Club Free Fair** Committee, thanked everyone with the City who helped to make the Free Fair a success this year. There were several new rides this year. The Lion's Club appreciated the help they received from Bud Edwards and other City employees with the layout for the Helicopter Rides, Monster Truck Rides, and the Carnival rides. The Mayor asked that the Lion's Club and City employees and officials schedule a wrap up meeting in the near future to voice concerns and comments on this year's fair.*

*Brin Cook, 1603 South Division Street, asked the Council some **questions regarding the Route 13 I.D.O.T. project.** He has several questions regarding Ameren changes and other utility changes of which they have not been informed. The Mayor stated that I.D.O.T. has a community relations person for the Route 13 project and he would be happy to facilitate a meeting with citizens who have concerns. He asked that Mr. Cook leave a phone number and email address so that he can help with these questions.*

*Bernie Makely, 1611 South Division, has similar concerns regarding the **utility changes for the Route 13 I.D.O.T. project.** Ameren has indicated that they will be moving poles back and she wondered why they are not burying these lines. I.D.O.T. has indicated to her that she will have a water reservoir on her property. She feels that she is not being allowed to make decisions about her own property. She is also concerned about the traffic on South Division in front of her home because of the speeding that occurs. She suggested that the City install a camera to catch speeders in this area. She also had a concern about some of her property that was an easement being given to Venable and added to his subdivision. The Mayor indicated that he would contact Ameren and facilitate a meeting. As far as the speeding issue on the street we may be able to reduce this (this has already been reduced to 30 mph). Makely also mentioned that there is a house on South Division that has been robbed twice. The Mayor stated that he would address this issue with the Police Chief.*

*A lady named Brandy asked about the status of the **location of the storm siren.** The Mayor stated that the last time he spoke with the Fire Chief, the location is on the corner of Spence and Oregon. This issue is on the agenda and we will be looking at the optimal location which involves, sound waves, available sun for the solar panel, etc. The original locations were too low for distribution of sound for Carterville and Crainville. Brandy mentioned that there is a problem with decreasing home values with the installation of this siren. The Mayor stated that some people believe it will lower property values and others believe it will actually help the values because of the safety issue. If you go to other communities you will find storm sirens in neighborhoods. Tony Trombino asked who told her that this would decrease property values and she indicated she was told this by a loan officer and a realtor.*

Departments/Committees

*Bud Edwards, Maintenance Superintendent, indicated that the only issue he has on the agenda is approval of Danny Tucker's vacation pay. Tony Trombino **thanked Bud Edwards and his crew for manicuring Cannon Park.***

*Dennis Brown, Assistant Fire Chief, gave information regarding the **Carterville Fire Department EMS Golf Scramble** and explained that the proceeds are used for equipment and supplies for the Fire and Ambulance Service.*

Motion 4: Houseworth moved and Gooden seconded to *sponsoring a team for the Golf Scramble* at a cost of \$320.00 and also be a **Gold Level Hole Sponsor** at a cost of \$250.00 for a total of \$570.00. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*John Frost, Assistant Police Chief, indicated that there were seven bids for the **2014 Police Car** and the low bid was from Marion Chevrolet at \$20,746.00. The Chief recommended this low bid.*

Motion 5: Gooden moved and Emery seconded to authorize the purchase of a **2014 Police Car from Marion Chevrolet** at a bid price of \$20,746.00 (from Sanitation Funds). A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor received a request from the school to allow them to hold the **Pat's Kids 5K** to be held on November 2 with 150' of the course on West Grand Avenue in front of the High School.*

Motion 6: Gooden and Helfrich seconded to *permit the school to use West Grand Avenue* in front of the High School for Pat's Kids 5K walk/run on November 2 (Police Department will handle the traffic). A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*John Frost, Assistant Police Chief, asked that the City Council approve the renewal of the **LESO Program (State Surplus Revolving Fund-Federal Account/LESO)**. We are in the process of trying to get some generators from surplus through this agency.*

Motion 7: Gooden moved and Emery seconded to authorize the **2013/2014 LESO Program Renewal** at a cost of \$400.00. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 8: Gooden moved and Emery seconded to *allow the variance request for Gary and Susan Frease* at 211 West Grand for construction of a porch. Roll call vote: Ellet, yea; Emery, yea; Gentry, yea; Gooden, yea; Helfrich, yea; Houseworth, no; Oetjen, no; Trombino, no. The Mayor declared the motion carried. *[There were several questions regarding existing lot lines and access to the properties for fire.]*

Motion 9: Ellet moved and Gentry seconded to *schedule a variance hearing Corey Cripps* at 812 Whitecotton Drive on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried. *[This building has already begun to be erected but does not have a roof].*

Curt Oetjen, Street Committee, explained that we have solicited a price from Hodges Tree Service for removal and/or trimming of four trees (1 on Lion Drive; 2 on Dobson Street; 1 on Chutt Street) at a cost of \$2,075.00 which includes removal of debris.

Motion 10: Oetjen moved and Emery seconded to contract with **Hodges Tree Service for the removal and/or trimming of four trees** as mentioned above. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Garry Wiggs, Street Superintendent, indicated that the 1997 GMC 1 Ton Truck has been evaluated for repair by Bud Edwards and he is estimating approximately \$8,500.00 to \$9,000.00. This truck has been wrecked and not repaired four times, the hydraulics need updating, and the oil was not changed from 1997 to 2003. This truck has approximately 30,000 miles on it. The other 1 Ton Truck has just been updated at a cost of approximately \$750.00. The Mayor suggested that Garry Wiggs and Bud Edwards solicit prices for replacement of this truck with a new or used truck and present this information at the continued meeting on September 24, 2013.

Motion 11: Oetjen moved and Gooden seconded to **allow 40 hours of paid vacation for Danny Tucker**, as specified in the Personnel Handbook. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*Mickey Edwards asked the Council for a donation to the American Heart Association in connection with the Heart Walk and also encouraged the Council members to join the **Heart Walk Team!***

Motion 12: Houseworth moved and Gentry seconded to **donate \$200.00 to the American Heart Association** as a Heart Walk Sponsor. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*Lee Eklund, Malone's Early Childhood Learning Center, has been approved for a \$20,000.00 **no interest loan**. He presented his plan for renovation of the façade on their building and this was approved by Finance Committee. Just as a reminder, the Mayor stated that plans must be submitted and approved by the Finance Committee and the loan must be secured by the individual who will then present his interest payments to the City for reimbursement.*

Motion 13: Helfrich moved and Oetjen seconded to approve interest reimbursement for Malone's Early Childhood Learning Center for their \$20,000.00 loan secured for renovation of their building. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 14: Ellet moved and Gooden seconded to donate **\$500.00 to the Carterville CUSD #5 Booster Club**. Roll call vote: Ellet, yea; Emery, yea; Gentry, yea; Gooden, yea; Helfrich, yea; Houseworth, yea; Oetjen, yea; Trombino, no. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*There was a lengthy discussion regarding funding for the **Newcomer's Club (Welcome Neighbors)** for new Carterville homeowners. This organization is handled by local churches and the City provides funding for fruit baskets. The Mayor explained his understanding of the activities of the club. Janice McConnaughy explained that she has been on this committee for many years and as far as she know this is handled appropriately and they try to reach everyone who **wants** to receive a welcome package.*

Motion 15: Ellet moved and Gentry seconded to suspend *funding for the Newcomer's Club (Welcome Neighbors)* on the basis that the program is not inclusive for everyone moving into our community. Roll call vote: Ellet, yea; Emery, yea; Gentry, yea; Gooden, no; Helfrich, yea; Houseworth, no; Oetjen, yea; Trombino, yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Bruce Talley, Fire Chief, was asked to discuss the placement of the storm siren. He indicated that the location is currently on the corner of Spence and Oregon, but we are still looking for an appropriate site.

The Mayor announced that we have received a request for a team sponsorship for the Shane McCowan Fundraiser (the child has a medical condition and needs an insulin pump that is expensive). Phyllis Emery indicated that this type of donation should be given by individuals and not tax payer funds.

Motion 16: Gentry moved to donate \$200.00 to this fundraiser but the motion *died for lack of a second.*

Curt Oetjen asked about bills from O'Reilly Auto Parts that seem to be a duplicate. The City Clerk will check on this discrepancy but assured Oetjen that when the bill is entered to pay it will not be duplicated. Oetjen also asked about a \$70.80 cup holder for a police car and John Frost indicated that this was installed in the new car. The bill from Stiles Office Solutions was the same amount of two months. Tony Trombino asked about the J R Builders bill for \$205.00 and Bud Edwards indicated that this was a repair for Street Department equipment.

Motion 17: Emery moved and Gooden seconded to *pay the monthly bills* as listed on the spreadsheet submitted by the City Clerk. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 18: Emery moved and Trombino seconded to approve payment *to E & K Cleaning Service* in the amount of \$1,485.00 (*15 cleanings of the Community Center \$1,335.00 and City Council Chambers \$150.00*). Roll call vote: Ellet, yea; Emery, yea; Gentry, yea; Gooden, abstain; Helfrich, yea; Houseworth, yea; Oetjen, yea; Trombino, yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 19: Gentry moved and Oetjen seconded to accept the *annexation petition for Alan H. Rausenberger* at 310 Prairie Road and authorize the preparation of an ordinance for annexation. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 20: Gooden moved and Emery seconded to pass **ORDINANCE NO. 1343-13, AN ANNEXATION ORDINANCE FOR ALAN H. RAUSENBERGER AT 310 PRAIRIE ROAD.** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 21: Gentry moved and Trombino seconded to pass **ORDINANCE NO. 1344-13, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING A MOTOR VEHICLE, WHEN NOT IN MOTION, FROM IDLING FOR MORE THAN 15 MINUTES IN ANY 60 MINUTE PERIOD.** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Curt Oetjen - Water and Sewer Board

The water loss last month was 1.4 million gallons. There were four leaks last month and our cumulative water loss is 15%, which is very high. However, when the new pump house is constructed it will have a slave meter so that we can monitor our loss more closely. Tom Gentry asked about the leak on South Division and Garry Wiggs indicated that this is indeed a leak in the same area as the last one and will be repaired some evening very soon. The taps on the new line on West Grand were completed today. The Board is planning to advertise for a full-time office position. Tom Gentry asked about the plumbing bill that was paid by the Board for McCann. Curt Oetjen explained that the meter readers caused a problem because they notified McCann that she had a leak and this was not true. We are reworking this process and only a supervisor will recheck and notify customers of a leak.

Ron Modglin – Engineering Report

Ron explained that there was a Preconstruction Conference for the SIH Cancer Center utility extension at Crawford's office this morning. The contractor indicated he would begin this work the middle of October.

Ron Modglin submitted bills for the West Grand Improvements that included Pay Estimate No. 3 to KPS, Inc. in the amount of \$27,478.80 and Resident Inspection in the amount of \$5,727.50. This project is 89.17% complete which includes a lot of cleanup.

Motion 22: Gooden moved and Emery seconded to approve payment to **KPS, Inc. in the amount of \$27,478.80 for Pay Estimate No. 3** on the waterline relocation for the West Grand Avenue improvements. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 23: Gooden moved and Oetjen seconded to approve payment to **Crawford and Associates in the amount of \$5,727.50 for resident inspection** on the West Grand Avenue improvements. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor announced the **Groundbreaking Ceremony for the SIH Cancer Center** is scheduled for Friday, October 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.*

Bruce Talley, Fire Chief, introduced a request from the contractor who is clearing the trees on the construction site for SIH that he be allowed to work around the clock on this project as permitted by IEPA. The benefit of this is that they can use an air curtain continuously and this will diminish the smoke problem in the area.

Motion 24: Gooden moved and Emery seconded to **allow the contractor cleaning the SIH property** to use an air curtain and burn continuously until the clearing is complete. [Mike Helfrich suggested that the City contact all the neighboring properties about the burning of the trees on this property]. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 25: Helfrich moved and Gooden seconded to accept the **PETITION TO VACATE** and to pass **ORDINANCE NO. 1345-13, AN ORDINANCE VACATING LOTS 6, 7, 8, 9, AND 15 ALONG WITH A PORTION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY ON TIMBER TRAIL IN CEDAR CREEK ESTATES IN THE CITY OF CARTERVILLE.** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 26: Helfrich moved and Emery seconded to *approve the Cedar Creek Estates 2nd and 3rd Addition plats of subdivision.* A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Illinois Department of Transportation will be scheduling a **preconstruction conference** for the waterline replacement on South Division and Route 13. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2013. The Mayor also asked Ron Modglin to help him facilitate a meeting between Ameren C.I.P.S. and citizens regarding utilities being moved in conjunction with the Route 13 project.*

*The Mayor asked Josh Bradley to explain the progress on the **Dalzell property.** Bradley indicated that the judge has extended her time by one and one-half months. The judge did say that if there was not a marked improvement by October 29, there would be no choice but to allow demolition. The Akes property was also mentioned and Josh Bradley has paperwork to be signed for demolition of this home. The Crawford property on West Idaho is still in process. Josh Bradley has contacted David Crawford several times but he does not respond to his requests.*

Motion 27: Gooden moved and Helfrich seconded to *continue the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2013.* A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor dismissed the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Michele A. Edwards, City Clerk

Next Ordinance No. 1346-13

Bradley M. Robinson, Mayor

Next Resolution No. R404-13