



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

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 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

The Mayor declared a quorum present.

Others present were: Marvin Oetjen, Kamper's Supply; Garry Wiggs, Street Superintendent; John Frost, Assistant Police Chief; Monty Jeralds, Police Chief; Janice McConnaughy, Office Manager; Mike and Rhonda Robinson; Harry Treece II; Josh Bradley, City Attorney(7:03); Ralph Graul, Codes Enforcement and Building Inspector; Retia Watson; Bruce Talley, Fire Chief; Bud Edwards, Maintenance Superintendent; Donnie Smoot, Crawford and Associates; Wesley Lehman, Shawnee Trail; John Whitacre; Jackie Samuel; Brian Pendleton and Brian Zeigler; and William Bateman, The Courier.

Motion 1: Gentry moved and Helfrich seconded to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2014 Regular Council Meeting. All present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mark Carney presented the *Treasurer's Report* for the month of June 2014.

Motion 2: Emery moved and Trombino seconded to approve the *June 2014 Treasurer's Report* as presented. All present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Recognition of Guests

There were no comments from the audience.

Departments/Committees

Bud Edwards mentioned a request from an employee to purchase 40 hours of vacation pay. Danny Tucker meets all criteria and has requested the pay; in addition, he plans to use 40 hours of vacation time.

Motion 3: Helfrich moved and Emery seconded to allow *payment of 40 hours of vacation* pay to Danny Tucker. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Bruce Talley, Fire Chief, explained that he would like to add two auxiliary Firefighter/EMTs to the Fire Department; Brett Anderson and Jeffrey Buffetti.

Motion 4: Gooden moved and Emery seconded to *confirm the Mayor's appointment of Brett Anderson and Jeffrey Buffetti to auxiliary firefighter/EMT*. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor thanked the Fire Department, Street and Maintenance Departments, Police Department and all City employees involved in this year's wonderful fireworks display, the appearance of the parks, and the ease of parking. He expressed that he felt this was the best display in years.

Monty Jeralds, Chief of Police, explained that he would like *to move Brian Brown from Auxiliary Police Officer to Part Time Status*. The Mayor confirmed that appointment.

Motion 5: Helfrich moved and Emery seconded *to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Brian Brown to Part Time Police Officer*. All present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Chief Jeralds also indicated that he would like *to add Dylan Sollars and Shawn Dovins as Auxiliary Police Officers*. The Mayor confirmed those appointments.

Motion 6: Gooden moved and Ellet seconded to confirm the Mayor's appointments of *Dylan Sollars and Shawn Dovins as Auxiliary Police Officers*. All present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Donnie from Crawford and Associates, and Garry Wiggs, Street Superintendent, gave an update on a request to vacate an alley between Prentice and Missouri near the Junior High School. This was discussed previously with the Street Committee. Donnie advised that if the Council approved the vacation, they may want to consider keeping an easement in case of future water or sewer repairs.

Motion 7: Oetjen moved and Houseworth seconded to *vacate the alley near the Junior High School at Prentice Street/Missouri Avenue* with the understanding that the City will retain an easement for future water and sewer work. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Garry Wiggs, Street Superintendent also explained to the Council that he received a letter from Holly Harris, a resident on Noelle Lane. He feels that she was writing the letter representing all residents on that Lane. This street is in terrible shape and Ms. Harris indicated that she had contacted the developer, Tony Spowart, several times and was not getting any attention to her concerns. Mr. Spowart did respond to her initial call that he no longer owned the property and had been bought out. Garry indicated that the road was in terrible condition and felt the residents had every right to be upset. Garry requested that the Street Committee review the letter and look into the matter for Ms. Harris.

Ralph Graul, Building Inspector/Codes Enforcement, explained that he had received a request to allow a pole barn building at 407 Pennsylvania Ave. This structure will replace an existing building and will be a vast improvement to the property. The structure meets all setbacks. Curt Oetjen indicated that he had looked at the property and permit, and it appears that the structure will be closer to the alley than the permit shows. Ralph replied that the new structure will be moved back, and will be used as a garage. Mike Helfrich said that he feels the new pole barn will be an improvement.

Motion 8: Helfrich moved and Ellet seconded to *allow the placement of a pole barn at 407 Pennsylvania*. All present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Ralph gave a brief report with the number of building permits ongoing to date, with a breakdown of the number of garages, single family homes, and duplexes. He is currently working on 29 permits. He also talked briefly about the fence being constructed on the corner of Elles Avenue and South Division. It meets all setbacks and is mostly a picket-style fence, with one side being solid. The Mayor indicated that he had researched the issue with Ralph and is in agreement to allow the fence. However, a fence policy/permit may be needed in the future.

The Mayor talked briefly about the proposed Recycle Program as discussed in committees (Street, Park and Finance). All agreed that this subscription only program was a good idea. The bid received from Republic was an all in/all out option. Progress Port indicated that they can handle truckloads of recycling. The Mayor asked about a subscription curbside pickup recycling program at a cost of \$5.00 per household. The recycling has to be sorted and put in clear bags and no glass is accepted.

Motion 9: Houseworth moved and Emery seconded to approve plans for a *City recycling program* at a cost of \$5.00 per household (details will be returned to Council for approval at a later date). All voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The *Downtown Lighting Project* was updated. A lighting contractor has been contacted about a layout and this was referred to Crawford and Associates for a map of the downtown area. We should have specific information in the near future so that we can bid this project.

*The Finance Committee met with a company who is interested in applying for grants to upgrade out lighting at Cannon Park to **Halogen/LED lights**. There are federal and state grants available for this upgrade. Bruce Talley is interested in adding the Fire Station soffit lighting to this grant project. The company is in the process of doing a free assessment at this time.*

Motion 10: Oetjen moved and Emery seconded to approve payment from the **Sanitation Fund** for a **1-Ton Truck for the Water and Sewer Department** at a cost of \$21,549.00. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*A request was received from the **Austin Wade Foundation** for a sponsorship to the 3rd Annual Memorial Give-Back Golf Scramble. A **\$50.00 Hole Sponsorship** is available and the Mayor indicated he would make this donation himself.*

Mayor Robinson met with representatives of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge regarding the reopening of the Carterville beach area. They are interested in opening this area and want a letter of support from the City of Carterville for their records.

Motion 11: Houseworth moved and Ellet seconded to write a **letter of support to U. S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge** regarding the opening of the Carterville beach area. *(This should include an agreement that we will partner with U. S. Fish and Wildlife and will provide police support. This will be a zero tolerance area).* All voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

***Dennis Corbell** made application for a **no interest loan** to improve the front of his building by installing new windows and frames. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the problems that the Council has had with Mr. Corbell and the exceptions that have been made in the past to accommodate him. The Council members agreed that Mr. Corbell does not support our community. Corbell threatened that he would put petitions on his windows if this loan is not approved. However, this is a legitimate application.*

Motion 12: Houseworth moved and Gentry seconded to approve the **payment of interest** on a \$20,000.00 loan for **Dennis Corbell** to improve the façade on his buildings on North Division. Roll call vote: Ellet, yea; Emery, yea; Gentry, yea; Gooden, yea; Helfrich, yea; Houseworth, yea; Oetjen, no; Trombino, no. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*Bud Edwards, speaking as a citizen of our community, voiced his concern regarding **Dennis Corbell's inability to help the community** and indicated he is tired of looking at the old burned out buildings. The Mayor stated that the old buildings have been purchased and that Corbell has a deadline for removal of the debris from the new owner. Harry Treece II asked about how he was going to **retro fit the windows in these buildings** and improve the looks. The Mayor indicated that Corbell had submitted plans and specifications that seem to be an improvement to the buildings.*

Motion 13: Emery moved and Trombino seconded *to pay the monthly bills* as submitted by the City Clerk on spreadsheet. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 14: Trombino moved and Emery seconded to pay the cleaning bill to *E&K Cleaning Service* in the amount of \$1,455.00 (*\$1,305.00 for 15 cleanings at the Community Center and \$150.00 for cleaning Council Chambers*). 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 15: Emery moved and Oetjen seconded to pass *Ordinance No. 1359-14, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCE NO. 1339-13 AND REVISING AND ESTABLISHING WATER RATES.* All present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 16: Gentry moved and Emery seconded to pass *Ordinance No. 1360-14, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 510-87, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE FIXING OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE AND SERVICE OF THE WASTEWATER SYSGTEM OF THE CITY OF CARTERVILLE, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.* All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Curt Oetjen gave the *Water and Sewer Board* report as follows:

- *There were 207 delinquent accounts in the amount of \$17,823.90.*
- *Leak credits were given in the amount of \$675.10*
- *Valley Drive lift station permit has been approved and we will be advertising for bids.*
- *There is a bid opening for the interceptor sewer line on July 15, 2014*
- *The SIH lift station is operating and the contractor will be removing the Ivey Lane lift station in the near future.*
- *West Grand waterline relocation is complete except for cleanup. KPS is scheduled to begin this week.*
- *The new sewer jet machine is working well.*
- *The water loss last month was 1,728,119 gallons (still high) and the slave meter is not showing any discrepancies with the Rend Lake meter.*

Engineering Report – Donnie Smoot

Donnie Smoot introduced Brian Pendleton who is Vice President for Development for the Forsythe property project. The first part of the development will encompass 20 acres along Greenbriar Road (Thirty ½-acre homes). They are presenting the proposal for informational purposes only and will be presenting plans to the Zoning/Planning Committee and then to Council. The property will be annexed in phases as R-1 (Residential – one family dwellings). They plan to develop this with curbs and gutters and sidewalks and there will be covenants in the subdivision. The project start date for construction is October, 2014. Future plans for this property include a lake, larger acreage, apartments and residential care.

Motion 17: Gooden moved and Helfrich seconded to approve payment of the following bills for the **SIH Cancer Center:**

Wiggs Excavating	Pay Estimate No. 4	\$18,375.75
Crawford & Associates	Resident Inspection	\$ 2,373.00

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

Motion 18: Emery moved and Gooden seconded to approve payment of the following bills for the **South Division waterline relocation:**

Mott Excavating	Pay Estimate No. 7	\$16,329.38
Crawford and Associates	Engineering Inspection	\$ 7,140.00

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

The rebid for the West Grand Avenue widening and resurfacing was as follows:

E. T. Simonds, Carbondale	\$1,040,248.08
Sierra Bravo Contractors, Sesser	\$1,037,442.76

There was a discussion regarding options available to the City. There is a meeting scheduled with I.D.O.T. and a representative for the sidewalk grant. It was recommended that we reject these bids again. We may want to setup a bid for sidewalks using the Map 21 funds. It was agreed to table a decision on the West Grand bids until after the meeting with I.D.O.T. and Map 21 grant representative.

*The Mayor presented information regarding the water and sewer connection for **Mike Kovach and Mike and Judy Bishop on West Grand Avenue**. The necessity of this is the result of an agreement that was signed by the City in order to annex property to jump the U. S. Fish and Wildlife property to annex Ike's, McBride's and Mac-Weld. Rather than building a subdivision as written in the contract, Mike Kovach has agreed to annex and have the two houses on West Grand connected to our utilities. There was a problem with the Bishop property because they were annexed to Cambria. This problem has been resolved.*

Motion 19: Houseworth moved and Trombino seconded to approve the **connection of water and sewer service to Mike Kovach and Judy/Mike Bishop** on West Grand Avenue. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Attorney Josh Bradley presented the following information:

- *Akes and Dalzell properties are demolished and Bradley is working on filing liens for these properties (should be done by Friday).*
- *409 Barr Street – Beginning the process for demolition.*

Motion 20: Emery moved and Houseworth seconded to authorize Josh Bradley to proceed with the legal process to **demolish the house at 409 Barr Street** belonging to Kevin Mullins (Debra Kajawa, deceased). A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor gave the following announcements:

<u><i>American Red Cross Bucket Collection</i></u>	<u><i>July 19</i></u>
<u><i>Women's Center Open House</i></u>	<u><i>July 17</i></u>
<u><i>Downtown Merchants Meeting</i></u>	<u><i>July 14</i></u>

Mike Helfrich suggested that the Council needs a committee to discuss a downtown plan for Carterville. The following people agreed to serve: Mike Helfrich, Tom Gentry and Tom Gentry with Josh Bradley.

Motion 21: Trombino moved and Oetjen seconded to *continue* the meeting Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. All voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried and dismissed the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Michele A. Edwards, City Clerk

Next Ordinance No. 1361-14

Bradley M. Robinson, Mayor

Next Resolution No. R412-14