Regular City Council Meeting October 11, 2016
(Tuesday, October 11, 2016)
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Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM

Members present
Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, Councilman Lee Fronabarger, Councilman Tom Grant, Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, Councilman Navreet Kang, Councilman Adam Loos, and Mayor John M Henry

Procedural: 5.2 General Announcements and Proclamations

City Manager Gary Williams announced a Downtown Design Charrette on October 19 from 4-7 at the old train depot. Mr. Williams also introduced the new Economic Development Coordinator, Steven Mitchell.

Mayor Henry announced the Halloween trick or treat hours for Monday, October 31, 2016 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mayor Henry proclaimed the Month October 2016 as Community Planning Month and urges all citizens to recognize the contributions of planning and plan implementation.

Councilman Fronabarger announced the dates and times for early voting to take place at the Carbondale Civic Center and the SIU Student Center.

Councilwoman Bradshaw announced the Science Center fundraiser to be held at the Science Center on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Also on Saturday, October 15 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the Neighborhood Co-op will have an Empty Bowls fundraiser benefiting the Good Sam House.

Procedural: 5.3 Citizens' Comments and Questions

Margaret Polovich., 304 South Oakland Avenue implored the City Council to consider turning the outside lights back on at the former fire station at 300 S Oakland. There has been a lack of lighting in the front and back parking lots since the property has been vacant. She also asked that the City continue to care for the exterior of the property as far as tree trimming and grass cutting.

Elius Reed, 2012 South Illinois Avenue, asked who is in charge of the Carbondale Police Department's Professional Standards Unit that makes decisions about complaints against department personnel. Mr. Reed also asked who makes the decisions about police complaints. Police Chief Jeff Grubbs stated that Lieutenant Mark Goddard and other Commanders make up that particular unit and that the City Manager and the Police Chief makes the decisions on police complaints. Mr. Reed then referred to an incident involving himself and asked if there was any follow up. City Manager Gary Williams responded.

Procedural, Reports: 5.4 Public Hearings and Special Reports
None

6. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 6.1 - Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 20, 2016
Resolution: Approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 20, 2016

Action (Consent): 6.2 - Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 09/12/2016 FY 2017 Warrant 1283 in the amount of $1,448,980.68.
Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 09/12/2016 totaling $1,448,980.68

Action (Consent): 6.3 - Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 08/31/2016 FY 2017 Warrant # WF 08/2016 in the amount of $131,334.12.
Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 08/31/2016 totaling $131,334.12

Action (Consent): 6.4 - Acceptance of Approved Meeting Minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
Resolution: Accept the attached meeting minutes from Boards, Commissions, and Committees and place them on file

Action: 6.5 - Resolution Commending Ronald D. Bryant for Service To The City of Carbondale, Illinois.
Pulled for separate consideration.

Action (Consent): 6.6 - Obligation Retirement Resolution for the 2006 Street Improvement Program Bonds Payment of $450,000 from State MFT Funds.
Resolution: The City Council is requested to approve the Obligation Retirement Resolution for the City's 2006 Street Improvement Program to retire a portion of the bonds, including interest, from the City's annual allotment of State Motor Fuel Tax Revenues.

Action (Consent): 6.7 - Authorization of a Budget Transfer from the Water & Sewer Community Investment Program to the Water Distribution Budget.
Resolution: The City Council is requested to approve a Budget Transfer from the Water & Sewer Community Investment Program to the Water Distribution Operations Budget.

Action: 6.8 - Award of Contract for FY 2017 Street Cut Repair Program with Options for FY 2018 & FY 2019.
Pulled for separate consideration.

Action (Consent): 6.9 - Appointments to Boards and Commissions
Resolution: The Council is requested to concur with the Mayor's recommended reappointments to Boards and Commissions.

Action: 6.10 - A Resolution Supporting - Endorsing the Construction of The Resort At Walker's Bluff.
Pulled for separate consideration.

Action (Consent): 6.11 - A Resolution approving the Amended Final BPL Development Plan for Casey's General Store located at 150 North Giant City Road.
Resolution: It is recommended that the Council move "to adopt the Resolution approving the amended final BPL development plan for parking lot modifications and building addition to Casey's General Store located at 150 North Giant City Road."

Action (Consent): 6.12 - Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Resolution: Approve Consent Agenda items

Approve Consent Agenda items 6.1 - 6.4, 6.6, 6.7, 6.9, 6.11
Motion by Lee Fronabarger, second by Navreet Kang.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

Action: 6.5 - Resolution Commending Ronald D. Bryant for Service to The City of Carbondale, Illinois
This item was pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration

A resolution was presented to Ronald D. Bryant commending him for his service as an employee of the City of Carbondale.

MOTION: The Council is recommended to approve a resolution commending Ronald D. Bryant for service to the City of Carbondale.

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Tom Grant.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

Action: 6.8 - Award of Contract for FY 2017 Street Cut Repair Program with Options for FY 2018 & FY 2019
This item was pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Elius Reed, 2012 South Illinois Avenue, inquired about the Affirmative Action plan involved with this contract. City Manager Gary Williams responded.

MOTION: The City Council is requested to Award the Contract for the FY 2017 Street Cut Repair Program to Stone's Concrete Construction Inc. in the amount of $168,900.

Motion by Navreet Kang, second by Jessica Bradshaw.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

Action: 6.10 - A Resolution Supporting - Endorsing the Construction of The Resort At Walker's Bluff
This item was pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Representatives from Walker's Bluff gave a brief presentation of the resort expansion project and addressed questions from the Council and citizens. Questions included the timeline of the project, location within the county, openness to the community, employment opportunities for area residents, effectiveness of gaming on the student population, and sources of investment. Members of the Council commended them for taking on this expansion project and are excited about it moving forward.

MOTION: The Council is requested to adopt the Resolution Supporting - Endorsing the construction of The Resort at Walker's Bluff, including the multipurpose Convention Center and Destination Complex project.

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Lee Fronabarger.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, John M Henry
Nay: Adam Loos

7. General Business of the City Council
Action: 7.1 - Ordinance Amending Title 14 as it Relates to False Alarms

The language in the ordinance says that the sixth false alarm occurring within the calendar year will result in a service fee. The Council discussed if a calendar year is a valid time period considering a number of false alarms could occur at the end of the year and at the start of the year without being penalized. It was agreed that the language should be amended to say a twelve consecutive month period.

MOTION: Approve ordinance amending Title 14 as it relates to false fire alarms and amend the language to replace calendar year with consecutive twelve-month period in regards to the time period for false alarms.

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Jessica Bradshaw.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Jessica Bradshaw, Lee Fronabarger, Tom Grant, Carolin Harvey, Navreet Kang, Adam Loos, John M Henry

Action, Procedural: 7.2 - Discussion of Chronic Nuisance Ordinance

Questions, comments and concerns coming from the discussion included the ordinance being fairly enforced by the police department, sharing communication between the Police Department and the Building and Neighborhood Services Department, omitting or revising the language regarding cannabis, written communication between the landlord and tenant, a hearing to resolve chronic nuisance matters and consideration of the tenant's rights.

David Johnson, Vice President of the Arbor District Neighborhood Association read an email from Dan Presley, President of the Arbor District, in favor of the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance and offered suggestions for changes in procedures. Other persons offering suggestions and/or speaking in favor of the ordinance included Sandy Litecky, Jane Adams, Don Monty, and Margaret Polovich.

Police Chief Jeff Grubbs responded to the discussion as a whole and gave his perspective on the proposed changes given by Council and citizens.

8. Council Comments for the City Council
Information: 8.1 - An opportunity for City Council members to offer general comments
None

9. Executive Session
None

10. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

The Carbondale City Council adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Submitted by: Approved:

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