

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Regular Meeting of December 3, 2013

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, in City Council Chambers, 200 South Illinois Avenue. Mayor Joel Fritzler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members of the Council present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Councilman Donald Monty, Councilwoman Jane Adams, Councilman Lee Fronabarger, Councilwoman Jessica Bradshaw, Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, and Mayor Joel Fritzler (Councilman Lance Jack entered at 7:04 p.m.)

Absent: None

Also present were City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell, City Manager Kevin Baity, and various members of the City's administrative staff.

2. General Announcements and Proclamations

Mayor Fritzler announced the Lights Fantastic Parade would take place on December 7 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fritzler then announced that the state of the City address would take place on December 10 at the Civic Center following the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Councilman Fronabarger announced the Ninth annual Art Over Easy fundraiser would be held at the Glove Factory building on Friday, December 6. He then announced that the Winter Farmers' Market is held every Saturday from 9:00 until noon at the high school.

Councilwoman Adams announced that a chili cook-off, sponsored by the Carbondale Music Coalition, would be held on December 8. She then announced that Carbondale Main Street would host a chili dinner before the Lights Fantastic Parade. Ms. Adams announced a Family and Friends Community dinner to be held at the Eurma Hayes Center on December 6 and then outlined the remaining appearances of Santa in the Park.

City Manager Baity noted that roads affected by the Lights Fantastic Parade would be closed at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Fritzler proclaimed December 10, 2013, to be Jane Addams' Day and called upon the Carbondale citizens to observe the day and celebrate her accomplishments. Councilwoman Adams clarified that she was not the Jane Addams noted in the proclamation.

Mayor Fritzler proclaimed the month of December to be Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month and encouraged citizens, agencies, and schools to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem and to support programs to reduce incidences of impaired driving.

Mayor Fritzler proclaimed December 5, 2013, to be Southern Illinois AIDS Vigil Day and encouraged citizens motivated by this cause to support this worthwhile effort.

3. Citizens' Comments and Questions

Faith Miller, Carbondale resident, presented the City Council with a list of questions compiled by the Concerned Citizens of Carbondale regarding Brightfields' request for a special use permit and read each question into the record. Ms. Miller noted that answers to each question were not expected at that moment. A copy of the questions was entered as an exhibit to the minutes.

Sarah Doerner, President of the Carbondale Branch of the American Association of University Women, introduced fellow members Lelia Marvin, Past President, and Kathy Benedict, Treasurer, and thanked the Council for the issuance of the proclamation honoring Jane Addams.

4. Public Hearings and Special Reports

1. Public Hearing on a Proposed Annexation Agreement Between the City of Carbondale and David and Willetta Brunaugh for the Brunaugh Subdivision located at 3 Speede Drive

Minutes for the Public Hearing are transcribed separately.

5. Consent Agenda

Presented for Council approval on the Consent Agenda were the following items and corresponding recommendations:

1. Approval of Minutes from the Public Hearing and Regular City Council Meeting Held on November 19, 2013. Recommendation: Approve.
2. Approval of a Warrant for Period Ending 11/11/13 FY 2014 Warrant # 1198 in the Amount of \$3,018,189.73. Recommendation: Approve in the amount of amount of \$3,018,189.73. (Exhibit A-12-03-2013)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Recommendation: Accept the approved minutes of the Fire Fighters Pension Board from August 14, 2013 and the Preservation Commission from October 21, 2013.
4. Resolution Approving the Final Plat of the Brunaugh Subdivision and the Subdivision Agreement. Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution approving the subdivision plat and subdivision agreement for the Brunaugh Subdivision. (Resolution 2013-R-55; Exhibit B-12-03-2013)
5. Pulled by L. Fronabarger.
6. Pulled by L. Jack.
7. Pulled by City Manager.
8. Appointments and Reappointments to Boards and Commissions. Recommendation: Concur with the Mayor's recommended appointments to the Carbondale Information and Telecommunications Commission of Councilman Lee Fronabarger, as ex-officio, to a term expiring April 30, 2017, Chet Langin to a term to expire June 30, 2016, and reappointment of Jak Tichenor to a term expiring June 30, 2016.

L. Jack moved, J. Adams seconded, to approve Consent Agenda items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.8. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

- 5.5 Ordinance Approving an Annexation Agreement between the City of Carbondale and David and Willetta Brunaugh for the Brunaugh Subdivision

L. Fronabarger moved, D. Monty seconded, to approve the Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Annexation Agreement between the City of Carbondale and David and Willetta Brunaugh for the Brunaugh Subdivision. DISCUSSION: L. Fronabarger asked how close the property was from the current city limits and the requirements to be considered contiguous. City Manager Baity responded. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

(Ordinance 2013-58; Exhibit C-12-03-2013)

5.6 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to submit a HOME Program Single Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant Application to Assist in the Rehabilitation of Homes for Low-Income Households

L. Jack moved, C. Harvey seconded, to adopt the Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Illinois Housing Development Authority for the Single Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant. DISCUSSION: L. Jack noted his reason for pulling the item in order to shed some light on the City government locating funds to help citizens. Council questions included asking about the number of years the City has participated in the program, the estimated number of homes rehabilitated, the total amount expended, what dollar amount was considered the threshold for receiving the grant, the increased size of the area covered, the process for selecting recipients, and why the South-central area east and west of the train tracks was not included in the targeted map. Development Services Director Chris Wallace responded to the questions. Judy Cunningham, 509 N. Oakland, stated that in the past she had been selected as a recipient, but that due to the requirements set out for the recipients and allowable expenditures, she was not able to utilize those funds.

VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried. (Resolution 2013-R-56; Exhibit D-12-03-2013)

5.7 Acceptance of Permanent Easements from the Devil's Kitchen Water District

City Manager Baity provided additional background on the item not covered by the original agenda action sheet. The added background outlined the EPA's requirement for Devil's Kitchen Water District to acquire an additional source of water and the preliminary agreement between the City and water district. The additional information covered is made a part of the full agenda packet. D. Monty moved, C. Harvey seconded, to accept the permanent easements from the Devil's Kitchen Water District and authorize the City Clerk to have the easements recorded by the Jackson County Clerk and Recorder's Office. DISCUSSION: D. Monty requested clarification as to from whom the City was receiving the easements. Further, he noted that historically, agreements between the City and water districts have not been in the City's favor and cautioned to prevent that in the drafting of this agreement for future acquisition of the water lines. City Manager Baity responded. Charlie Howe, 47 Dart Drive, asked from where the district currently acquires its water and if this agreement was due to the anticipation of increased service needs or insufficient water sources. City Manager Baity responded. VOTE: Ayes: D. Monty, J. Adams, L. Jack, L. Fronabarger, J. Bradshaw, C. Harvey, and J. Fritzler. Nays: None. Motion declared carried.

6. General Business

None

7. Council Comments

Councilman Fronabarger noted that particularly after reviewing IML articles, he would like the Council to receive a five to ten-year projection of the City's pension requirement costs – at least ballpark figures. He noted that recently passed legislation would have an impact on those figures. Mr. Fronabarger encouraged Councilmembers to read the October 2013 IML article.

Mayor Fritzler responded that actuarial reports were received only a few months prior to the annual budget. He asked Finance Director Don Ursini to share his thoughts on those projections.

Mr. Ursini provided an explanation of what the current actuarial tables show, what the combined amount of police and fire pensions shortage was at this time, and noted what impacts those figures.

Councilwoman Adams commented she believed there were two different figures being considered, both the year-to-year actuarial figures to maintain the current level of funding and the other being the required funding level which will have to be achieved in the future.

Mr. Ursini fielded questions from the Council relating to the actuarial tables and the State's requirement of reaching 80% funding in 2040. He also noted that he hoped to budget money to have the actuary provide a study showing what would be required to achieve those totals.

Councilman Monty noted that if such a study were done, it would be nice to include what year-to-year payment figures might be needed for several years and how those figures may grow over time.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
