

## **Regular City Council Meeting - November 28, 2023**

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### **Councilmembers present**

Councilmember Nancy Maxwell, Councilmember Ginger Rye Sanders, Councilmember Jeff Doherty, Councilmember LaCaje Hill, Councilmember Clare Killman, Councilmember Adam Loos, and Mayor Carolin Harvey

### **Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.**

#### 1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

##### **1.1 Roll Call**

##### **1.2 Citizens' Comments and Questions**

Citizens addressing the City Council during Citizens' Comments included James Cooper, Jr., Connor Sullivan, and Van Ikner.

##### **1.3 Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations**

Councilmember Loos suggested to revisit the topic of free parking in the downtown area, expressed concerns of fire damages to rental properties in Carbondale and its effects on fire insurance policies on other rental properties in Carbondale, and asked that the public comments announcement be updated to reflect the recent changes of the public comments section of the meetings that were passed by City Council.

Councilmember Killman concurred with Councilmember Loos' suggestion to revisit the topic of free parking.

#### 2. Public Hearings and Special Reports

None

#### 3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

##### **3.1 City Council Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2023**

Resolution: Approve the minutes from the City Council meeting of November 14, 2023

##### **3.2 Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 09/30/2023 FY 2024 Warrant # WF 09/2023 in the amount of \$132,162.44**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 09/30/2023 totaling \$132,162.44 (*Exhibit A 11-28-2023*)

##### **3.3 Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 11/09/2023 for the FY 2024 Warrant 1472 in the Total Amount of \$2,064,182.56**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 11/09/2023 totaling \$2,064,182.56 (*Exhibit B 11-28-2023*)

### **3.4 Appointment to Boards and Commissions**

Resolution: Council is requested to concur with Mayor Harvey's recommended appointment to Boards and Commissions

### **3.5 Approval of the Purchase of a Police Canine**

*Pulled by C. Killman.*

### **3.6 Award of Purchase of Three (3) Police Vehicles from Morrow Brothers Ford Inc., Greenfield, IL in the Amount of \$151,890; Approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Police Department's FY24 Budget in the Amount of \$151,890; and Declare City-Owned Property as Surplus**

*Pulled by C. Killman*

### **3.7 Award of Contract for CIP Project ST2002 - East College Street rehabilitation and overlay from Wall St to Piles Fork Creek to Samron Midwest Contracting Inc., of Murphysboro, Illinois in the Amount of \$206,206**

*Pulled by G. Rye-Sanders.*

### **3.8 Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

MOTION: Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Clare Killman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey

### **3.5 Approval of the Purchase of a Police Canine**

MOTION: Authorize the retirement of Canine Paja by declaring Paja surplus property and transferring ownership of Paja to Officer Moorman and approve the purchase of a replacement canine as well as the expenses associated with selection and training of the canine to Vohne Liche Kennels, Incorporated of Denver, IN in the amount of \$20,280. Increase the Police Department budget in the amount of \$20,280. (*Ordinance 2023-47; Exhibit C 11-28-2023*)

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey

Nay: Clare Killman

### **3.6 Award of Purchase of Three (3) Police Vehicles from Morrow Brothers Ford Inc., Greenfield, IL in the Amount of \$151,890; Approve an Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to Increase the Police Department's FY24 Budget in the Amount of \$151,890; and Declare City-Owned Property as Surplus**

It was asked why this purchase was not awarded to a local dealership. It was stated that this company currently has the vehicles readily available and the Police Department would receive those vehicles within a 30-day period. The Police Department did not go with the local dealership because vehicles have been purchased through them previously in September of 2022 and have yet to receive them. This is more than likely due to delays in production by Ford in order for local dealerships to build those vehicles. There is an immediate need to replace a few police vehicles and Morrow Brothers Ford Inc. in Greenfield specializes in commercial vehicles and have the resources to build them in a sufficient amount of time.

MOTION: Award the purchase of three (3) vehicles from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., Greenfield, IL in the amount of \$151,890, approve an Ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment increasing the Police Department's FY2024 budget in the amount of \$151,890.00 and declare replaced vehicles as surplus property.

*(Ordinance 2023-48; Exhibit D 11-28-2023)*

Motion by Adam Loos, second by LaCaje Hill.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey

Nay: Clare Killman

**3.7 Award of Contract for CIP Project ST2002 - East College Street rehabilitation and overlay from Wall St to Piles Fork Creek to Samron Midwest Contracting Inc., of Murphysboro, Illinois in the Amount of \$206,206**

Continuing concerns regarding contracts awarded to companies outside of Carbondale were expressed. It was strongly encouraged that the City support local businesses by awarding them contracts for future city projects. In this case, however, this project is utilizing MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) funds, which has more restrictions and stipulations coming down from the State than if City funds were being used.

MOTION: Award of Contract for CIP Project ST2002 - East College Street rehabilitation and overlay from Wall St to Piles Fork Creek to Samron Midwest Contracting Inc., of Murphysboro, Illinois in the Amount of \$206,206

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Clare Killman.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey

**4. General Business of the City Council**

**4.1 Approve Amendments to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Governing Rules  
Chapter IV - Review of Citizen Complaints**

MOTION: Approve Amendments to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Governing Rules Chapter IV - Review of Citizen Complaints.

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey

#### **4.2 Approve a Resolution to Permit Camping During the 2024 Solar Eclipse**

On April 8, 2024, the City will have another eclipse experience, bringing visitors from all over the country to the Carbondale area. Just like the last eclipse in 2017, there will be a lack of lodging for those coming to the area. Hotels and other accommodations will be unavailable and does not leave people with many options. City Staff has looked into offering eclipse visitors the option of tent camping from April 5th - 8th, 2024, on City-owned property, the first being Evergreen Park. Evergreen Park is the ideal place to begin with because of its location, large area, and amenities. There will be a cap on the number of spaces that can be reserved and visitors will be able to make those reservations through the City's website once the platform is complete. If Evergreen Park brings enough interest and the demand for additional camping locations increases then Staff will look into expanding to other City-owned properties.

Questions and/or concerns from Council and the public included damages and liability, public safety staff or lack thereof, crowd management, management of the camping locations, grass surfaces vs. concrete surfaces in the event of rainy weather, possibility of allowing RVs, camping on private property, extending the weekend reservation to avoid traffic, and allowing some flexibility when it comes to the City's rules and regulations so it's visitors can have a great experience and encourage them to return to the area.

MOTION: Approve a resolution to permit camping during the 2024 solar eclipse.  
(Resolution 2023-R-77; Exhibit E 11-28-2023)

Motion by Clare Killman, second by Adam Loos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Nancy Maxwell, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, LaCaje Hill, Clare Killman, Adam Loos, Carolin Harvey

Before adjournment Mayor Harvey announced the City of Carbondale's holiday tree lighting ceremony at Town Square Pavilion, the Lights Fantastic Parade, and the 12 Days of a Soul Food Christmas presented by the African American Museum.

#### **5. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting**

##### **5.1 Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Clinette C. Hayes, Deputy City Clerk

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Date