

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

- PRESENT:** Mayor Scott Raes (*Chair*)
Alderman Quentin Rodriguez (*Ward 1*)
Alderman David Parker, Jr. (*Ward 2*)
Alderman John Zelnio (*Ward 4*)
Alderman Lori Turner (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*)
Alderman Mike Waldron (*Ward 7*)
Alderman Stephanie Acri (*Alderman At-Large*)
- ABSENT:** Alderman Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*)
- STAFF:** J.D. Schulte, Public Works Director/Interim City Administrator
Amy Keys, Deputy City Attorney
Amy Saunders, Deputy City Clerk
Ray Forsythe, Planning & Development Director
Alison Fleming, Human Resources Manager
Lori Wilson, Parks Recreation Director
Nate Scott, Information Technology Manager
Bryon Lear, Library Director
Kim Hankins, Public Safety Director
Kevin Irby, Battalion Chief
Scott Hinton, City Engineer
Kathy Carr, Finance Director
Jeff Anderson, City Planner
Trevor Fisk, Police Captain
Terry Garmon, Police Lieutenant
Andrew Raya, Police Sergeant
Various Police Personnel
Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager
Shawn Christ, Land Development Manager
- OTHERS:** Indre Virsinkaite, Planning & Development Intern
Lucie VanHecke, Resident
Sean Turnipseed, Resident
June Fahlenkamp, Resident
Ron Miller, Resident
Friends and Family of Police Personnel
Anthony Watt, The Dispatch

Mayor Raes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Oath of Office

Oath of Office for promotional appointment of Terry Garmon to the rank of Police Lieutenant and Andrew Raya to the rank of Police Sergeant, effective March 11, 2017.

Mayor's Board Appointments

Mayor's reappointment of Lori Wilson, Parks Recreation Director, to the Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau Board for a full, three-year term to expire June 30, 2020. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Zelnio. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor's reappointment of Jan Erikson-Vroman, Elizabeth Finch, and Greg Masias to the Youth Commission for full, three-year terms to expire March 31, 2020. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Zelnio. Motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation

A Proclamation in support of the City of Moline's Military and Veteran Caregivers.

Questions on the Agenda

Mayor Raes indicated that Council Bill 1047-2017 would be removed from the Consent Agenda and would be placed on the Non-Consent Agenda.

Agenda Items

1. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Reciprocal Agreement on Exchange of Information between the City of Moline and the Illinois Department of Revenue. Kathy Carr, Finance Director, indicated that a new law (Public Act 99-517 effective June 30, 2016) impacts the way the Illinois Department of Revenue shares taxpayer information with local governments. All current agreements expired December 31, 2016. A new Reciprocal Agreement on Exchange of Information must be approved to allow the City to continue receiving confidential sales tax information by its authorized personnel from the Illinois Department of Revenue. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Zelnio. Motion passed unanimously.

2. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Donation Agreement between Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and the City of Moline for property at 1151 26th Street, Moline, and authorizing staff to do all things necessary to accept said property pursuant to the Donation Agreement. Amy Keys, Deputy City Attorney, explained that Wells Fargo acquired the property at 1151 26th Street, Moline, through mortgage foreclosure. Wells Fargo contacted the City in December 2016 about donating the property to the City through Wells Fargo's REO Donation program. Wells Fargo requires that a Donation Agreement be executed that sets forth the terms of the donation of the property. As provided in the Donation Agreement, the City will not pay for the property. Further, Wells Fargo will provide marketable title and pay all closing costs, including title insurance, taxes through the date of closing, and past due utilities. Wells Fargo has also agreed to give the City \$7,500, which can be used towards the demolition or rehabilitation of the property. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Schoonmaker. Motion passed unanimously.

3. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Review, Purchase, and Abandonment Agreement with Hawkeye Land Company of Illinois related to the Multi-Modal Station Redevelopment Project. Scott Hinton, City Engineer, stated that the Multi-Modal Station (MMS) Redevelopment project includes the installation of a new water main and a new sanitary sewer under the 12th Street railroad crossing to replace existing aging infrastructure and help ensure uninterrupted utility services to the MMS. Hawkeye Land Company of Illinois (HLCI) owns the utility rights at the 12th Street railroad crossing and, as such, an Agreement with HLCI is necessary to allow the installation of the new mains and abandonment of the existing. This Agreement sets the terms and conditions through which the HLCI will allow the City of Moline to install the new mains. This item will also appear on the City Council Agenda on March 14, 2017, under "Items Not on

Consent.” A motion was made by Alderman Acri to approve. Seconded by Alderman Turner. Motion passed unanimously.

4. A Resolution authorizing the City to participate in the Illinois Housing Development Authority Home Accessibility Program; and Authorizing the Mayor and Deputy City Clerk to execute the Funding Agreement between the City and the Illinois Housing Development Authority setting forth the terms and conditions governing the disbursement and use of funds for the Home Accessibility Program in the amount of \$192,600.00; and Authorizing the Mayor, Deputy City Clerk, and City staff to do any and all things necessary to execute all necessary assurances and certifications pursuant to the Home Accessibility Program requirements; Ratifying all documents, agreements and instruments executed in connection with the Home Accessibility Program, including those acts taken prior to the date hereof. Jeff Anderson, City Planner, indicated that the Illinois Housing Development Authority (“IHDA”) created the Home Accessibility Program (“HAP”) to assist senior citizens and persons with disabilities by funding repairs that will allow homeowners or tenants to remain in their homes in an effort to prevent premature or unnecessary institutionalization. The City applied for and was awarded \$192,600.00 in HAP funds as a loan from IHDA to assist senior citizens and persons with disabilities. In order to move forward with acceptance of the funding award, IHDA has requested the City to execute a Funding Agreement that is due back to IHDA on March 15, 2017 and requires the Mayor’s signature. This item will also appear on the City Council Agenda on March 14, 2017, under “Items Not on Consent.” A motion was made by Alderman Schoonmaker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Turner. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational

Committees, Boards, and Commissions Overview. Alison Fleming, Human Resources Manager, gave an overview of the following Committees, Boards and Commissions:

1. Employee Health Insurance Committee;
2. Moline Commission on Youth;
3. Human Rights Commission;
4. Morale Builder’s Committee;
5. AFSCME/City – Safety Committee; and
6. UAW/City – Safety Committee.

Public Comment

Alderman Schoonmaker mentioned that he talked to Ray Forsythe, Planning & Development Director, about the Façade Improvement Funds that are completely allocated for 2017. Alderman Schoonmaker is interested in taking some of the funds that were not completely allocated in past years and moving those funds from the General Fund back into the Façade Improvement Fund. Mr. Forsythe indicated that he would look into this and bring a presentation back to the Council. Said presentation will show how the Façade Improvement Funds were allocated the past couple of years, in response to a request from Alderman Acri, and will include recommendations for additional funding.

Lucie VanHecke, resident, addressed the Committee of the Whole as a follow up to her fiancé, Sean Turnipseed’s e-mail to each alderman on March 13, 2017, concerning the City’s ordinance that does not allow alcohol to be consumed in City Parks. In reaching out to City staff, they understand that all decisions concerning City Parks are made by the Park Board. Ms. VanHecke and Mr. Turnipseed asked the City to look into a legal course of action, through the use of permits and contracts, to allow alcohol on Park grounds only when certain requirements have been met. Ms. VanHecke said that the City of Davenport and City of Rock Island Park Boards do this. She also mentioned that alcohol is allowed at Green Valley Park, and temporary liquor licenses have been granted in City parks for River Fest and Flemish Fest. Ms. VanHecke and Mr. Turnipseed’s request to allow alcohol on park property is currently on the Park Board Agenda for March 23, 2017. Ms. VanHecke asked the City Council to urge the Park Board to allow, through special use applications

and contracts, the consumption of alcohol in City parks.

June Fahlenkamp, resident, shared that she came before the Council last year concerning a deer issue in the City. She feels that this issue has changed since last year in that there are now twice as many deer in the City. She has had contact with the City of Dubuque, City of Cedar Rapids and various other cities in Iowa concerning a deer hunt in the City. She has also contacted the Illinois DNR. Ms. Fahlenkamp asked the City Council to approve a deer hunt in the City of Moline, with certain parameters, from October 1 through January 15. This hunt should include deer hunting on private property and in City parks. Ms. Fahlenkamp mentioned that this would also include an amendment to our weapons ordinance. In addition, Ms. Fahlenkamp expressed her interest in working on a deer hunt committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy J. Saunders".

Amy J. Saunders
Deputy City Clerk