

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

- PRESENT:** Mayor Don Welvaert (*Chair*)
Alderman John Knaack (*Ward 1*)
Alderman Rick Meredith (*Ward 2*)
Alderman Scott Raes (*Ward 3*)
Alderman Ted Ronk (*Ward 4*)
Alderman Lori Turner (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Sean Liddell (*Ward 7*)
Alderman Stephanie Acri (*Alderman At-Large*)
- ABSENT:** Alderman Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*)
- STAFF:** Mike Waldron, Acting City Administrator/Public Works Director
Maureen Riggs, City Attorney
Tracy Koranda, City Clerk
Ray Forsythe, Planning & Development Director
Laura Duran, Parks Recreation Director
Nate Scott, IT Manager
Bryon Lear, Library Coordinator
Kim Hankins, Interim Public Safety Director
Kathy Carr, Finance Director
Doug House, Municipal Services General Manager
Rich Westmoreland, Municipal Services Operations Manager
Arnie McCollum, AFSCME President
- OTHERS:** Members of the Moline High School Softball Team
George Bialecki, Developer
Members of the Press

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

Presentation

Mayor Welvaert recognized the outstanding efforts of the Moline High School softball team for the third place finish at the State Finals. Additionally, this team was recognized for academic all-star status.

Block Party Request

Request from Calvary Lutheran Church to close the alley on the south side of Avenue of the Cities between 29th & 30th Streets on Sunday, June 24, 2012, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for an Ice Cream Social with barricades but no amplified sound. A motion was made by Alderman Knaack to approve. Seconded by Alderman Meredith. Motion passed unanimously.

Request from Amanda Ruefer, 524-Railroad Avenue, for a block party on Wednesday, July 4, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Railroad Avenue between 5th and 6th Streets. A motion was made by Alderman Knaack to approve. Seconded by Alderman Ronk. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Items

- 1. Road Salt Storage Evaluation.** Doug House, Municipal Services General Manager, stated that as a

result of 2012/2013 Goal Setting, the City Council established a management priority to evaluate current road salt storage, evaluate efficiencies of another storage facility that would exist in the southern part of the City, and to consider future potential road salt storage as the City develops south of the Rock River. Staff was recently notified the storage facility will no longer be available in East Moline where the City has been storing 1,600 tons of salt. Staff requests Council approval to secure formal proposals for construction of additional salt storage equal to or greater than the lost storage in East Moline. A motion was made by Alderman Turner to approve. Seconded by Alderman Knaack. Motion passed with Alderman Aciri voting nay.

2. **Proposed Refunding of the 2004A, 2004B and 2004C General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds.** Kathy Carr, Finance Director, indicated that due to favorable interest rates in the current market and upcoming call dates on certain bonds, it has been determined to be in the best interest of the City of Moline to refinance the outstanding bonds for the 2004A issue (library and police facilities), the 2004B issue (Mid Towne Parking Ramp ~ Non Taxable) and the 2004C issue (Mid Towne Parking Ramp ~ Taxable). A motion was made by Alderman Knaack to approve. Seconded by Alderman Raes. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Amendment to Resolution 1108-2011 Redevelopment and Economic Incentive Agreement between the City of Moline and JBNATA Inc.** Ray Forsythe, Planning & Development Director, explained that as a result of a fire at Dickey's Barbecue Pit, the business was closed for approximately 3 months for repairs. The business owner has requested that the City amend the agreement to extend the term for an additional 3 months. The total rebate will remain the same at a maximum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and the term would be three (3) years and three (3) months. A motion was made by Alderman Ronk to approve. Seconded by Alderman Meredith. Motion passed with Alderman Liddell voting nay.
4. **Approval of a Third Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City of Moline and Autumn Trails, L.L.C. for the Bethany Project.** Ray Forsythe, Planning & Development Director, stated that the Developer has requested the City amend the current development agreement to amend the schedule of completion and to also fund the remaining increment upfront as opposed to an annual rebate. Due to the housing market and financing options for the project, the completion has been delayed. The Developer has reached an agreement with the lending institution and a mechanism to complete the project has been developed. The project consists of 33 units and an assisted living center containing 41 units. There are 2 units substantially complete but unoccupied, and 9 units remaining to be constructed and sold. There are 22 occupied units and the assisted living center is open. The revised schedule would complete the project in 2013. A motion was made by Alderman Raes to approve. Seconded by Alderman Meredith. Motion passed with Alderman Liddell voting nay.
5. **Amendment to Chapter 4, "Alcoholic Liquor," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, to remove the limit of the number of Class C, CC and CCC Liquor Licenses issued and increase the application fee.** Maureen Riggs, City Attorney, indicated that Chapter 4, Alcoholic Liquor, of the Moline Code of Ordinances was amended in 2009 when Chapter 4 was repealed in its entirety and a new Chapter 4 enacted to make the liquor ordinance easier to enforce, to ensure public safety, and to more closely mirror the State liquor law and other local communities' ordinances. Previous to this action, the liquor code had geographic restrictions that prevented taverns and packaged sales from being located too close together which in turn resulted in vacant buildings and restrictions on new businesses. The solution to this issue was to put a limit on the number of tavern and packaged sales licenses to thirty (30) in lieu of the geographic restrictions. Since that time, several corporate chain stores obtained liquor licenses and there is now a waiting list to obtain a Class CC, packaged sales license. Staff recommends removing the limit of the number of licenses allowed for Class C, CC and CCC Liquor Licenses so as to encourage

new business. Additionally, the liquor licensing application process is very labor intensive with the amount of time per license varying based on the applicant. In order to recoup the costs of administering the licenses, staff recommends increasing the application fee from \$2000.00, to \$3000.00. A motion was made by Alderman Raes to approve. Seconded by Alderman Knaack. Alderman Ronk made a motion to separate the motion to approve removing the cap on the number of Class C, CC and CCC Liquor Licenses and increasing the application fee. Seconded by Alderman Acri. The motion to amend carried unanimously. Alderman Acri made a motion to approve removing the cap on the number of Class C, CC and CCC licenses. Seconded by Alderman Turner. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Knaack made a motion to approve increasing the liquor license application fee from \$2000.00 to \$3000.00. Seconded by Alderman Meredith. Motion carried with Aldermen Acri and Liddell voting nay.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tracy A. Koranda", written in black ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Tracy A. Koranda
City Clerk