

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

- PRESENT:** Mayor Stephanie Acri (*Chair*)
Alderman Quentin Rodriguez (*Ward 1*)
Alderman David Parker, Jr. (*Ward 2*)
Alderman Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*)
Alderman Richard “Dick” Potter (*Ward 4*)
Alderman Lori Turner (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*)
Alderman Mike Waldron (*Ward 7*)
Alderman Sonia Berg (*Alderman At-Large*)
- ABSENT:** None.
- STAFF:** Doug Maxeiner, City Administrator
Maureen Riggs, City Attorney
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk
Ray Forsythe, Planning & Development Director
Alison Fleming, Human Resources Manager
Lori Wilson, Parks Recreation Director
Don Goff, Information Technology Manager
Bryon Lear, Library Director
R.T. Finney, Interim Chief of Police
Jeff Snyder, Fire Chief
Kathy Carr, Finance Director
Jeff Anderson, City Planner
J.D. Schulte, Public Works Director
Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager
Stephen McLaughlin, Police Officer
Tyler Murphy, Police Officer
Katherine Pennacchio, Police Officer
Devin Syler, Police Officer
- OTHERS:** Gerold Shelton, The Dispatch
Police personnel, family and friends
Keko Martinez, Resident
Alex Elias, CEO Renew Moline

Mayor Acri called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Oath of Office

Oath of office for probationary appointment as police officers to Devin Syler, Katherine Pennacchio, Steven Murphy and Tyler McLaughlin, effective September 27, 2018.

Mayor’s Board Appointments

Mayor's appointment of Mark Evans to the Citizens Advisory Council on Urban Planning (CACUP) for a full three-year term to expire on July 31, 2022. Alderman Turner, seconded by Alderman Potter, moved to approve this appointment. Motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation

"Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness Month," Maggie Tinsman and Elise Harden, Family Resources' Breaking Traffik, addressed Council.

Questions on the Agenda

Staff has three "Other" agenda items.

Agenda Items

1. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Law Enforcement Services Agreement between the City of Moline and Universal Protection Service, LLC, d/b/a Allied Universal Security Services, setting forth the terms for assignment of uniformed police officers to the SouthPark Mall complex for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. R.T. Finney, Interim Chief of Police, requested approval of an annual agreement for the assignment of uniformed police officers to the SouthPark Mall police substation. In part, the proposed agreement provides a total number of hours that a police officer will be present in the mall and provides for Universal Protection Service, LLC to reimburse the City of Moline the sum of \$127,000. Staffing will be accomplished by allocating hours and days off among the three officers assigned to the program. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Wendt. Motion passed unanimously.

2. An Ordinance amending Chapter 34, "WATER AND SEWERS," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Section 34-2101, "APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS" and Section 34-3308, "APPLICATION FOR SEWER SERVICE CONNECTIONS," by repealing in each section, subsection (2) in its entirety and enacting in lieu thereof a new subsection (2) relating to the same subject matter. Tony Loete, Utilities General Manager, explained that water and sewer connection fees are currently based on frontage length. For water connections, the standard rate is \$20/frontage foot. Sewer connections are charged at a rate of \$25/frontage foot. Staff recommends amending the code to a flat fee. Staff is proposing a fee of \$300 per connection without regard to the parcel size or frontage length. A motion was made by Alderman Schoonmaker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Turner. Alderman Parker made a motion to amend and waive the connection fee for new construction. Seconded by Alderman Berg. There was discussion. Motion to amend carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Parker, Wendt, Schoonmaker, Berg and Mayor Aciri; nays: Aldermen Rodriguez, Potter, Turner and Waldron. The amended motion carried with Aldermen Rodriguez, Potter, Turner and Waldron voting nay.

3. A Special Ordinance awarding certain contracts for treatment chemicals to be used by the Department of Public Works for the calendar year 2019, and authorizing the Utilities General Manager to execute the necessary contract documents for purchase of said treatment chemicals in the quantities needed. Utilities General Manager Tony Loete stated that treatment chemicals used by the water and wastewater treatment plants are purchased through the Bi-State Regional Commission's Joint Purchasing Program via a sealed bid process. City staff recommends awarding the annual contracts for chemicals to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders that meet specifications for each treatment chemical. Polymer and phosphate chemicals are an exception to this, however. Polymer and polyphosphates are specialized chemicals with proprietary formulas and are specifically permitted at each plant by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) based on efficiency and performance testing. In the case of these two chemicals, staff recommends continued use of treatment chemicals from the current vendors, until such time as bench and plant scale testing determines that satisfactory performance can be obtained from alternate treatment chemicals procured at a lower cost and until any related operating permit changes have been authorized by the IEPA. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

4. A Resolution approving PMA Financial Network, Inc. and PMA Securities, Inc. to provide investment services and authorizing the execution of the declaration of trust establishing the Illinois Public Reserves Investment Management Entity Trust. Kathy Carr, Finance Director, indicated that the City of Moline has been a client of PMA's since July 1994, using their Fixed Rate Investment Program and Bond Proceeds Management Program. PMA has a new investment platform, called IPRIME, a local government investment pool, which is an AAA rated money market fund that will serve as another liquidity vehicle for the City of Moline and will provide the potential for improved money market yields. The rest of the investment portfolio platform will remain the same. A motion was made by Alderman Parker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

5. A Special Ordinance amending Special Ordinance 4034-2018 for the financing by the City of Moline, Illinois by revising the Park Fund Revenue Anticipation Note and purchase of the same by the General Fund of the City of Moline, Illinois, appropriating monies for said purposes, and authorizing execution of any related documents. Kathy Carr, Finance Director shared that on August 14, 2018, City Council approved a Revenue Anticipation Note for \$800,000 to be issued by the Park Fund and to be purchased by the General Fund to partially finance the rebuilding of the Captain's Table Restaurant. The notes were dated December 1 with interest at 3.5 percent. With the delay of the project, the note needs to be amended. The rate of 3.5 percent is the percentage the developer has agreed to reimburse the Park Fund as part of their lease agreement. Keeping the note at 3.5 percent will eliminate any financial burden to the Park Fund, which is currently being subsidized by the General Fund. In return, the General Fund will indirectly benefit from the success of this project through sales tax and food/beverage tax. If Council desires to have a variable interest rate, it could mirror the same interest rate calculation that has been used for many years for the City of Moline's line of credit at First Midwest Bank. It is the prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal minus one-half of one percent (0.50%) multiplied by seventy-nine percent (79%). This rate is currently 3.6475 percent. The Park Fund would be responsible for paying the interest expense, but will only be reimbursed using the 3.5 percent rate. A motion was made by Alderman Potter to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. There was discussion. Council directed staff to review options for debt restructure. Motion passed unanimously.

6. An Ordinance amending Chapter 7, "ANIMALS AND FOWL," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Section 7-1105, "BEEKEEPING," by repealing subsections (b)(2)a.2., (c)(6) and (d)(1) in their entirety and enacting in lieu thereof new subsections (b)(2)a.2., (c)(6) and (d)(1), dealing with the same subject matter. Maureen Riggs, City Attorney, explained that the City Council adopted Council Bill/General Ordinance No. 2032-2018 on August 17, 2018, to amend Section 7-1105 of the Code of Ordinances to allow the keeping of honeybees within the City of Moline. Following the initial stage of implementation and upon resident request, City staff has re-reviewed the ordinance and determined that certain changes will improve both the ordinance and its licensing procedure. This amending ordinance would remove the signage requirement for bee hives from subsection 7-1105(c)(6); signage is not required by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and staff has determined that it is not necessary and its removal may help prevent theft of hives or other unwanted attention to the hives. This ordinance would also change the annual license term from August 1 through July 31 to April 1 through March 31, as beekeeping season begins in mid-April. The attachment to this ordinance is a redline draft. A motion was made by Alderman Schoonmaker to approve. Seconded by Alderman Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Other – Urban Land Institute (ULI) Grant Request. Ray Forsythe, Planning and Development Director, indicated that the City and Renew Moline wish to jointly apply for a \$20,000 ULI grant, and requested the support of Mayor Acri and Council. The grant would fund technical assistance to the City of Moline and Renew Moline, identifying the development potential of the I-74 corridor and providing guidance on prioritizing sites for development given market feasibility. There is no match for this grant. A motion was made by Alderman Wendt to support the grant application. Seconded by Alderman Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Other – Ombudsman Position Update. Doug Maxeiner explained that the City has been investigating the addition of a staff Ombudsman, henceforth referred to as Development Liaison, to support and advocate for development projects within the City. Maxeiner suggested that Jeff Anderson serve as Liaison in the development department, and Chris Mathias serve as Liaison in public works. Maxeiner requested feedback from Council. There was discussion, with support for creating a new staff position. Maxeiner stated that staff would like to first utilize current staff members and spend a few months getting a feel for what will be required. Council consensus was that there would be great return on the City's investment if a new position is developed. Staff will modify the recommendation and report back to Council. J.D. Schulte explained that Joe Kuhlenbeck has been hired as Building Official. Alderman Wendt indicated that the City Code requires Council approval of the appointment/hire. Staff will investigate and report to Council.

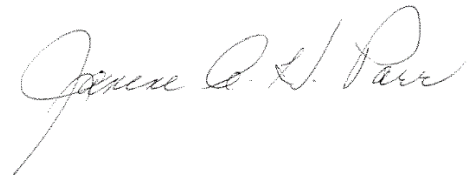
9. Other – National Citizen Survey Update. Council requested an update on the National Citizen Survey being conducted by the Planning department. Planning and Development Director Ray Forsythe stated that the draft survey results will be presented at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting on January 15, 2019.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janine A. H. Parr
City Clerk