

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

- PRESENT:** His Honor 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 Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*)
Alderman Gary Brown (*At-Large*)
- STAFF:** Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator
Maureen Riggs, Deputy City Attorney
Tracy Koranda, City Clerk
Ray Forsythe, Planning & Economic Development Director
Amy Valdes, Human Resources Manager
Laura Duran, Parks Recreation Director
Ron Miller, Interim Fire Chief
Bob Hafeman, Library Director
Gary Francque, Police Chief
Scott Hinton, City Engineer
Kathy Carr, Finance Director
Jeff Anderson, City Planner
Mike Waldron, Public Works Director
Pat Burke, Economic Development Manager
Greg Swanson, Utilities General Manager
Mark Orey, WPC Sewer Maintenance Manager
Don Goff, Network & Database Administrator
- OTHERS:** Members of the Press
Tom Bowman, CDC Board Member
Julie Stofen, CDC Board Member
Christie Coverdill, CDC Board Member
George McDoniel, CDC Board Member

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

Work Session

Mayor Welvaert stated that this work session has been initiated as a result of the continued concern over the lack of Capital Improvement Project funding to address the poor conditions of the streets, alleys and sidewalks throughout the City. Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator, explained that the total amount needed is in excess of six million dollars and staff is aware that not all of this can be addressed at one time but stressed the

importance of generating some type of revenue as the cost of repairing will only increase as time goes on and stated that staff prefers a utility tax at this time. Kathy Carr, Finance Director, gave an overview of the attached summary of previously presented CIP funding source ideas from staff.

Alderman Knaack proposed implementing a street permit parking fee of \$15.00 per month that would be in effect between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Alderman Knaack suggested that the enforcement would be done by private towing companies.

Alderman Raes gave an overview of the attached proposal.

Alderman Schoonmaker indicated that civic center bond payments would be ending in 2013, interest payments on real estate owned by the City should be coming to an end soon and a rebounding economy may make the need to create a new funding source unnecessary.

Alderman Ronk stated that multiple types of funding sources may cost taxpayers more than a utility tax.

Mayor Welvaert adjourned the Work Session at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Welvaert stated that the Big Brothers Big Sisters requested to have the proclamation at next week's meeting.

Informational

Jeff Anderson, City Planner, Julie Stofen and Christie Coverdill, Board Members, gave an overview of the attached information regarding the Moline Community Development Corporation.

Agenda Items

- 1. Declaration of Various Pieces of Radio Equipment as Surplus Property and Authorizing the Finance Director to Dispose of Same.** Gary Francque, Police Chief, explained that the Police Department has several pieces of antiquated radio equipment that have no monetary value but are still listed on the current City fixed asset schedule. Staff is requesting that they be declared as surplus property and their disposal authorized. A motion was made by Alderman Ronk to approve. Seconded by Alderman Raes. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy A. Koranda

City Clerk

Raes Proposed CIP Revenue Suggestions

Sanitation User Fee

Current Comparable Charges

Monthly Fee

Bettendorf \$14.59

Davenport \$15.40

East Moline \$6.00

Galesburg \$13.00

\$48.99 or average of \$12.25 (per month) or \$147 (per year)

$\$147 \times 15,205 = \$2,235,135$

Utility Tax

2% on Gas & Electric = \$1,106,000

Total Revenue Impact

\$3,341,135

Other Recommendations

Leaf Vacuuming Service Subscription Only (2009 cost of this program was \$280,000 of which \$152,000 would be full time wages and benefits). This would eliminate an expense of \$128,000. Plus it would add a new revenue source.

Burn Day on Saturdays only

No Free Leaf Bag Pick UP – This would not only eliminate an expense but would create* additional revenue.

No Free Christmas Tree Pick Up

Summary of Previous Capital Improvement Funding Sources:

Property Tax Levy

\$0.01 per \$100 EAV generates \$90,000

Levy approved in December for the following year

Home Rule Sales Tax

¼% generates \$1,563,500

Rate was increased from 1% to 1.25% effective 1/1/2010

Ordinance must be passed by October 1st for January 1st effective date

April 1st for July 1st effective date

Prepared Food and Liquor Tax

1% generates \$1,200,000

Rate was increased from 1% to 1.5% effective 1/1/2010

Sanitation User Fee

Only generates revenue to cover the cost of the service = \$1,468,940 (based on 2010 budget)

Must be used to fund Sanitation services (currently 92% of funding comes from property tax levy)

Utility Tax

1% generates \$ 650,000

3% generates \$1,950,000

5% generates \$3,250,000

MOLINE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STATEMENT OF CORE BELIEFS
ADOPTED JULY 28, 2009

| BELIEF | DEFINITION | COMMENTS |
|---------------|---|-----------------|
| Address | 1. Address issues related to homelessness and very low, low, and moderate income families and individuals. | |
| Enhance | 1. Enhance livable, family friendly neighborhoods and the business districts that support them. | |
| Promote | 1. Promote sustainable community, neighborhood, and economic development. | |
| Support | 1. Support individual and group efforts to make Moline a better place to live, work, recreate, and do business. 2. Facilitate community input. | |
| Facilitate | 1. Facilitate resolution of community concerns. | |
| Develop | 1. Develop public, private, and not for profit partnerships to address community needs. 2. Develop decent affordable housing. | |
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