

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

PRESENT: Alderman Scott Raes, (*Ward 3*) *Mayor Pro-Tem*
Alderman John Knaack (*Ward 1*)
Alderman Rick Meredith (*Ward 2*)
Alderman Ted Ronk (*Ward 4*)
Alderman Lori Turner (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Kevin Schoonmaker (*Ward 6*)
Alderman Dorothy Armstrong (*Ward 7*)
Alderman Gary Brown (*At-Large*)

STAFF: Jeff Lester, Law Director
Tracy Koranda, City Clerk
Ray Forsythe, Planning & Economic Development Director
Amy Valdes, Human Resources Manager
Laura Duran, Parks Recreation Director
Ron Miller, Fire Chief
Bob Hafeman, Library Director
Kim Hankins, Police Chief
Scott Hinton, City Engineer
Kathy Carr, Finance Director
Jeff Anderson, City Planner
Nate Scott, GIS Manager
Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator

OTHERS: Members of the Press

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

Oaths Of Office

Oath of office for promotional appointments of Trevor B. Fisk to the rank of Police Captain, David D. Gass to the rank of Police Lieutenant, and Christopher E. Pickens to the rank of Police Sergeant, effective April 25, 2010.

Recommendations Of Appointments

Re-Appointment of Kathy Carr to the Police Pension board for a two year term to expire April 30, 2012. A motion was made by Alderman Knaack to approve. Seconded by Alderman Turner. Motion passed unanimously.

Re-Appointment of Tom Bracke to the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission for a three year term to expire April 30, 2013. A motion was made by Alderman Brown to approve. Seconded by Alderman Knaack. Motion passed unanimously.

Proclamations

A Proclamation from Moline Parks & Recreation to declare May 2010, as “Water Safety Month.”

A Proclamation from A.B.A.T.E. to declare May 2010, as “Motorcycle Awareness Month.”

Agenda Items

1. **Request from Mad Productions, LLC for approval of a Right-of-Way Licensing Agreement at 3002 Avenue of the Cities** (Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator) Mad Productions, L.L.C. requests approval of a licensing agreement to allow installation of a canopy and handicapped ramp at 3002 Avenue of the Cities. The building is currently being renovated for a new barber shop tenant. The applicant would install the canopy which would overhang Avenue of the Cities and 30th Street right-of-way by four feet. The proposed handicapped ramp would be on the west side of the building and would extend out into the right-of-way almost 5’-10”. This location would still allow for 7 feet of sidewalk to the west of the handicapped ramp. A motion was made by Alderman Armstrong to approve. Seconded by Alderman Knaack. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Temporary Increase in Authorized Strength** (Kim Hankins, Police Chief) Staff is asking to temporarily increase the authorized strength in the police department by two additional police officer positions. The department currently has three officers assigned to alternate/light duty due to injuries, another officer scheduled for surgery, an officer scheduled for a lengthy military deployment in August, and an anticipated retirement in the fall. Hiring the additional officers now will allow training to commence. A six-month training period is required to prepare a newly hired officer to assume solo patrol duties and become part of the manpower level available for use on the shifts (three months attending the basic academy course; three months with a field training officer). While they will not yet be at a point to cover the losses when they occur this fall, they will be farther along in the process and ultimately save hundreds of dollars in overtime. The cost will be absorbed in the current budget; no additional funding is requested at this time. A motion was made by Alderman Ronk to approve. Seconded by Alderman Schoonmaker. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Approval to enter into an agreement with Verizon Wireless for City cell phone service and renew Verizon Wireless Broadband contract for one year.** Nate Scott, GIS Manager The City’s two-year umbrella contract with U.S. Cellular expired in January. Because of ongoing unreliable cellular performance in City facilities, including the Police Department, Public Works building, and the Central Fire Station, staff has researched alternatives. Verizon has submitted a Price Quotation for Cellular and Broadband Services which reflects participation in the Joint Purchasing Program under the State of Illinois Wireless Service contract. Based on these competitively bid quotations, the City’s satisfaction with Verizon Aircard performance in emergency vehicles and demonstrated use of personal Verizon devices in City facilities, staff believes Verizon offers the best combination of service and cost. Staff recommends immediately moving all out-of-contract cellular lines over to Verizon and then transferring the rest as individual phone contracts expire or when devices need replacement. A motion was made by Alderman Turner to approve. Seconded by Alderman Knaack. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy A. Koranda
City Clerk