

Regular City Council Meeting September 28, 2021 (Tuesday, September 28, 2021)

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Council Members present

Councilmember Tom Grant, Councilmember Adam Loos, Councilmember Ginger Rye Sanders, Councilmember Jeff Doherty, Councilmember Lee Fronabarger, and Mayor John M Henry

Council Members absent

Councilmember Carolin Harvey

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

1. Preliminaries to the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 **Roll Call**

Procedural: 1.2 **Citizens' Comments and Questions**

Sandy Litecky announced Keep Carbondale Beautiful's semi-annual native tree and shrub sale on October 2.

Wendell Williams, Associate Chancellor on Enrollment at SIU, shared information about recruitment and SIU's five-year strategic plan.

Rachel Cristaudo asked how to find information relating to non-profits applying for American Rescue Plan funding.

Paul Frazier, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, introduced himself and indicated he was looking forward to working with the City.

Procedural: 1.3 **Council Comments, General Announcements, and Proclamations**

Councilmember Loos, noting reports from citizens, remarked that the mask mandate is not being enforced and should be.

Councilmember Rye Sanders thanked citizens for their support at the Women for Change Big Event on September 19 and for sending her to the 108th IML Conference; she commented about the information and networking opportunities at the conference.

2. Public Hearings and Special Reports

Discussion, Information: 2.1 **Presentation by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated to Discuss the Issuance of Series 2021/2022 Pension Obligation Bonds**

Thomas Crabtree, Tom Reedy, and Jeremy Newton of Stifel, Nicolaus & Company gave a presentation on the theory of pension obligation bonds with a focus on Carbondale's specific obligation.

Council inquired about possible risks, whether there is a possibility of the pension funds

requiring future additional allocations, the purpose of the 10% contingency and the entity who holds that 10%, bonding capacity limits, the impact of possible increased interest rates, whether additional cities have taken advantage of POBs, and whether this agenda item was intended to generate a lengthy discussion tonight or at a future meeting.

3. Consent Agenda of the City Council

Action (Consent): 3.1 **Minutes from the City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on Downstate Small Business Stabilization Grant Funds of September 14, 2021**

Resolution: Approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting and the Public Hearing held on September 14, 2021

Action (Consent): 3.2 **Approval of Warrant for the Period Ending: 09/17/2021 for the FY 2022 Warrant 1416 in the Total Amount of \$2,400,784.79**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 09/17/2021 totaling \$2,400,784.79 (*Exhibit A-09-28-2021*)

Action (Consent): 3.3 **Approval of Wells Fargo Warrant for the Period Ending 08/31/2021 FY 2022 Warrant # WF 08/2021 in the amount of \$142,019.44**

Resolution: Accept the following report of payments made for the period ended: 08/31/2021 totaling \$142,019.44 (*Exhibit B-09-28-2021*)

Action (Consent): 3.4 **Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Resolution: Council is requested to concur with the Mayor's recommended appointments to Boards and Commissions

Action (Consent): 3.5 **Award of Purchase of a 2022 Ford Pick-up Truck for Northwest Waste Water Treatment Plant (NWWWT) in the Amount of \$34,490 (including a trade-in of \$500) from Vogler Ford of Carbondale**

Resolution: The City Council is requested to award the purchase of: (1) 2022 F-250 4X4 Pickup in the amount of \$34,490 to Vogler Motor Company of Carbondale, IL The City Council is also requested to declare this vehicle as a surplus to be traded in: 2000 Dodge Ram 2500 4WD, VIN# 3B7KC26Z7YM213568 (*Resolution 2021-R-33; Exhibit C-09-28-2021*)

Action (Consent): 3.6 **Award of Purchase of Police Vehicle and Ordinance Authorizing a Budget Adjustment to the Police Department FY 2022 Budget**

Resolution: Approve an Ordinance authorizing a budget adjustment increasing the Police Department FY2022 budget in the amount of \$43,967 (*Ordinance 2021-23; Exhibit D-09-28-2021*)

Action (Consent): 3.7 **Approve an Agreement with Stenger Professional Services in the Amount of \$23,400 to Complete Appraisals for ST1901 New Era Road Construction Project**

Resolution: Approve an Agreement with Stenger Professional Services to Complete Appraisals for ST1901 New Era Road Construction Project

Action (Consent): 3.8 **Approve IDOT Resolutions Authorizing the Use of Motor Fuel Tax/REBUILD Illinois Funds for Improvements to N. Wall Street, McRoy Dr., and N.**

Frontage Rd. Resolution: Approve IDOT Resolutions Authorizing the Use of Motor Fuel Tax/REBUILD Illinois Funds for Improvements to N. Wall Street, McRoy Dr., and N. Frontage Rd. (*Resolutions 2021-R-34-36; Exhibit E - G-09-28-2021*)

Action (Consent): 3.9 **Acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed from the State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources for Property Located at 801, 828 E. Main Street**
Resolution: Accept quit claim deed from The State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources for the old Econolodge property at 801 E. Main St. (pp#15-22-105-024) and adjacent property at 828 E. Main St. (pp#15-22-105-023) result of floodplain remediation.

Action (Consent): 3.10 **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application Requesting \$243,481 from the Safe Routes to School Program, Cycle 2021, as Administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation**
Resolution: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for funding, in the amount of \$243,481, for the Safe Routes to School Program, Cycle 2021. (*Resolution 2021-R-37; Exhibit H-09-28-2021*)

Action (Consent): 3.11 **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**
Resolution: Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

For item 3.10, there was a question about when fund would be awarded.

MOTION: Approve all Consent Agenda items not pulled for separate consideration

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Tom Grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, John M Henry

4. General Business of the City Council

Action: 4.1 **Ordinance Approving a Budget Adjustment Authorizing a Loan to the Carbondale Warming Center**

MOTION: Approve an ordinance increasing the overall General Fund budget for a \$20,000 short term loan to the Carbondale Warming Center

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Ginger Rye Sanders.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, John M Henry (*Ordinance 2021-24; Exhibit I-09-28-2021*)

Action: 4.2 **Approve a Request for American Rescue Plan Funds from the Eurma Hayes Center in the Amount of \$450,000**

The Council asked if the funding would be contingent upon the County committing to providing \$150,000 in funds. Robert Wills was present to respond to questions from the City Council,

including about the number of bids sought, why gas was recommended over electric, how much funding from the Board is going to this project, whether the organization is a 501(c)(3), whether they had pursued grant funds, which of the projected tenants would be paying tenants, where additional funds are coming from or would be coming from, whether the contractor had been asked to consider providing in-kind services, and an emailed question from the public about improvements to lighting and solar.

Nancy Maxwell noted that she had asked at the previous meeting for a list of tenants and then asked why the Board was not sharing that information.

MOTION: Approve a Request for American Rescue Plan Funds from the Eurma Hayes Center in the Amount of \$450,000, contingent on receipt of items needed by City staff to remain compliant with the ARP Act.

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Jeff Doherty.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, John M Henry

Abstain: Ginger Rye Sanders (*Resolution 2021-R-38; Exhibit J-09-28-2021*)

Action: 4.3 Resolution Extending the Hours of Public Possession and Consumption of Alcohol During 2021 SIU Homecoming

MOTION: Approve a Resolution Extending the Hours of Public Possession and Consumption of Alcohol During 2021 SIU Homecoming

Motion by Tom Grant, second by Lee Fronabarger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, John M Henry (*Resolution 2021-R-39; Exhibit K-09-28-2021*)

Action: 4.4 Ordinance Approving a Text amendment to Title 15 of the Carbondale Revised Code with Regard to Cannabis Cultivation, Processing, and Sales

MOTION: Adopt an Ordinance Amending Title 15 of the Carbondale Revised Code with Regard to Cannabis Cultivation, Processing, and Sales.

Motion by Adam Loos, second by Tom Grant.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, Lee Fronabarger, John M Henry (*Ordinance 2021-25; Exhibit L-09-28-2021*)

Action: 4.5 Ordinance Approving and a Resolution Denying RD MGMT, LLC's Request to Rezone Property Located at 1300 East Walnut Street from BPL, Planned Business, to PUD, Planned Unit Development and a Resolution Approving and a Resolution Denying a Special Use Permit for a Group Home II

There were concerns about the proposed location being so close to the high school due to the age group to be served by this location, remarks about the vote of the Planning Commission, and questions for Mr. Blumenstock about the age range for the already existing nearby location.

Sandy Litecky explained the vote of the Planning Commission. Chris Williamson and David Blumenstock responded to questions about the age range to be served by the proposed location in question.

MOTION: Adopt an Ordinance Approving the Rezoning of Property Located at 1300 East Walnut Street from BPL, Planned Business to PUD, Planned Unit Development.
Adopt a Resolution Approving a Special Use Permit for a Group Home II

Motion by Jeff Doherty, second by Ginger Rye Sanders.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tom Grant, Adam Loos, Ginger Rye Sanders, Jeff Doherty, John M Henry

Nay: Lee Fronabarger (*Ordinance 2021-26; Resolution 2021-R-40; Exhibit M & N-09-28-2021*)

5. Adjournment of the City Council Meeting

Procedural: 5.1 **Adjourn meeting**

There being no further business to come before the public body, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk

Date