

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AND
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AT 204 SOUTH BLOOMINGTON STREET AT 1:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scot W. Wrighton, City Manager, Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, Patricia Henderson, City Clerk, and Gary Bird, Fire Department Chief.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one requested to speak.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2017-34. APPROPRIATING \$200,000 IN MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTH ILLINOIS STREET PROJECT BY THE CITY OF STREATOR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE.

Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, presented this item to the Council explaining that these funds are included in the FY 2017 budget, but IDOT requires this project be approved on a separate resolution prior to the opening of the bids for this road project. There will be a bid meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at City Hall. This project will mill and overlay S. Illinois St. from Lundy St. to 12th St. and is included in the City's 5 yr. road plan. After discussion regarding the future of this project in 2019 Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to approve the resolution.

MOTION: Crouch made a motion to approve the current motion; seconded by Scarbeary.

ROLL: Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Proposed Public Open Space Community Survey

Scot Wrighton, City Manager, presented this item to the Council and stated the Parks and Open Spaces Board completed work on a community survey to be distributed to Streator citizens to gather data regarding how our leaders should proceed to improve our parks. This survey will be accessed on-line and be set up in Survey Monkey, an on-lined based survey development software service company. The City of Streator will send a postcard to every third sewer customer and the postcard will include a code to access and complete the survey on-line, or they may come to City Hall and complete a paper copy of the survey. We will notify the public prior to the survey so they have a complete understanding of the survey and process. The time frame for the survey to be completed and data gathered for City Council is the end of the calendar year. Mayor Lansford asked for comments from the Council and the Council agreed the survey was acceptable for distribution.

2. TIF Bond Issuance

Scot Wrighton, City Manager presented this item to the Council explaining that during the Council's planning session in June, the governing body indicated a desire to more fully evaluate whether it should issue additional TIF bonds to accelerate smaller projects in 3 of its 4 TIF districts that are eligible for funding. At the same time the Council also indicated a desire to explore the refunding of the city's 2006 General Obligation bonds used for improvement of Anderson Golf Course and the James Street Recreation Area. Interest rates are down since 2006, and the late maturity bonds have higher rates so the city could save approximately \$68,000 by refinancing these bonds, depending on the rate the day the G.O. bonds are sold. This savings would go into the General Fund, not to TIF

funds. The Council agreed that they would like to fund some more projects with TIF bond funding and refinance the 2006 G.O. bonds.

3. Requests for Fire Department Services NOT Requiring EMS Transport

Scot Wrighton, City Manager, presented this item to the Council. This discussion focused on how emergency responders and local social service agencies can better work together to better assist the citizens of the Streator area to receive ambulatory care and non-acute, non-transport citizen assistance. This has been an ongoing issue since the closure of St. Mary's Hospital which has increased the transports to out of town hospitals, which causes cause delays in EMS response time. Greg Chance, Advanced Medical Transport reported that their company has a pilot project, Mobil Integrated Health, in the Quad Cities to provide education to patients to reduce non-acute calls. Chief Bird reported on improvements regarding response time for transports and issues that still need improvement. Councilman Scarbeary distributed a hand-out to the Council regarding his opinions on this issue. After discussion by all sides the Council agreed to continue discussions with OSF Center for Health in Streator and the Illinois Department of Public Health to encourage certification for OSF Center for Health in Streator as an Advanced Life Support facility. The Council agreed to revisit the progress made on this issue in 90 days.

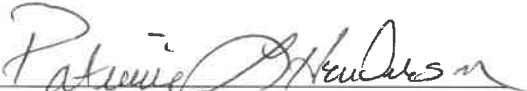
With no further items for discussion, Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Scarbeary made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Brozak.

ROLL: Ayes: Bedei, Brozak, Crouch, Scarbeary and Mayor Lansford.

TIME: 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Patricia L. Henderson, City Clerk