

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AT 7:00 P.M., AUGUST 19, 2015 HELD AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING COUNCIL
ROOM CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lansford presiding.

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

AMENDING AGENDA: Scot Wrighton, City Manager requested that Council amend the agenda as follows:

1. Item #3- To be amended from a resolution to a motion authorizing the Mayor to accept the transfer of the Armory property. Wrighton stated that he was requesting the change following a call from the DMAIL attorneys.
2. To remove Item #6 until the next meeting, as there was not enough time to study the contract fully.
3. To remove the closed session from the agenda.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to amend the agenda to as requested and as stated by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Phelan.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Lansford presented a proclamation proclaiming August 29, 2015 as Evelyn (Luca) Hichborn Day in Streator, in honor of Mrs. Hichborn's 102nd birthday.

FORMAL COUNCIL RECOGNITION: Mayor Lansford presented certificates of recognition from Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists to Streator Police Officers Eric Gwaltney, Joshua Jabczynski, William Kehoe and Aaron Smith for their DUI enforcement efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Don Krasnican, 1121 Cleveland Street, addressed Council regarding the alley vacation that was passed at a regular meeting on July 15th and re-addressed and upheld at the July 28th special meeting. Mr. Krasnican stated he presented the city with a petition from all the neighbors who abut the alley that were unhappy with the decision. Wrighton reported on the matter. Following discussion, it was the consensus of Council to address this issue again at a regular meeting.

John Kettman, requested support for his project in trying to get the U.S. Post Office to issue a Pluto stamp.

Jeff Wonders, 1514 Union Street, requested help with his project of restoring headstones to their proper position at some of the really old forgotten cemeteries in town. Council stated they would discuss the project at a COW meeting.

Lou Ann Soltis, owner of 212 North Illinois Street, addressed Council regarding the rezoning her building.

Julie Ohmes, co-owner of 212 North Illinois Street, also addressed Council regarding the rezoning of their building.

Toni Pettit, 206 LaSalle Street addressed Council regarding issues in City Park.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE PLAN COMMISSION REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2015.

Scot Wrighton, City Manager reported on the item. Following discussion, it was the consensus of Council to send the item back to the Plan Commission and request the commission to discuss the rezoning of all properties along North Illinois Street from Main Street to Broadway; Councilman Brozak stated he did not want a zoning classification higher than C-2, which is what the current (non-conforming) businesses currently are operating at.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to receive the report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Phelan.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford.

2. RESOLUTION 2015/16-22. AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY TO BE USED BY STREATOR INCUBATOR, LLC.

Mayor Lansford presented the item. Wrighton reported on the item noting that although the agenda listed the property as Streator Armory, LLC, it should have read Streator Incubator, LLC and final documents should reflect the change.

MOTION: Phelan made a motion to adopt the resolution; seconded by Crouch.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford.

3. RESOLUTION 2015/16-____. AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR TRANSFER OF THE STREATOR ARMORY.

This item was amended at the beginning of the meeting as follows:

MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF THE STREATOR ARMORY BUILDING.

Mayor Lansford presented the item to Council.

MOTION: Phelan made a motion authorizing the Mayor to accept transfer of the Armory Building on behalf of the City of Streator. The motion was seconded by Brozak.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford

4. RESOLUTION 2015/16-23. AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH AN AWARD OF BID TO TROY SIMPLIFIED TECHNOLOGIES, SPRING VALLEY, ILLINOIS FOR SECURITY SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT.

Mayor Lansford presented the item; Wrighton, asked department heads Kurt Pastirik and Eric Isermann to report on the item. Following their report;

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented; seconded by Crouch.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford

5. RESOLUTION 2015/16-24. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A LABOR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STREATOR FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL #56 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS (IAFF) AND THE CITY OF STREATOR (Contract date- May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2017).

Mayor Lansford presented the item to Council. Fire Chief Gary Bird reported. Following his report,

MOTION: Phelan made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented; seconded by Brozak.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford

6. RESOLUTION 2015/16-____. AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH PRAIRIE FORGE GROUP IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT.

This item was removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

7. MOTION TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY CITY HALL RELOCATION PLAN.

Mayor Lansford presented the item to Council. Wrighton stated that of the four locations visited by staff the consensus was that Suites 15 and 16 at Northpoint Plaza would be best suited to the needs of staff and citizens during this temporary relocation.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to adopt approve the location; seconded by Phelan.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford

8. MOTION TO APPROVE VARIOUS CITY COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENTS.

Mayor Lansford presented the policy a policy regarding vehicles in City Park.

MOTION: Phelan made a motion to adopt the policy statement; seconded by Brozak.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Lansford presented the Consent Agenda to council for consideration.

MOTION: Phelan made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a fund warrant total of \$797,963.45. The motion was seconded by Crouch.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER: City Manager Scot Wrighton reported on the following items:

- Enterprise Zone Certification
- Demolition of the former FX Neumann buildings on 8th Street is now complete
- Demolition of the remaining portion of 220 East Main Street is almost completed.
- Announced a special COW meeting would be held on August 25th at 5:00 p.m.
- A transfer ceremony will be held at the Streator Armory on Monday, August 24th.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Lansford thanked Councilman Brozak and Councilwoman Bedei for all their work on the “Year of Pluto” events.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Crouch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brozak.

ROLL: Ayes: Brozak, Crouch, Phelan and Mayor Lansford

TIME: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Underwood, City Clerk