

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015 HELD AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lansford called the meeting to order.

TIME: The Special meeting began at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilwoman Bedei, Councilman Ed Brozak, Councilman Brian Crouch, Councilman William Phelan and Mayor Lansford.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager, Scot Wrighton, City Clerk, Linda J. Underwood, City Attorney Sheryl Churney, Chief Financial Officer, Pamela K. Leonard, and Fire Chief, Gary Bird.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one requested to speak.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ORDINANCE 2015/16-20. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2015, OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LASALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE RENOVATION OF CITY HALL, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND APPLICATION OF CERTAIN SALES TAX RECEIPTS TO PAYS AID BONDS, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF.

City Manager, Scot Wrighton, requested Chief Financial Officer, Pam Leonard, to report on ordinance. Following her report:

MOTION: Phelan made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Crouch seconded the motion.

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

2. RESOLUTION 2015/16-43. A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MODIFICATION OF THE CITY OF STREATOR'S EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM OPERATING AUTHORITY.

Mayor Lansford presented the resolution to Council. City Manager, Scot Wrighton, stated that items 2, 3, 4 were going to be considered, but requested that item 5 needed to be removed for until the meeting on November 18th. Wrighton then asked Attorney Sheryl Churney, to report on the items being presented and the steps necessary to regionalize the city's dispatch. Following her report, Mayor Lansford requested a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

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

3. RESOLUTION 2015/16-44. AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH LIVINGSTON COUNTY TO REGIONALIZE 9-1-1 OPERATIONS.

Mayor Lansford presented the item for Council consideration.

MOTION: Bedei made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Brozak.

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

4. ORDINANCE 2015/16-21. AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING OPERATIONS OF THE CITY OF STREATOR'S EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD.

Mayor Lansford presented the item for Council consideration.

MOTION: Phelan made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Bedei.

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

5. MOTION APPROVING A LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREATOR AND LIVINGSTON COUNTY CONCERNING REGIONAL 9-1-1 SERVICES.

This item was held over until the regular meeting on November 18, 2015.

With no other special meeting items for consideration, the Mayor Lansford stated they would move on to the discussion only items.

Attorney, Sheryl Churney stated that if Council had no other questions for her, she would be excusing herself from the meeting at this time.

Churney left the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

DISCUSSION ONLY ITEMS:

- 1. MID YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW**
- 2. PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY**

Wrighton gave a Power Point presentation on the two items; stating that at the half way point in this fiscal year, the city was on target with its budget, but all departments need to continue to be cautious and conservative. Wrighton also discussed the preliminary tax levy, possible alternative revenue replacement strategies to be considered in an effort to assist the Council with their wishes to reduce property taxes. Following discussion, Wrighton stated that the Council would need to have another COW meeting to discuss their long-term strategies to accomplish this goal.

Wrighton discussed changing the fiscal year from May 1/April 30 to calendar year Jan 1/Dec 31. Council was favorable to the idea.

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Lansford requested that the open burning ordinance be a discussion item at a future Committee of the Whole meeting, stating the City had received complaints from citizens with breathing issues complaining that allowing burning on all days during November and April causes them health issues and does not allow them to be able to enjoy the nice weather. It was the consensus of the Council to address the issue at a future meeting.

Mayor Lansford also stated that there was a meeting regarding the hospital issue in Boilingbrook and that Councilman Phelan would be representing for the City. Audience members Bernard Jenkins and Toni Petit stated that they would be attending and planned on bringing a number of people from Streator to the hearing.

Wrighton also requested that Council have a special meeting on November 24th at 5:30 p.m. to approve contracts so that the City Hall renovation project stays on track.

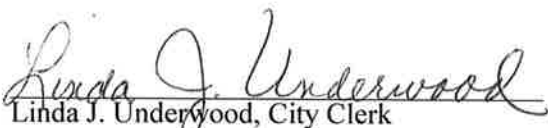
ADJOURNMENT: With no other items for discussion, Mayor Lansford requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Crouch made the motion; seconded by Phelan.

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

TIME ADJOURNED: 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Linda J. Underwood, City Clerk