

## MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2011 HELD AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM CHAMBERS AT 7:00 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lansford presiding.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

**FORMAL COUNCIL RECOGNITION:** Mayor Lansford turned the floor over to Paul C. Nicholson, City Manager. Nicholson stated that Streator was celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the referendum approving the change from Commission form of government to Council-Manager form of government. Nicholson requested the following people to step up to the podium; former Mayor Dale Chiavene, mayor at the time of the change to the government, Councilman Ed Brozak who was a councilman in 1987 and current Mayor Jimmie Lansford. Nicholson then introduced Dawn Peters, Executive Director of the Illinois City and County Management Association (ICMA) who presented a plaque to the City acknowledging the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Following Ms. Peters, presentation, Nicholson read excerpts of a letter congratulating the City, sent by Scott Wrighton, the first City Manager hired by the City.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **ORDINANCE 2011/12-13. AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 12.04 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STREATOR BY ADDING SECTION 12.04.200 RELOCATION/REMOVAL OF ICE AND SNOW.**

Mayor Lansford presented the ordinance and requested a motion to approve the ordinance.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Williamson.

Nicholson reported on the item, stating that it was modeled after the City of Rockford's ordinance and that the two main components would make it illegal to block the sidewalks with mounds of snow and mandatory for business owners in the commercially zoned districts to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks. Councilman Hart questioned the amount a business owner could be fined if they didn't comply with the ordinance. Steve Myers, the City Attorney stated that the minimum fine would be \$75.00. Councilman Hart suggested sending the out of town CBD property owners a copy of the ordinance with a letter.

Following Council discussion, the motion to adopt the ordinance passed upon the roll call vote.

**AYES:** Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

2. **ORDINANCE 2011/12-14. AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.24 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, LA SALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS BY DESIGNATING THE ELIMINATION AND ADDITION OF TWO "HANDICAPPED PARKING" SPACES WITHIN THE 300 BLOCK OF EAST BRIDGE STREET.**

Mayor Lansford presented the ordinance to Council for consideration.

**MOTION:** Hart made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Benner.

Nicholson explained that since the church at the corner of Monroe and Bridge had been demolished, there was no necessity for the designated handicapped spots, but that the Episcopal church at the corner of Vermillion and Bridge (one block to the east), had requested the spots be moved so they could be utilized by their parishioners.

Following Nicholson's report the motion to adopt passed upon the roll call vote.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

3. **RESOLUTION 2011/12-23. AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREATOR AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTH OTTER CREEK ROAD PROJECT.**

Mayor Lansford presented the resolution for Council consideration.

**MOTION:** Benner made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Williamson.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

4. **RESOLUTION 2011/12-24. ESTABLISHING SOUTH OTTER CREEK ROAD (FAU 6160) AS A CLASS II TRUCK ROUTE WITHIN THE CITY OF STREATOR BEGINNING AT EAST 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND ENDING AT ILLINOIS ROUTE 18.**

Mayor Lansford presented the resolution to Council and requested a motion and second to approve the resolution.

**MOTION:** Hart made a motion to approve the resolution; Brozak seconded the motion.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

5. **RESOLUTION 2011/12-25. COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY RADAR FEEDBACK SIGN PERMIT.**

Mayor Lansford presented the resolution for Council consideration.

**MOTION:** Brozak made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Benner.

The City Manager requested that Jeremy Palm, City Engineer, report on the item. Palm stated that this was in conjunction with the South Otter Creek Road project and that the intersection of Route 18 and Otter Creek Road was the cause of a good number of accidents and the radar feedback sign would warn vehicles coming into town off of East Route 18 of their speed and need to slow down. Palm also answered questions from the Council regarding the Otter Creek Road project and stated that the project consisted of new sewer, curb & gutter and the west side of Otter Creek would be improved with sidewalks. Following his report the motion to adopt passed upon the roll call vote.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

**6. MOTION TO DETERMINE THE PRELIMINARY 2011 CITY OF STREATOR TOTAL TAX LEVY AMOUNT.**

Mayor Lansford presented the item to Council.

**MOTION:** Benner made a motion to determine the preliminary total tax levy amount at \$4,010,300.00 or 3.5696%. Williamson seconded the motion.

Nicholson reported on the item, stating that the Council may modify the preliminary levy at the December meeting. Nicholson also reported that at the City Treasurer has reported to him that at the 6-month marker of this fiscal year all departments were on their respective budget targets.

Following his report, the motion passed upon the roll call vote.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

**7. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE AUDIT OF THE CITY OF STREATOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2011.**

Mayor Lansford presented the item to Council.

**MOTION:** Hart made a motion to receive and place on file the audit for the City of Streator for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2011. The motion was seconded by Brozak.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

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

**MOTION:** Williamson moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a fund warrant total of \$474,742.63. The motion was to approve was seconded by Benner.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

**REPORTS**

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:** None.

**OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:** Councilman Benner reported on the following:

- That Mediacom had changed channel from 4 to 14 for viewing the Council meeting.
- Stated that the Kent Street project is not yet totally completed and the construction company will be back in the spring to finish with citizen's property issues that did not get resolved during this construction season.
- Commented on the recycling program.

Mayor Lansford commented that the City was looking into alternate sources for the recycling of electronics for the City.

Councilman Hart commented on the following:

- That he would like to have the 100 block of South Vermillion Street be considered for repair in next year's street program. Nicholson stated that those items would be addressed during the budget process.

- Requested citizens who always park their cars on the street, even though they have off street parking, to refrain from doing so during snow events.

Councilman Brozak commented on the following items:

- Announced that "The Messiah" is going to be performed at 3:30 at the Methodist Church.
- That Danchris Nursery donated and planted 40 new oak trees in Oakland Park.
- Requested that citizens shop in Streator as much as possible during the holiday season.

Mayor Lansford reminded citizens to attend the "open house" at the newly renovated public library on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Jim Pellino, business owner and president of the Streator Downtown Area Businesses (SDAB) spoke regarding:

- The snow removal ordinance that the Council passed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Pellino requested that the Council consider making posted snow routes for the downtown area.
- That the downtown area Midnight Madness event would be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- That the Santa Parade would be held at 2:00 p.m. on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- That approximately a 16 foot piece of the wall by the new Main & Monroe Park fell earlier in the week.

Kurt Bedei, Grand Ridge, Illinois, reported that the Farmer's Market had a very successful year and thanked all the sponsors, the Mayor and City officials, and the Streator Downtown Association of Businesses for their help and support.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:** [5 ILCS 120/2 (6) (11)] Mayor Lansford requested a motion to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussion of the sale of real property and possible litigation.

**MOTION:** Hart made a motion to adjourn to closed session. The motion was seconded by Brozak

**ROLL:** Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

**TIME:** 7:55 p.m.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** 8:30 p.m.

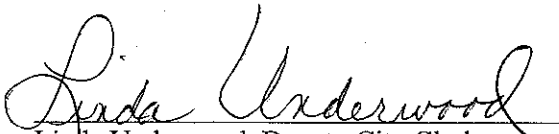
**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further issues to discuss Mayor Lansford requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** Brozak moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Benner.

**ROLL:** Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

**TIME:** Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda Underwood, Deputy City Clerk