

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 21, 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.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Lansford read a proclamation proclaiming December 2011 as National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month in the City of Streator.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. ORDINANCE 2011/12-15. FOR THE LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES ON REAL PROPERTY FOR ALL PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING EXPENSES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR, LA SALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON MAY 1, 2012 AND ENDING ON APRIL 30, 2013.**

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 Hart.

Paul C. Nicholson, City Manager, commented on this ordinance.

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

- 2. ORDINANCE 2011/12-16. ORDINANCE ABATING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR, LA SALLE AND LIVINGSTON COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON MAY 1, 2012 AND ENDING ON APRIL 30, 2013 (GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PRINCIPLE AND INTEREST ISSUES).**

Mayor Lansford presented the ordinance to Council for consideration.

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

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

- 3. RESOLUTION 2011/12-25. APPROVING A CITY OF STREATOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2012.**

Mayor Lansford presented the resolution for Council consideration.

MOTION: Hart made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Brozak

Nicholson reported on the resolution, stating the November 2012 Council meeting will be on Tuesday, not Wednesday.

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

4. **RESOLUTION 2011/12-26. AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREATOR AND THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONNECTION WITH AN UPGRADE TO EXISTING LED TRAFFIC SIGNALS (Section D-3 LED RETROFIT 2012-2)**

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

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

Williamson commented that he hoped the lights would be synchronized. Palm responded that IDOT is addressing this issue.

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

5. **RESOLUTION 2011/12-27. APPROVING AN AWARD OF BID AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH AN AWARD OF A DEMOLITION CONTRACT TO SHAY CONSTRUCTION, PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN CONNECTION WITH DEMOLITION OF A STRUCTURE AND PARKING LOT AT 214 HIGH STREET.**

Mayor Lansford presented the resolution for Council consideration.

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

Nicholson reported on the item. Following his report, the motion passed upon the roll call vote.

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

6. **RESOLUTION 2011/12-28. AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH AWARD OF BID TO BOEHM BROTHERS, PERU, ILLINOIS, FOR DEMOLITION OF PROPERTIES AT 325 WEST FRECH STREET AND 516 COAL STREET, STREATOR, ILLINOIS.**

Mayor Lansford presented the item to Council.

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

Williamson made a motion to amend the resolution to reflect the transposed addresses. It was noted the numbers were not transposed on the amended agenda. Williamson withdrew his motion to amend.

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

7. **RESOLUTION 2011/12-29. AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH CHAMLIN & ASSOCIATES, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF A CHLORINE CONTACT TANK FOR THE CITY OF STREATOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

Mayor Lansford presented the item to Council.

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

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

8. MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE AUDITS OF THE POLICE PENSION AND FIRE PENSION.

Mayor Lansford presented the item to Council.

MOTION: Williamson made a motion to receive and place the audits on file. Benner seconded the motion.

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

9. ORDINANCE 2011/12-17. PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STREATOR, ILLINOIS, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY UNDER PUBLIC ACT 096-0176 TO ARRANGE FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR ITS RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL RETAIL CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE NOT OPTED OUT OF SUCH PROGRAM

Mayor Lansford presented the ordinance to Council for consideration.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Hart.

Nicholson reported on the item, stating that the next referendum is on March 20, 2012. Council discussed the need for the public to be educated on this issue. Councilman Benner suggested waiting until November to put this item on the ballot. Councilman Williamson commented he believes this is a very important issue and citizens need to be informed. Benner questioned whether the City pays for referendums.

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

10. RESOLUTION 2011/12-30. APPROVING 2012 ANDERSON FIELD GOLF COURSE RATES.

Mayor Lansford presented the resolution for Council consideration.

MOTION: Hart made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded Benner.

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

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

MOTION: Benner moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a fund warrant total of \$2,378,805.88. The motion was to approve was seconded by Williamson.

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

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORTS: Nicholson did not present any reports, but on behalf of himself and the Council, wished all the citizens a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year".

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS: Mayor Lansford commented on the City' accomplishments, stating the citizens are its strongest assets. He also thanked everyone who volunteered in 2011.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT: Mayor Lansford presented the name of Kenneth "Chuck" Daniels for appointment to the Board of Fire and Police.

MOTION: Hart made a motion to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded by Brozak.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Kyle Mitchell, 110 North Vermillion Street, commented on the following:

- Thanked Council for passing the snow removal ordinance
- Stated he supported a parking ban for snow removal purposes
- Thanked the Mayor for responding to his letter regarding vacant CBD buildings and addressing a new business

Kevin Reed, 1111 East Kent Street, stated his concerns regarding illegal parking around Sherman School area and police response to this issue. Williamson commented when citizens are dissatisfied with any city employee, they should contact the employee's supervisor so the issue can be addressed.

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

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

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

TIME: 7:40 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 8:01 p.m.

11. RESOLUTION 2011/12-31. APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SALE CONTRACT OF SURPLUS MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE AT 413 NORTH COLORADO STREET.

Following the Council's return to open session, Mayor Lansford presented the item to Council.

MOTION: Hart made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented; seconded by Benner.

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

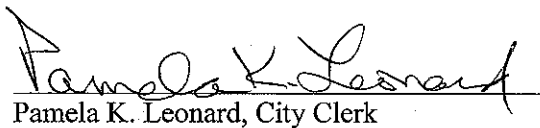
ADJOURNMENT: With no further issues to discuss Mayor Lansford requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

TIME: Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Pamela K. Leonard, City Clerk