

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2016

#1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Puhr called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call was answered by Chairman Mike Puhr, Vice Chairman Jon Cooper, Aldermen Mike O'Kane Sherry Pickering, Lloyd Randle, and Rick Strebing. Absent was Alderman Rickey Williams, Jr. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance included Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Alderman Tom Stone, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Gayle Lewis, Corporation Counsel Dave Wesner, DATS Director Jaclyn Vinson, Engineering & Urban Services Director David Schnelle, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, Public Works Director Doug Ahrens, 17 audience members, and 3 news media.

#2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Puhr presented Minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2016. Alderman Randle moved for approval as presented, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Puhr presented the agenda and announced a correction to Item 11-B Resolution Authorizing Professional Services to Upgrade Mechanical Systems at the Municipal Building and stated the line item should be 302-302-55012 and also discussion of two items being an Ordinance Authorizing Disposing of Municipally-Owned Surplus Real Property and a Resolution Approving a Real Estate Contract with Danville School District 118. Chairman Puhr also stated Comptroller Lewis will discuss budget amendments during Chairman's Comments. There being no further changes, Alderman Strebing moved for approval as amended, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#4 AUDIENCE COMMENTS

#4-A) PUBLIC HEARING for Petition to Vacate East-West Alleyway near 406 N. Kimball Street for Petitioner Judith L. Criss. Chairman Puhr opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. for the Petition to Vacate and asked for audience comments in support of the alley vacation. Judith Cross, Petitioner, stated the alley is full of pot holes which cause a lot of dust and mud which is why she has petitioned to vacate the alley. Chairman Puhr asked for audience comments in opposition to the alley vacation. Leshona Stanford of 412-1/2 N. Kimball Street spoke in opposition and stated there is traffic congestion in the area due to the Head Start School and she is forced to park in the back of her home so she uses the alley as access to the back of her house and she also has an eleven year old son uses the alley as a safe haven so he does not have to be near the street. There being no further questions or comments, either for or against the petition, Chairman Puhr closed the hearing at 6:11 p.m.

#4 OTHER AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Adam Stuhr of Danville spoke regarding changes to Chapter 166 and feels there should be accountability on the tenant; not just the property owner and feels notices should be sent out sooner.
- Ben Cahill of Danville owns a lot of rental property and spoke regarding changes to Chapter 166 and feels landlords are not getting enough warning to correct an issue, feels the warning should be for one issue, and to take into consideration things that are outside the tenant or landlord's control such as illegal dumping.
- Aaron Troglia of Danville spoke regarding changes to Chapter 166 and feels it is fair to give one warning with an abatement period and no fine given for an exterior violation and one warning for a violation not physically on the property such as tall grass.

- Nate Byram of Danville and real estate broker in Danville and manages 300 units for 60 different clients and is concerned that City employees feel that out of town investors are a problem and stated real estate investors are needed in the community to keep many properties from going on the demolition list.
- Amber Oxner of Danville is a landlord and would like to see the City work with the landlords, spoke concern of receiving fines for inoperable cars, and is concerned with the time to comply to the violations.
- Jerry Hawker of Danville spoke regarding changes to Chapter 166 and would like to see the wording simpler such as changing the word "shall" to "may" in Section 166.03(C)(1) and stated the problem is not always a landlord problem as some are owner occupied problems.

#5 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Comptroller Lewis reviewed four budget amendments in the following departments: Fire Division, General City Government, Fire Pension Retirement Fund, and Police Pension Retirement Fund. She stated there could be an additional eight budget amendments necessary. After discussion it was the consensus of the Committee to take the budget amendments to the April 19 Council meeting.

#6 PAYROLL

Chairman Puhr presented Payroll for April 8, 2016 of \$71,322.68. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Cooper, Randle, O'Kane, Pickering, Strebing, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Williams

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#7 VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Chairman Puhr presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable for April 12, 2016 of \$196,872.40. Alderman Randle moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. After discussion on the report layout and no questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Randle, O'Kane, Pickering, Strebing, Cooper, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Williams

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#8 DANVILLE AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (DATS) – Jaclyn Vinson, Director

#8-A) Items of Information

- Director Vinson reported there is a grant opportunity available through the National Park Service called the Great Urban Park's Initiative with the possibility of funds for the Riverfront Development Project. She stated a resolution will be coming in the near future.
- Director Vinson stated staff has been working with Northern Illinois University on a bike map with more information to follow in the near future.
- A Danville Wayfinding Signage Array handout was passed out which was done by Corbin Design and explained some of the preferred concepts and the establishment of three districts named Downtown District, Retail District, and Campus District.
- A site plan for the 1101 East Main Street Mini-Park was handed out and Director Vinson stated the plan design will pay tribute to education.

#9 ENGINEERING & URBAN SERVICES – David Schnelle, Director

#9-A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution appropriating additional MFT Funds for the 2015 Overlay Program, Section 14-00350-00-RS. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. After an explanation by Director Schnelle, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen O’Kane, Pickering, Strebing, Cooper, Randle, Puhr
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Williams
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-B) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution approving Additional Engineering Services with V3 Companies of Illinois, Ltd., in the amount of \$14,848.00 for the Koehn Creek Flood Mitigation Plan, for a total amended amount of \$137,478.00, with funds to come from Infrastructure Development-Economic Development or from the City’s stormwater funding source should it be established. Vice Chairman Cooper moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Randle. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Pickering, Cooper, Randle, O’Kane, Puhr
Nays: Alderman Strebing
Absent: Alderman Williams
Motion carried 5 to 1 with 1 absent.

#9-C) Chairman Puhr presented an ordinance authorizing Vacation of East-West Alleyway near 406 N. Kimball Street for Judith L. Criss. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Strebing, Cooper, Randle, O’Kane, Pickering, Puhr
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Williams
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-D) Chairman Puhr presented an ordinance amending Chapter 166 Pertaining to Enforcement and Penalties for Certain Code Violations. Alderman Randle moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. After a lengthy discussion and all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Cooper, O’Kane, Pickering, Puhr
Nays: Aldermen Randle, Strebing
Absent: Alderman Williams
Motion carried 4 to 2 with 1 absent.

#9-E) Items of Information

#9-E-1) H&L Landfill Update

Director Schnelle stated the attorney has been in contact with the Attorney General’s office to move forward with getting a modified consent decree.

#9-E-2) NPDES Stormwater Management Update

Director Schnelle stated he has hardcopies of the Stormwater Master Plan and it is also on the City website for review. The consultant will give a presentation at the first City Council meeting in May.

#9-E-3) Project Updates

Director Schnelle reported the bids will be opened April 14 for 1101 East Main Street Mini-Park and would like to take the resolution to award the bid at the next City Council meeting or schedule a Special Public Works Committee meeting. It was the consensus to take to the April 19 Council meeting. He also stated a resolution is necessary to procure the grant opportunity Director Vinson spoke of from the National Parks Association and asked if the resolution could be added to the City Council agenda for April 14. It was the consensus to place on the agenda for the Council meeting on April 19.

#9-E) Other Items of Information

Manager Milliken passed out draft copies of ordinances amending Chapter 163 Pertaining to Rental Housing Registration and Chapter 141 Pertaining to Maintaining Public Nuisance for review.

#10 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – Lisa Beith, Director

#10-A-1) The Monthly Recap for March 2016, included Ridership Reports, Monthly Revenue Record, and Ridership History. The March fixed route ridership totaled 53,763. The February total ADA ridership was 827 rides with the March ADA ridership report to be given next month. The total revenue for the month of March was \$27,835.97 which includes Farebox and Subscription revenue at \$19,488.57; Ticket Sales at \$7,647.40, and Advertising at \$700.00.

#10-A) Items of Information

- Director Beith reported groundbreaking for the Richard Brazda Transfer Facility took place Monday, April, 4, 2016. All transfers are being made on the corner of North & Washington Streets. She thanked Mayor Eisenhauer, Chairman Puhr, and Alderman Pickering for attending the groundbreaking
- Two 2016 Gillig buses arrived Monday, April 4, 2016 which require state inspections, farebox and radio installations, and sign-off by Cummins (engine), Voith (transmission) and Thermo King (air-conditioning) before being put into service next week.

#11 PUBLIC WORKS – Doug Ahrens, Director

#11-A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution authorizing Payment to Sunbelt Rentals in the amount of \$32,995.75 for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Bypass Repairs to Stoney Creek Crossing at South Griffin Street, with funds to come from Sanitary Sewer Fund—Maintenance of Sanitary Sewers Budget.

Alderman Randle moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Strebing. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Randle, O’Kane, Pickering, Strebing, Cooper, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Williams

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-B) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution authorizing Professional Services to GHR Engineers & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$78,662.00 to Upgrade Mechanical Systems at the Municipal Building, with funds to come from Capital Improvements-Buildings Budget. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Cooper. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen O’Kane, Pickering, Strebing, Cooper, Randle, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Williams

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-C) Items of Information

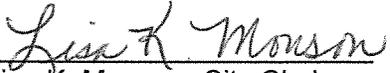
Corporation Counsel reviewed an ordinance authorizing Disposal of Municipally Owned Surplus Real Property commonly known as 314 Sidell, 404 Sidell, 914 N. Jackson, 1 Wolfe, 918 Jackson, 924 Jackson, 922 Jackson, and 920 Jackson and waiving the requirements pertaining to sales of municipal real estate as set forth in Section 39.07 of the Code of Ordinances and a resolution approving a Real Estate Contract by and among Vermilion County Community Development Corporation (CDC) with Danville School District 118, for the purchase of 933 Chicago in the amount of \$15,000.00, to assist in the redevelopment of the area surrounding the Danville High School campus. After discussion the consensus from Committee was to take both the ordinance and resolution to the Council meeting on April 19.

#12 CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#13 COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ COMMENTS - None

#14 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by acclamation after a motion by Alderman Strebing and a second by Alderman Pickering.



Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 05/10/16

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