

City Council Minutes: September 17, 2007

CITY OF FULTON

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Mayor Van Zuiden called the meeting to order and directed the clerk to call the roll. On roll call vote, Mayor Howard Van Zuiden, Aldermen Charles Dykstra, Gene Field, Merle Sterenberg, Charlie Letcher, Warren Juist, Wes Letcher, Bill Loerop and Ron Roels answered present. Also present Randy Balk - City Administrator, Garry Medema - Treasurer, Dan Clark - Public Works Director and Jim Miller - Sergeant at Arms.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Marketing consultant for the Illinois Department of Transportation, Shelia Hudson of Hudson and Associates, introduced Gil Janes, an engineer with the Howard R. Green consulting company in Cedar Rapids and Dawn Perkins, Illinois DOT engineer and project liaison for the US 30 project.

Janes gave a power point presentation on the US 30 project which proposes 4 lane improvements to US 30 from the junction of IL 136 near Fulton to the junction of IL 40 in Rock Falls. The feasibility study has been completed and the project has entered Phase I; Environmental Impact Statement and Design Report. During this phase the study area will be reduced to select corridors, with one of the 3 proposed corridors being selected. The project is dependent upon obtaining government funding. Janes emphasized the key to success of the project funding is the continuance of a unified voice in letting government officials (at state and federal levels) know how strongly we in this area feel about the completion of the four-lane Route 30 project in Whiteside County.

Ald. C. Letcher moved, seconded by Ald. Sterenberg to approve the regular council meeting minutes of August 20, 2007. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Loerop to approve the bill list as presented. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Sterenberg moved, seconded by Ald. Roels to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Dykstra moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to approve the Beckwith Commercial Roofing contract to replace the Martin Museum roof in the amount of \$14,550.00. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. Dykstra to approve the Fall Festival street closure request for Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 8AM to 3PM. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to give 2 of the following 3; City Administrator, Public Works Director, Chief of Police the power to act on street closure requests. Roll call vote/Ald. Roels, Loerop, C. Letcher, Sterenberg, Field and Dykstra voted yes/Ald. W. Letcher and Ald. Juist voted no/motion carried.

Ald. C. Letcher moved, seconded by Ald. Sterenberg to approve a budget amendment and transferring \$1,841.40 from Vehicle/Equipment Replacement Fund to General Fund Equipment. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Sterenberg moved, seconded by Ald. Field to pass Ordinance No. 1355 Authorizing the Purchase of a Certain Parcel of Real Property by the City of Fulton (repurchase land from Rick A. Cook and Kathy P. Barzgari for the amount of \$27,404). Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Loerop moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to pass Ordinance No. 1356 an Amendment to an Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone within the Illinois Counties of Whiteside and Carroll. Roll call vote/Ald. Dykstra, Field, C. Letcher, W. Letcher, Loerop and Sterenberg vote yes/Ald. Roels voted no/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to have Trick or Treating in Fulton on October 31, 2007 from 5PM to 7PM. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Old Business. Dan Clark informed the council that the owner of the property at 1201 10th Avenue has agreed to pay for replacement of the sidewalk along 12th Street. Clark also asked the council to reconsider a burn ban due to health issues. Ald. Roels said he would like the public to be notified via the newspaper that the topic will be discussed by the council.

New Business. Ald. Loerop moved, seconded by Ald. Dykstra to hold a council workshop on Saturday, November 11, 2007 from 8AM to 11AM. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried. Issues to be discussed at the workshop could include Heritage Canyon, Fire Station building, Parks, Tourism, and Streetscape.

Ald. Sterenberg moved, seconded by Ald. C. Letcher to waive the Cattail Park rental fee for the Boy Scouts on Saturday, September 22, 2007 and to waive the rental fee in the future if requested by a non profit group. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. W. Letcher to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

The council entered executive session at 6:30PM. Executive session minutes are recorded elsewhere.

The council returned to regular session at 6:50PM.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Field to approve the hiring of Lonnie Smith to the position of Police Officer. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. C. Letcher moved, seconded by Ald. Sterenberg to approve the promotion of Officer Donnie Pridemore to Sergeant. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Minutes recorded by,

Linda Hollis

City Clerk