

City Council Minutes: July 19, 2010

CITY OF FULTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 2010

5:30PM

Mayor Russell called the meeting to order and directed the clerk to call the roll. On roll call, Mayor Larry Russell, Alderpersons Charles Dykstra, Gene Field, Margaret Crosthwaite, Charlie Letcher, Warren Juist, Wes Letcher, Bill Loerop and Ron Roels answered present. Also in attendance were Bill Shirk - City Attorney, Randy Balk - City Administrator, Dan Clark - Public Works Director, Heather Bennett - Tourism Director and Police Lt. Donnie Pridemore.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and the invocation was given by Pastor Roy Anne Mathews of Fulton Assembly of God Church.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. W. Letcher to approve the July 6, 2010 regular council meeting minutes. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

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

Ald. W. Letcher moved, seconded by Ald. Juist to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. C. Letcher moved, seconded by Ald. W. Letcher to pass Ordinance No. 1413 Adding Territory to the Enterprise Zone. (Wahl Clipper Corporation-Sterling and Brackemyer Business Park-Morrison) Roll call vote/Ald. Dykstra, Field, Crosthwaite, C. Letcher, Juist, W. Letcher and Loerop voted yes/Ald. Roels voted no/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Crosthwaite to model the Jo-Carroll Franchise Agreement after the Com-Ed Agreement with a term of 35 years and to include the most favored nation clause, then submit to Jo-Carroll Energy for their approval. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Heather Bennett summarized her quarterly Tourism/Chamber report which was included in the council packets. The Chamber has 119 members, up by 4 from last year. There were 2 ribbons cutting held in the last quarter. A double sided sign will be placed on Rt. 84 near 10th Avenue directing visitors to downtown Fulton. Other events of note; the tin cup public art event, the annual dinner, Bridal Walk, Summer Nights, Fall Festival and Lincoln Highway Buy-way Sales. Other items of note; a new visitors guide has been printed, The River is Life Tour movie will be shown on September 8th outdoors in the Den Besten Park area, the Lincoln Highway mural is now in place, funds have been raised for a Reagan Marker, the USDA has a grant for local businesses to upgrade their websites.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Dykstra to approve the Fall Festival street closure requests for October 2, 2010; 4th Street from 10th Avenue to 12th Avenue, 11th Avenue from 4th Street to 5th Street, 12th Avenue from 3rd Street to 4th Street from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Dykstra to approve the street closure request for the outdoor movie on September 8, 2010; 1st Street from 10th Avenue to 11th Avenue from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Field to hold a "Christmas in August" party for staff and elected officials at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Roll call vote/Ald. Field, Crosthwaite, C. Letcher, Juist, W. Letcher, Loerop and Roels voted yes/Ald. Dykstra voted no/motion carried.

Mayor's Report. Mayor Russell said there has been no response from the owners of the Fulton Mobile Home Park after contacting the local manager. The Senior Services team is currently working to create formal by-laws.

Public Works. Dan Clark reported that Boy Scout Mike Fulfs completed a renovation of the outdoor shelter at Cattail Park and Boy Scout Josh Lewis rebuilt the wheel at the Heritage Canyon waterfall. Northwest Illinois Construction expects the overlayment of 10th Avenue and 12th Street to be completed within 5 days, weather permitting.

Ald. Field moved, seconded by Ald. Loerop to enter executive session to discuss purchase or lease of property and litigation. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried. The council entered executive session at 6:32pm.

Executive session minutes are recorded elsewhere. The council returned to regular session at 6:53pm.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. Crosthwaite to settle a utility bill claim for 1104 8th Avenue in the amount of \$3,500. Roll call vote/all yes/motion carried.

Ald. Roels moved, seconded by Ald. W. Letcher to adjourn. Voice vote/all yes/motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Minutes recorded by,

Linda Hollis

City Clerk