

**COUNCIL MEETING 18-20  
OCTOBER 22, 2018**

The City Council met in Council Chambers at 6:00 PM with the Mayor calling the meeting to order and the following answering to roll call:

Andy Koehler	Council Member
Steve Faber	Council Member
Chris Colomer	Council Member
Michael Yaklich	Council Member
Steve Looney	Mayor

Council Member Faber made a motion to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Section 2 (c) (2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss collective bargaining. Council Member Colomer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

The executive session was adjourned at 6:46 PM on a motion made by Council Member Colomer and seconded by Council Member Koehler. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Mayor Looney called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7 PM, stating that the Council was reconvening following a closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss collective bargaining.

News media present was as follows:

Mike Helenthal	Star Courier
Shawn Kernan	WKEI

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mayor Looney asked for a moment of silence for our troops still fighting overseas.

Mayor Looney explained that the next items were placed on the consent agenda and were considered to be routine in nature to be passed as a whole with one vote of the Council. Mayor Looney requested that any member of the Council or the audience wishing to have an item removed from the consent agenda for individual consideration to make the request and the item would be removed and considered following the approval of the remaining consent items. The consent agenda included minutes from the October 9, 2018 Council Meeting, payroll for the pay period ending October 13, 2018 in the amount of \$207,445.31, reports from the Incentive Programs, Water Loss Report, and Finance & Administrative Services. The consent agenda items were approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Bills submitted for approval totaling \$539,302.10 were approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Yaklich questioned the payment of mileage rather than a train ticket. City Manager Bradley noted that the mileage was for trips without access to rail service. Council Member Yaklich also received confirmation that the fence at the animal control facility was now the permanent fence. Council Member Koehler questioned the purchase of a suit coat and pants. Operations Manager Johnson noted the need for

the items for his recent graduation from IPSI. Council Member Yaklich requested an update on the return from the new ambulance billing company. Fire Chief Shook reported that there have been some hiccups with the billing of Medicare and Medicaid but those were being ironed out, so the collections are lower than anticipated at this time. City Manager Bradley explained, at the request of Council Member Yaklich, that the lime was purchased for the farm ground where our sludge was spread. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Mayor Looney then asked if anyone wished to speak regarding a non-agenda item. Gary Moore requested a STOP sign be considered at the t-intersection of Midland Road and Mission Drive. City Manager Bradley noted that staff would review the request and make a recommendation to the Council. There being no other requests Mayor Looney moved on to a public hearing.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

At 7:12 PM, Mayor Looney opened the public hearing pursuant to the requirements of Section 10 and 20 of the Bond Issuance Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended on the plans to issue General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$315,000 by reading the following statement. Notice of this hearing was published on October 10, 2018, in the Star Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in the City. This is a hearing regarding a plan to issue not to exceed \$315,000 in aggregate principal amount of the City's General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018 (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (i) pay debt service on the City's outstanding alternate revenue source bonds payable from non-referendum bond proceeds and (ii) pay certain costs of issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds will be issued by the City in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and shall constitute a general obligation of the City, payable from (i) ad valorem taxes of the City for which its full faith and credit have been irrevocably pledged, unlimited as to rate or amount., and (ii) such other funds of the City lawfully available and annually appropriated for such purpose.

This public hearing is required by Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, taxpayers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views for or against the proposed plan of financing, the issuance of the Bonds and the purpose of the issuance of the Bonds. Mayor Looney asked for written or verbal comments. There were no comments made. The public hearing was closed at 7:15 PM.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Lindsey Samp of CliftonLarsonAllen presented the results of the annual Audit. There was a brief discussion regarding the items noted in the audit. The Mayor and Council requested that a plan to address those items be presented at the next Council Meeting. The audit was accepted on a

motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Resolution #5128 awarding the demolition of structures at 807 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 842 Birch Place was amended on the floor to award the demolition to the lowest bidder on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Yaklich. Council Member Yaklich noted that it was fiscally responsible to award the bid to lowest bidder regardless of the dollar amount difference. He also noted that the bid documents were not specific enough regarding some aspects and requested they be reviewed. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

Mayor Looney opened a discussion of a TIF Application for The Station. City Manager Bradley noted that the improvements proposed would not generate a lot of increment. Council Member Yaklich noted he was against the TIF application because the TIF is not for arbitrary remodeling. Council Member Faber asked about prior loans. City Manager Bradley noted that the previous business was in the TIF but there were no TIF funds rebated on the project at Broken Chimney. Council Member Colomer asked what the funds would do for the Station. Rita Speck, owner of The Station noted that the funds were to make minor repairs. The repairs needed were more than anticipated, which had become a hardship for the Specks. Mayor Looney noted that Community State Bank still owns the building and that was his concern. The Council requested that the matter be placed on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

Another discussion for a TIF Application for NAPA Auto Parts Store was opened, next. City Manager Bradley noted the proposed improvements to the building and that this project would generate increment. Council Members were impressed with the concept and requested that the matter be placed on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

Resolution #5129 authorizing the City Manager to execute renewal documents with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois for the City's Health Insurance program was approved on a motion made by Council Member Faber and seconded by Council Member Colomer. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The motion passed.

City Engineer Nobel reviewed the status of a broken pipe in the south water tower. He gave a couple of scenarios that could take place to repair the pipe, depending on what was found. It would be repaired as an emergency repair when the resolution was decided.

A discussion regarding a request from a resident regarding installation of a 1-inch conduit under a city alley for the benefit of the Northeast Park Christmas lighting followed the water tower report. Council Members were glad a resident was willing to assist with the lighting. With there being no expense to the City the Council concurred to allow staff to proceed with the requester.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Member Colomer thanked Sean and WKEI for broadcasting on Facebook live. He also noted that Halloween was on the following Wednesday and to watch the roads for young children.

Council Member Koehler congratulated the Second Baptist Church on their 116 Year Anniversary. He also noted the trash barrel at Berrien Park and request an addition receptacle.

Council Member Yaklich requested that a review of the Incentive Programs regarding the approval process be presented for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Faber requested discussion regarding the hanging baskets.

Mayor Looney reminded residents to be careful on Halloween.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Clerk Edwards announced that the City wide cleanup would be held on Saturday, October 27 from 7 am until noon. The tire cleanup event would also take place during the same time frame at Moore Tires. The first 300 tires collected would be free of charge, with a limit of 8 per household. After the 8 tires, or the first 300 the charge would be \$2.50 per tire. We were always looking for volunteers for that event.

Saturday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 31 would not be burn days due to City-wide events planned for those dates. East Prospect Street would be closed between 5 and 7 PM for trick or treaters on Wednesday, October 31.

City Hall offices would be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veteran's Day. There would be no landscape waste collection that week, with no other changes to the trash collection schedule.

There being no further business, Council Member Faber moved to adjourn the meeting and Council Member Colomer seconded the motion. Roll call showed 5 ayes, no nays. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

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MELINDA EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

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DATE APPROVED