

**SUMMARY MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016; 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 23, 2016. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Renner.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Meeting was opened by Pledging Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silent prayer.

3. Remain Standing for a Moment of Silent Prayer

4. Roll Call

Mayor Renner directed the City Clerk to call the roll and the following members of Council answered present:

Aldermen: Kevin Lower, David Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Joni Painter, Karen Schmidt, Scott Black, Diana Hauman, Jim Fruin and Mayor Tari Renner.

Staff Present: Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager, Jeffrey Jurgens, Corporation Counsel, Cherry Lawson, City Clerk and other City staff were present.

Staff Absent: David Hales, City Manager

5. Recognition / Appointments

The following were presented:

- A. Reappointment of Memuna Lee to the Housing Authority.
- B. Introduction of Curtis Webb, Executive Director, U.S. Cellular Coliseum

6. Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. The following individuals provided comments during the meeting.

Patricia Marton
Alton Franklin

7. Consent Agenda

The following was presented:

Mayor Renner asked Council whether there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Alderman Hauman requested Item No. 7I be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Fruin requested Item No. 7N be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Mwilambwe requested Item No. 7O be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Lower requested Item No. 7Q be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Alderman Painter, seconded by Alderman Schmidt, that the Consent Agenda be approved with exception of Items 7I, 7N, 7O and 7Q.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Fruin.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A: Consideration of approving the Minutes of the May 9, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting.

The following was presented:

Item 7B. Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$ 7,742,181.85.

The following was presented:

Item 7C. Consideration of approving Reappointments to the Housing Commission.

The following was presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of review and analysis of Bids and Approval of a Contract with George Gildner, Inc. in the amount of \$568,000 for Utility Maintenance FY 2017 (Bid #2017-01).

The following was presented:

Item 7E. Consideration of review and analysis of Bids and Approval of a Contract with George Gildner, Inc. in the amount of \$350,000 for Emergency Utility Repair FY 2017 (Bid #2017-02).

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Consideration of review and analysis of Bids and Approval of a Contract with Bodine Electric of Decatur in the amount of \$120,000 for Traffic Signal Maintenance & Emergency Traffic Signal Repair FY 2017 (Bid #2017-03).

The following was presented:

Item 7G. Consideration of review and analysis of Bids and Approval of a Contract with George Gildner, Inc. in the amount of \$128,750.00 for Grading & Seeding FY 2017 (Bid #2017-04).

The following was presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of review and analysis of Bids and Approval of a Contract with Stark Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$200,000.00 for Street, Alley & Sidewalk Maintenance FY 2017 (Bid #2017-05).

The following was presented:

Item 7I. Consideration of adopting a Resolution approving a Formal Bid Waiver for the purchase of limited source craft beers for the 2016 Bloomington Beer Fest. ***Pulled from the Consent Agenda.***

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 – 19
A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING
THE PURCHASE OF SPECIFIC CRAFT BEERS FOR THE
2016 BLOOMINGTON BEER FEST FROM MARKETPLACE SELECTIONS AT A
PURCHASE PRICE OF \$27,018.86 AND WOLF DISTRIBUTING
AT A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$11,445.15

The following was presented:

Item 7J. Consideration of adoption of a Resolution to amend Figure 11.3 “Future Land Use”, Figure 11.4 “Development Priorities” and Figure 6.3 “Opportunities for Infill Development and Redevelopment” of the City of Bloomington Comprehensive Plan 2035.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 – 20
A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BLOOMINGTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2035

The following was presented:

Item 7K. Consideration of adoption of an ordinance approving the petition submitted by Ark VI, L.L.C. for an amended preliminary plan for a portion of the Eagle View South Subdivision located north of GE Road and east of Towanda Barnes Road.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 46
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDED PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR A PORTION
OF EAGLE VIEW SOUTH WEST SUBDIVISION

The following was presented:

Item 7L. Consideration of approving an Ordinance approving a Petition from Brookridge Apartments, LLC, for a Final Plat for Eighth Addition to Brookridge Apartments Subdivision located north of Hamilton Road and east of Hershey Road.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 47
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF THE EIGHTH ADDITION TO
BROOKRIDGE APARTMENTS SUBDIVISION

The following was presented:

Item 7M. Consideration of approving an Ordinance approving a Petition from David Long, authorized representative of Long Custom Building & Remodeling, Inc., for a Vacation of Easements located between Lots 29 and 30, Stonebridge Court Subdivision, First Addition, located north of Ireland Grove Road and East of Hershey Road.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 48
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF EASEMENTS

The following was presented:

Item 7N. Consideration of the application from Hurley Entertainment Group, Inc., d/b/a Spotted Dog Tavern, located at 1504 Morrissey Dr., requesting a TAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week. ***Pulled from the Consent Agenda.***

The following was presented:

Item 7O. Consideration of an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code to Allow Possession of Open Alcohol on Public Property during the WGLT Outdoor Concert in the Downtown on June 11, 2016. ***Pulled from the Consent Agenda.***

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 49
AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 26(d) OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE
BLOOMINGTON CITY CODE TO ALLOW POSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOL ON
PUBLIC PROPERTY IN A PORTION OF DOWNTOWN BLOOMINGTON DURING THE
WGLT OUTDOOR CONCERT IN DOWNTOWN BLOOMINGTON

The following was presented:

Item 7P. Consideration of approving an Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 701 of Chapter 31 and Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code for a Wedding Reception at Davis Lodge on May 28, 2016.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 50

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING PORTIONS OF SECTION 701 OF CHAPTER 31 AND SECTION 26(d) OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY CODE FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION AT DAVIS LODGE ON MAY 28, 2016

The following was presented:

Item 7Q. Consideration of the draft Transportation Improvement Plan. *Pulled from the Consent Agenda.*

The following was presented:

Item 7I. Consideration of adopting a Resolution approving a Formal Bid Waiver for the purchase of limited source craft beers for the 2016 Bloomington Beer Fest.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 – 19

A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SPECIFIC CRAFT BEERS FOR THE 2016 BLOOMINGTON BEER FEST FROM MARKETPLACE SELECTIONS AT A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$27,018.86 AND WOLF DISTRIBUTING AT A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$11,445.15

Alderman Hauman believed this should have required taking bids. She had knowledge of other entities becoming involved in the craft beer business. Alderman Lower believed local businesses did not have the opportunity to offer services. He stated General Funds should not be used to fund the event.

Steve Rasmussen, Acting City Manager, stated the revenue earned by the Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts (BCPA) event was used to pay for the Festival, including the beer. Local brewery and distributors were represented by the companies providing the craft beer. The recommendation to receive bids for the event would be taken into account.

Alderman Lower questioned the financial accounts receiving the revenue. Tina Salamone, Performing Arts Manager, stated any revenue generated by the BCPA was deposited to the BCPA account for Concession Revenue.

Alderman Lower questioned having the State of Illinois catering license to cover the event. Eric Veal, Parks & Recreation's Assistant Director, stated the proper alcohol licenses were acquired. Food trucks would be available. The BCPA was not catering.

Alderman Black stated food trucks obtained licenses through the McLean County Health Department. Last year, after the alcohol expenses, the net profit divided among the not-for-profit (NFP) volunteer pour teams totaled \$10,600. The fifty (50) pouring stations received \$212 each. Mr. Veal stated this year, the same ten (10) teams plus the addition of the Cultural Festival, Inc. would share in the profits. These were local community organizations benefitting from their participation.

Alderman Hauman questioned the process for leftover beer. Mr. Veal stated a credit would be provided for any unopened package returned to the provider.

Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Black, that a Resolution approving a limited source, to waive the formal bidding process in order to purchase specific craft beers from Marketplace Solutions in the amount of \$27,018.86 and Wolf Distributors in the amount of \$11,445.15 for the 2016 Bloomington Beer Fest.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Fruin.

Nays: Alderman Lower.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7N. Consideration of the application from Hurley Entertainment Group, Inc., d/b/a Spotted Dog Tavern, located at 1504 Morrissey Dr., requesting a TAS liquor license which would allow the sale of all types of alcohol by the glass for consumption on the premises seven (7) days a week.

Alderman Fruin commended the applicant for the way business was handled downtown and believed the same would be seen at the new location.

Alderman Lower believed they would prosper although the atmosphere would be different than downtown.

Motion by Alderman Fruin, seconded by Alderman Lower, that a TAS liquor license for Hurley Entertainment Group, Inc., d/b/a Spotted Dog Tavern, located at 1504 Morrissey Dr., be approved and created contingent upon compliance with all health and safety codes.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Fruin.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

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Motion by Alderman Sage, seconded by Alderman Hauman, that the Ordinance Suspending Portions of Section 26(d) of Chapter 6 of the City Code to Allow Possession of Open Alcohol on Public Property during the WGLT Outdoor Concert in the Downtown on June 11, 2016 be adopted.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Sage, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Fruin.

Recused: Alderman Mboka Mwilambwe.

[7:26 PM Minutes:] Alderman Mwilambwe left the dais.

[7:27 PM Minutes:] Alderman Mwilambwe returned to the Meeting.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7Q. Consideration of the draft Transportation Improvement Plan.

Alderman Lower questioned approving the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) without further discussion. Mayor Renner stated the item's consideration was for Council to receive the draft TIP for further review.

Motion made by Alderman Lower, seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe, that Council receive and review the draft Transportation Improvement Plan.

Mayor Renner directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Lower, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Schmidt, Black, Hauman and Fruin.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Regular Agenda

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Presentation of the 2015 Annual Fire Department Statistics.

Brian Mohr, Fire Chief, stated that reviewing historical data was an important part of performing a community risk assessment. Same was used to develop a cover standard or resource deployment model. Performance benchmarks such as response times referenced in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1710 Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments would be used to guide the planning process. The goal was to continually improve service delivery to citizens in an effective and cost efficient manner.

The Department staff was approved for 117; 113 were sworn firefighters and four (4) were civilians. Six (6) positions were currently open with one (1) retirement occurring in June 2016. There were five (5) retirements in 2015. Four (4) new hires occurred along with several promotions.

Call volume had increased four percent (4%) in the last two (2) years. In 2015, 10,872 calls were responded to. This was an increase of 410 calls from 2014. Total Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls in 2015 were 8,247, an increase of 310 from the previous year.

The NFPA 1710 standard was a six (6) minute response time ninety percent (90%) of the time. The Department's response time met this standard 66.7% of the time. The ninetieth (90th) percentile average response time was 8.55 minutes.

Fire responses increased by one hundred (100) calls per year with a total of 2,625 for 2015. Total structure fires were up from seventy-nine (79) in 2014 to 110 in 2015. Response time for all Fire Hot calls was 72.8% of the benchmarked ninety percent (90%) with the time improving to 7.45 minutes from 8.10 minutes the prior year. Structure fires were tracked at 84.2% with 6.40 minutes as the response time.

The busiest Fire units were Medic 1 and Engine 6 from the Headquarters station, located at 310 N. Lee St. Medic 1 responded to 3,433 calls averaging 31.6% of all the calls for the year. Outlying station ambulances were utilized when Medic 1 was unavailable increasing response times. Mutual aid given to neighboring departments the past year showed seventy-three (73) calls for Fire and 362 calls for EMS.

Fire Response Districts were increased to enable better tracking. Three (3) significant structure fires occurred last fall. Same were located on the City's Northeast side. The NFPA 1710 standard for having an Effective Response force to the scene was ten (10) minutes. Each occurrence was above the standard response time.

Public Education included programs for children at schools and special events, fire safety programs and fire drills. Programs for Adults included Fire safety, Fire extinguisher, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training and EMT preceptor classes. The department partnered with the Bloomington Area Career Center to offer Fire Science and EMT Basic programs at Bloomington High School. Hands-on training was conducted at the Fire stations.

A Premise Alert program was available on the website to provide responding units with information that could assist when responding to a call for service. Examples of special needs that qualify for the program included: 1.) Autism; 2.) Alzheimer's; 3.) Deaf/Hard of hearing; 4.) Mental Illness; 5.) Visually Impaired; 6.) Physical Disability; 7.) Developmental Disability; and 8.) Other Special Needs.

2015 Accomplishments included: 1.) Collaboration with Bloomington Dispatch Center to implement Fire Priority Dispatch system; 2.) Updated response districts map from four (4) districts to ten (10) districts; 3.) Updated all run cards in Dispatch Center to match current Standard Operating Procedures (SOP); 4.) Improved the City's Public Protection Classification number to a two (2); and 5.) Received one (1) of two (2) Municipal Fire Departments of Illinois American Heart Association's EMS GOLD Award.

2016 goals included: 1.) Finalize the Interagency agreement with Central Illinois Regional Airport for service delivery; 2.) Upgrade training rooms to enable video conferencing; 3.) Upgrade Station Alerting systems to improve turnout times and information to responders; and 4.) Begin addressing the list of priorities in the Fire Department Facilities Master Plan.

Future needs included: 1.) Place a second Medic Unit in service at Headquarters, located at 310 N. Lee St.; 2.) Traffic signal preemption system; 3.) Reinstatement of Engine Company at Station #3; 4.) Locate and build a new fire station in the Northeast to address response times in districts 3A and 6A; 5.) Add three (3) additional staff; 6.) Upgrade Engine Companies capabilities to Advanced Life Support; 7.) Continue to collaborate with the Town of Normal (Town) Fire Department on shared Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL); and 8.) Major station renovation needs.

Alderman Fruin questioned decreasing call volume and circumstances when two (2) vehicles were dispatched with unnecessary transports. He believed renovation/relocation was required for some of the stations. Chief Mohr stated a Community Risk Reduction Model was required.

Alderman Painter questioned collaboration with the Town of Normal on the Northeast section of the City. Chief Mohr stated discussions were ongoing. Current software was not compatible between the City and the Town. Station locations were driven by each community's call volume. He believed AVL was a good opportunity to continue to pursue collaboration.

Alderman Lower commended the Fire Department. He believed a Spiller Pays Ordinance would assist with improvements. Chief Mohr stated same would be brought to Council soon.

The following was presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of approval of upgrades in traffic signal controls to facilitate improvements in emergency response and general traffic flow.

Brian Mohr, Fire Chief, and Jim Karch, Public Works Director, introduced this item. The City's traffic signalization was antiquated. The Fire Department and Public Works Department were jointly investigating improvements that would reduce emergency response times, improve movement of major equipment such as snow plows and improve routine traffic flow.

Two (2) general traffic engineering concepts were involved: 1.) Preemption. The use of equipment to give priority to a government vehicle, such as an ambulance. The ambulance would receive a green light and cross traffic would be stopped by a red light; and 2.) Adaptive Traffic Control. The use of advanced systems to regulate traffic signal timing. Traffic signals would respond to traffic needs in real time by reading, for example, the uptick in traffic after a Downtown event ends.

The Preemption system currently used began with the Fire Department's request to have the Dispatch center initiate green lights along a fire line and red lights for crossing traffic. Limitations included: Dispatchers could be occupied with calls and not activate the fire lanes.

Electronics on the Emergency vehicle would send a signal to the traffic control device. Limitations included: Other traffic, fog and heavy rain blocking the signal. Vehicles ahead of the Emergency vehicle would require time to move out of the way.

Advanced preemption components were required to clear traffic in advance of the Fire vehicle's arrival.

An Adaptive Traffic Control system would read traffic and make adjustments in real time. It would adjust for seasonal changes, such as Christmas shopping traffic; brief periods of heavy traffic, such as the Fair bandstand show traffic; and would be sensitive to mixed traffic and variations in cross-street traffic.

Next steps included: 1.) Council interest in pursuing further; 2.) Strategic plan development. Funds to hire a consultant had been budgeted; 3.) Generate cost estimates; 4.) Test through a Pilot project; and 5.) Phase in through the budget process.

Alderman Fruin expressed his support. He questioned whether a campaign for traffic safety awareness would be worthwhile. Chief Mohr responded affirmatively. Aldermen Painter and Lower expressed their support.

City Manager's Discussion

Steve Rasmussen, Acting City Manager, had no report.

Mayor Discussion

Mayor Renner stated Huffington Post listed eleven (11) amazing cities, the City was among them. The American Institute for Economic Research listed destinations for employment after college, the City was number three (3) out of the top ten (10).

City Alderman's Discussion

Alderman Lower mentioned Memorial Day, May 30, 2016, to honor our soldiers who died while serving in the United States of America's armed forces.

Adjournment

Motion made by Alderman Black, seconded by Alderman Lower, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Motion carried (viva voce).

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Tari Renner, Mayor

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk