

**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, September 25, 2017; 7:00 P.M.**

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 25, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt.

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

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

Aldermen: Jamie Mathy, David Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Amelia Buragas, Scott Black, Joni Painter, Diana Hauman, Kim Bray, Karen Schmidt, and Mayor Tari Renner (Absent).

Staff Present: David Hales, City Manager, Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager; Jeffrey Jurgens; Corporation Counsel, Cherry Lawson, City Clerk; Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director; Brendan Heffner, Chief of Police; Scott Sprouls, IS Director, Nicole Albertson, Human Resource Director; Jim Karch, Public Works Director; Brian Mohr, Fire Chief; and other City staff were also present.

Recognition/Appointments

- A. Proclamation declaring October 2017 as “National Planning Month”
- B. Proclamation declaring October 2017 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”

Public Comment

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| Bruce Meeks | Scott Stimely | Angela Scott | Sue Feldcamp |
| Lee Eutsey | Aaron Len | Gary Lambert | |

“Consent Agenda”

*Items listed on the Consent Agenda are approved with one motion, and is provided in **BOLD**, and items that Council pull from the Consent Agenda for discussion are listed with a notation **Pulled from the Consent Agenda**.*

Motion by Alderman Hauman and seconded by Alderman Bray that the Consent Agenda be approved, with the exception of Item No. 7D and 7H.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting. *(Recommend that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7B. Consideration of Approving Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$10,919,332.64. *(Recommend that the Bills, Payroll, Procurement Card Purchases, and Electronic Transfers be allowed in the amount of \$10,919,332.64 and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7C. Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment – Firefighter Turnout Gear in the amount of \$57,407.20. *(Recommend 20 complete sets (jacket and pants) of Globe Custom GXtreme 3.0 Firefighter Turnout Gear be purchased utilizing the National Purchasing Partners-Government (NPPGov) program from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. (MES - contract #0000168 expiring 5/28/2023), Deer Creek, IL be approved, in the amount of \$57,407.20; the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement; and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of approving a Resolution waiving the Formal Bid Process for the purchase of Exterior Signage for the Grossinger Motors Arena in the amount of \$60,935.28.

(Recommend approving the Resolution waiving the bidding requirements for the purchase of exterior signage for the Grossinger Motors Arena from Bendsen Signs & Graphics in Decatur, IL in the amount of \$60,935.28; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Resolution, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement; and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.) (Item pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.)

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 –35
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVING THE FORMAL BIDDING
REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF
EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR SIGNAGE AT THE GROSSINGER MOTORS ARENA

Motioned by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Painter approving a Resolution waiving the bidding requirements for the purchase of exterior signage for the Grossinger Motors Arena from Bendsen Signs & Graphics in Decatur, IL in the amount of \$60,935.28; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Resolution, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement; and the Procurement Manager be authorized to issue a Purchase Order.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

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

Nays: Aldermen Jamie Mathy and Kim Bray

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 7E. Ratification of Contract with Local 362 Parking Enforcement from May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2019. *(Recommend the Contract be ratified.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7F. Ratification of Contract with Local 362 Support Staff from May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2019. *(Recommend the Contract be ratified.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7G. Consideration of approving a petition for the Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer of Lot 7A in Block 00 in Camp Peoria Point, from Shellie A. Oehler as Trustee of the Shellie A.

Oehler Trust to Dr. Robert Baller as Trustee of the Robert S. Baller M.D. Revocable Trust Agreement. *(Recommend the Lake Lease Transfer be approved, subject to the septic system conditions included in the McLean County Health Department's August 30, 2017, letter and the new lease holder apply for permits for existing non-leased marginal land and reservoir improvements that are determined compliant with the City rules and regulations within six (6) months of transfer, and further contingent upon the transferee providing documentation of the sale of the house located on the property, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following was presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of the application of Bloomington Normal Sunrise Rotary, for a Limited Alcoholic Liquor License, Class LB, which would allow the selling and serving of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises for a fund raiser to be held on October 15, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Union Park Clubhouse, 1750 General Electric Rd. *(Recommend a Class LB liquor license, which would allow the selling and serving of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises for a fund raiser to be held on October 15, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Union Park Clubhouse, 1750 General Electric Rd. be approved, contingent upon compliance with all health and safety codes.) (Item pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion)*

Motioned by Alderman Hauman and seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe that a Class LB liquor license, which would allow the selling and serving of beer and wine only by the glass for consumption on the premises for a fund raiser to be held on October 15, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Union Park Clubhouse, 1750 General Electric Rd. be approved, contingent upon compliance with all health and safety codes.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Schmidt, Sage, Mwilambwe, Buragas, Painter, Black, Hauman, Kim Bray.

Recuse: Aldermen Jamie Mathy

Nays: None

Motion carried.

“Regular Agenda”

The following was presented:

Item 8A. Consideration of approving awarding the Request for Proposal (RFP# 2018-03) submitted by TD Equipment Finance, Inc. for the Taxable Capital Lease. *(Recommend Council award the RFP for Taxable Capital Lease to TD Equipment Finance, Inc. in the amount of \$4.7 million, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.) (Presentation by Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director 5 minutes, Council discussion 10 minutes.)*

Mr. Hales asked Ms. Silva, the Finance Director, to make this recommendation on the item regarding financing taxable capital equipment lease.

Ms. Silva stated, this is our annual capital lease for calendar year 2017, and it is on the agenda because it is such a high dollar amount. Of the three bidders that are there, we went with the lowest bid.

Motioned by Alderman Black and seconded by Alderman Painter that Council award the RFP for Taxable Capital Lease to TD Equipment Finance, Inc. in the amount of \$4.7 million, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

~~Item 8B. Consideration of Ordinances Amending Chapter 37 of the City Code to enact provisions changing sanitary sewer and storm water rates. *(Recommend That the Text Amendment to Chapter 37 of the City Code to enact provisions changing sanitary sewer and stormwater rates over time be approved and the Ordinance passed.) (Presentation by David Hales, City Manager and Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director 5 minutes, Council discussion 15 minutes.)*~~

Consideration of:

ORDINANCE A (STAFF RECOMMENDATION): An Ordinance Amending Chapter 37 of the City Code to increase the sanitary sewer and stormwater rates

Or

ORDINANCE B: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 37 of the City Code to increase the sanitary sewer and stormwater rates over time.

RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:

ORDINANCE A (STAFF RECOMMENDATION): *That the Ordinance Amending Chapter 37 of the City Code to increase the sanitary sewer and stormwater rates be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the ordinance.*

Or

ORDINANCE B: *That the Ordinance Amending Chapter 37 of the City Code to increase the sanitary sewer and stormwater rates over time be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the ordinance.*

ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 81

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY CODE TO ENACT PROVISIONS
CHANGING SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER RATES

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt stated we have an addendum to this that offers the two options that were discussed on Monday at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Hales stated there are two ordinances for consideration, and the staff recommendation is Ordinance A which is making the fee increase in 1 years' time. Ordinance B is to effectuate the very similar or same increase but to spread it out over a 5-year period. The ordinances talk about a 3% increase in the fees at some point in the future, and the effective date for both would be May 1 as opposed to sometime sooner. We are not making any further presentation.

Alderman Hauman stated she would like to move with proceeding with Ordinance A.

Alderman Bray seconded this motion.

Alderman Hauman then stated that the majority of the people she has heard from are saying to do it to make sure our infrastructure is sound.

Alderman Mathy stated he had heard the same thing, and people just want us to start making real progress towards getting it fixed. He stated he had heard a lot of concern about adding new employees to the payroll.

Mr. Hales added that he was working on a resolution to bring back to Council that will accomplish the same thing. He stated he did not support hiring as full-time employees which is recommended in the Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Master Plan. For a very aggressive kind of Capital Improvement Plan, it lends itself to contract out a lot of those services.

Alderman Mathy stated that it was perfectly acceptable for him.

Mayor Pro Temp Schmidt stated she was going to continue to vote no. She stated she has been continually frustrated at our inability to look at the budget as a whole.

Alderman Bray stated she was voting yes, as she sees it as a winning proposition for the community.

Alderman Mwilambwe stated he understood the need to address our infrastructure issues, but is cautious not to raise fees so dramatically.

Alderman Black stated that he was going to vote yes for this with the clear understanding that when we get to the budget process, we are going to have to be very clear and direct. He praised staff for their work on this.

Alderman Painter stated that she was concerned that with both models, there is a 3% increase every year thereafter. She had hoped to be able to pay for this and then have it end, but the way that it has presented it will be an ongoing rate increase forevermore. Due that, she stated she would be voting no.

Mr. Hales clarified that the Council has the option to maybe strike one aspect that maybe concerning to getting final action.

Alderman Painter commented that she would like to take out the new hires that were built into this and would like that to be discussed by the Council each time they wanted to hire someone.

Alderman Hauman motioned and Alderman Bray seconded that Ordinance Amending Chapter 37 of the City Code to increase the sanitary sewer and stormwater rates be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted in the following:

Ayes: Aldermen Mathy, Buragas, Black, Hauman and Bray.

Nays: Aldermen Dave Sage, Mboka Mwilambwe, Joni Painter and Karen Schmidt.

Motion carried.

The following was presented:

Item 8C. Presentation and discussion on the FY 2017 Year End Financial Report. (*Presentation by Patti-Lynn Silva, Finance Director 10 minutes, Council discussion 10 minutes.*)

Mr. Hales stated that tonight's presentation overview is based on our records after most, but maybe not all, year-end adjustments have been made into the fiscal year 2017 budget. This year-end review is very important because on the budget calendar you have before you, a key date coming up is the pre-budget fiscal policy workshop or Committee of the Whole for Monday, October 16.

Ms. Silva stated that the packet contained the full April 30, 2017 monthly financial report and the audit was not yet complete, but the numbers are very close and she was not anticipating any significant changes. She then presented the financial information contained in the packet.

Mr. Hales gave credit to Ms. Silva and her staff for the phenomenal job they did coming so close to the budget versus the projections.

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt stated that we are probably due for a water rate study and asked if we have the timing on that.

Mr. Hales stated that right now we are underway with a Water Master Plan and most likely the water rate study would likely be made within two years.

Alderman Bray commented about the Pepsi Ice Center Profit and Loss Statement.

No motion as this item was presented and discussed.

City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Hales stated he had some news to share and stated that he was extended an offer of employment with the City of Joliet, which he has accepted, and his last day with the City of Bloomington would be around the end of November.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Schmidt congratulated Mr. Hales on his new job.

City Aldermen's Discussion

No reports were offered by the Aldermen.

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Adjournment

Motioned by Alderman Mwilambwe seconded by Alderman Hauman that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:23 PM.

Motion carried: Viva Voce

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Karen Schmidt, Mayor Pro Tem

Cherry L. Lawson, City Clerk