

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SESSION
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015; 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

The Council convened in Regular Session in the Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 109 E. Olive Street; Bloomington, Illinois at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015. 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

Mayor Renner requested those present to 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, Diana Hauman, Amelia Buragas, Joni Painter, Mboka Mwilambwe, Jim Fruin, Karen Schmidt, and Mayor Tari Renner.

Absent: Aldermen Sage and Black.

Staff Present: David Hales, City Manager; Jeffery Jurgens, Corporate Counsel; Steve Rasmussen, Assistant City Manager; Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk; and other city staff were also present.

Staff Absent: Cherry Lawson, City Clerk was absent.

5. Public Comment

Mayor Renner opened the meeting to receive Public Comment. He added that there would not be a response from the City under the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Mayor Renner noted that twelve (12) Public Comment Cards were received.

The following individuals provided comments during Public Comment:

Martha Smith
Rob Fazzini
Judy Stearns
Alton Franklin
Rob Gorham
Jillian Gorham
Bill Zimmerman
Bob Lenz
Lynn Splittstoesser
Beth Whisman
Sue Feldkamp
Susan Farming

6. Recognition/Appointments

Item 6A. Recognition of Tina Sipula for Outstanding Community Service.

Item 6B. Oath of Office, Benjamin Brown, Firefighter.

Item 6C. Appointment of Holly Ambuehl to the John M. Scott Health Care Commission.

Item 6D. Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network (CIRBN), Update, Trustee Robert Fazzini and Executive Director Mark DeKeersgieter.

Mr. DeKeersgieter, Executive Director of Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network (CIRBN) addressed the Council. He noted that the City was a board member of Central Illinois Regional Broadband Network (CIRBN). Other community members included Town of Normal, Illinois State University, and Heartland Community College, and the City of Pontiac as a rural partner.

He noted that over the past year, CIRBN had retrieved a federal grant in the amount of \$50 million dollars, which included state and local matching funds. The grant connects rural school districts to the broadband network. Flanagan, Minonk, Wenona, and Toluca were some of the rural schools assisted. Other project areas included Pontiac and Mahomet-Seymour.

7. Consent Agenda

Mayor Renner asked whether Council wished to have any items pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. No items were pulled.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Black move to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following items were presented:

Item 7A. Consideration of approving the Council Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2015. *(Recommend that the reading of the minutes of the previous Council Minutes of October 26, 2015, be dispensed with and the minutes approved as printed).*

The following items were presented:

Item 7B. Consideration of approving Bills, Payroll and Electronic Transfers. *(Recommend that the bills payroll, and electronic transfers be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the various amounts as funds are available.)*

The following items were presented:

Item 7C. Consideration of approving an Appointment to the John M. Scott Health Care Commission (JMSHCC). *(Recommend that Holly Ambuehl be appointed to the John M. Scott Health Care Commission (JMSHCC)).*

The following items were presented:

Item 7D. Consideration of a Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Process and Authorizing Repairs to the Police Department Administration Office Windows at a price not to exceed \$30,000.00. *(Recommend that the Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Process for repairs to the Police Department Administration Office Windows be approved and the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

Resolution No. 2015-44
A Resolution Waiving the Formal Bidding Process and
Authorizing Repairs to the Police Department Administration
Office Windows at a Price Not to Exceed \$30,000.00

The following items were presented:

Item 7E. Consideration and approval to authorize a Purchase Order with Lewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc. for design of water main replacement on Emerson Street from Foley Avenue to the east approximately 1000 feet. *(Recommend that a Purchase Order be executed in the amount of \$31,819.50 to Lewis, Yockey & Brown, Inc. for the design of a water main replacement on Emerson Street, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following items were presented:

Item 7F. Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing a change order to George Gildner Inc. for the water main replacement on Parkview Phase 3 Purchase Order No. 20140389 in the amount of \$41,760.98. *(Recommend that a resolution authorizing a change order in the amount of \$41,760.98 to George Gildner Inc. for the relocation of the Parkview Phase 3 water main replacement project, and the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

**Resolution No. 2015-45
A Resolution Authorizing a Change Order
In the Amount of \$41,760.98 in the Contract Between The
City of Bloomington and George Gildner Inc. for the Water
Replacement in the Parkview Division**

The following items were presented:

Item 7G. Consideration of approving waiving the Formal Bid Process, as a Limited Source, and approve a Contract for an Urgent Upgrade of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Controls. *(Recommend that Council approve waiving the formal bid Process, as a Limited Source, for an upgrade of the SCADA system controlling the Division Pump Station, Enterprise Pump Station, Lake Evergreen Pump Station, and the new Water Treatment Plant filters. Services to be performed by Starnet Technologies, Inc., at the quoted price of \$139,357.80 and the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following items were presented:

Item 7H. Consideration of approving a renewal agreement with CDWG, Inc. for Microsoft Software Enterprise providing maintenance and support for the City's Microsoft license. *(Recommend that the renewal agreement be approved and the payment to CDWG, Inc. for the 2015 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA) software maintenance and support covering the City's Microsoft licensing, in the amount of \$147,576.83, be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following items were presented:

Item 7I. Consideration of an Ordinance to vacate City Right of Way northwest of the Intersection of Fox Creek Road and Veterans Parkway as described in attachments. *(Recommend that the ordinance be approved and the Right of Way vacated.)*

The following items were presented:

**Ordinance 2015-69
An Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of a Portion of Public
Right of Way of the Former Fox Creek Road Alignment
Northwest of Veterans Parkway**

Item 7J. Consideration of an Ordinance conveying property described in Exhibit A to the Mid-Central Illinois Regional Council of Carpenters, by Quit Claim Deed, from the City of Bloomington to the Mid-Central Illinois Regional Council of Carpenters / Carpenter's Local 63. (Recommend that the Ordinance be approved and a Quit Claim Deed be executed by the Mayor conveying the property.)

Ordinance 2015-70
An Ordinance Approving the Conveyance of Property to
The Mid-Central Illinois Regional Council of Carpenters

The following items were presented:

Item 7K. 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 Miller Park Pavilion on January 30, 2016. (Recommend that the 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 Miller Park Pavilion on January 30, 2016 be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)

Ordinance No. 2015-71
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 Miller Park Pavilion on January 30, 2016

The following items were presented:

Item 7L. 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 Miller Park Pavilion on November 21, 2015. (That the 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 Miller Park Pavilion on November 21, 2015 be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)

Ordinance No. 2015-72
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 Miller Park Pavilion on January 16, 2016

The following items were presented:

Item 7M. 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 Miller Park Pavilion on January 16, 2016. (Recommend that the 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 Miller Park Pavilion on January 16, 2016 be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)

Ordinance No. 2015-73
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 Miller Park Pavilion on January 16, 2016

The following items were presented:

Item 7N. Consideration of approving a Lake Bloomington Lease Transfer Petition for Lot 2, Block 2 of Camp Iroquois, from Herbert and Janet Wisner to Janet Wisner. *(Recommend that the Lake Lease Transfer be approved and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)*

The following items were presented:

8. Regular Agenda

Item 8A. Presentation of the FY2015 Comprehensive Financial Annual Report as Audited. *(Recommend that Council accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as presented.)* *(Chad Lucas, Sikich, LLP Presentation 10 minutes, Council Discussion 15 minutes)*

Dave Hales, City Manager introduced Chad Lucas of Sikich, LLP. Mr. Lucas provided Council an overview of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. He noted that this report was above and beyond the basic standard requirements. The report included an unmodified audit opinion and a management discussion comparison with explanation as to why things changed.

The financial statements **included** both governmental and business-type activities. Business-type activity examples **included** water departments, sewer departments, and Coliseum funds. The statements also included accounting policies, information on debt and fixed assets, and pension plans. Supplementary information addressed pension plans and post-employment benefit plan.

The following items were presented:

Item 8B. Consideration of adopting an Ordinance to establish an Enterprise Zone and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, Gibson City, McLean County, and Ford County to file an application with the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for official designation of the proposed Enterprise Zone by DCEO. *(Recommend that Council approve the Ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone, the Intergovernmental Agreement be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.)* *(Austin Grammer, Economic Development Coordinator, Presentation 5 minutes, Council discussion 10 minutes)*

Ordinance No. 2015-74
An Ordinance Describing and Designating
An Area as an Enterprise Zone

Austin Grammer, Economic Development Coordinator addressed the Council. Mr. Grammer stated that the Enterprise Zone would bring state incentives, including sales tax incentives, job tax credits, and investment tax credits. State and local property taxes would assist with abatement and there would be a five (5) year incentive for improvements. Businesses would have to invest a minimum of \$5 million while creating fifty (50) jobs.

Areas among the Enterprise Zone included Downtown Bloomington, Mitsubishi Motors campus, and Central Illinois Regional Airport. The Enterprise Zone was focused on blighted areas, which needed redevelopment or had not been developed. These areas could be modified on the Enterprise Zone map could be made at any time. The current zone expired in July 2016, and if approved, the new zone would take effect January 1, 2017 for twenty (20) years.

Motion by Alderwoman Painter, seconded by Alderman Mwilambwe that Council approve the Ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone, the Intergovernmental Agreement be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following items were presented:

Item 8C. Consideration of approving a an Ordinance amending the FY2016 Budget in the amount of \$50,000 to increase expenditures in Administration – Community Relations for the City’s portion of the Museum of History Capital Campaign Contribution. *(Recommend that the Ordinance Amending the Budget in the amount of \$50,000 to add funds to account (10011110-79110) in the Administration Department- Community Relations be passed and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents. (Greg Koos, Executive Director, McLean County Museum, Presentation 5 minutes, Council discussion 10 minutes)*

Ordinance No. 2015-75
An Ordinance Amending the Budget Ordinance
For the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2016

Mayor Renner stated that the McLean County Museum of History (MCMH) **was an economic development area. His quote: “It is obviously not just critical in the ways that**

people have talked, but it is obviously economic development.” He noted that the Route 66 Museum was opened this season after a Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) grant was received.

Greg Koos, Executive Director of the McLean County Museum of History addressed the Council. He noted that the museum was a not-for-profit organization that had fifteen (15) employees and 200 volunteers. The budget is \$1.2 million, seventy percent (70%) funding from private donors. McLean County funds the other thirty percent (30%) of their budget. The museum was accredited by American Alliance of Museums. Only three percent (3%) of museums in the country had achieved this distinction. The museum served over 34,000 people on-site, and 10,000 people off-site. He noted that due to the new Route 66 visitor’s center, the museum had already seen a twenty percent (20%) increase in paid admissions.

MCMH was in the process of raising an additional \$3 million for numerous projects, including the creation of five (5) new galleries and two (2) smart boards. The smart boards would provide necessary resources for schools, teachers, and over 3,800 students. There would be an additional full-time position to expand off-site programs serving senior citizens in living facilities. It was anticipated that staff would visit eleven (11) different senior living facilities. Mr. Koos noted the educational value of bringing these services to seniors.

The museum would receive a digital revitalization. This included the completion of rewiring of the building, a Wifi connection in the Downtown Square and the expansion of the digital collection. Mr. Koos noted that the museum had constructed a phone application that featured a Downtown Bloomington architectural tour. Other applications in process were: the Swedish section of West Bloomington, and an “Abraham Lincoln in Bloomington” application. The last project was landscaping, which had been completed.

Mr. Koos noted that 100% of the Museum Board had made contributions. Mr. Koos estimated that the campaign fund would conclude with eighty-five percent (85%) private funding and fifteen percent (15%) government funding.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Hauman that the Ordinance Amending the Budget in the amount of \$50,000 to add funds to account (10011110-79110) in the Administration Department- Community Relations be passed and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Hauman, Painter, Mwilambwe, Fruin and Schmidt.

Nays: Alderman Lower.

Recused: Alderman Buragas.

Motion carried.

The following items were presented:

Item 8D. Consideration of approving a Resolution adopting the Five Bugles Feasibility and Programming Study for Bloomington Fire Stations. *(Recommend that the Resolution approving the Five Bugles Feasibility and Programming Study for Bloomington Fire Stations be adopted, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Resolution.) (Chief Brian Mohr, Presentation 10 minutes, Council discussion 15 minutes)*

Resolution 2015-46
A Resolution Adopting the Five Bugles As the City of
Bloomington Fire Department Facility Master Plan

Brian Mohr, Fire Chief addressed the Council. In 2012, the City hired Five Bugles Design to study the planning and design deficiencies of the fire stations. The deficiencies were identified based on present and future needs, state and city regulations, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards, and American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. General recommendations for the Fire Department included a new station to serve the Northeast sector and the collaboration of Global Positioning System (GPS) with Town of Normal.

Recommendations for the five (5) manned fire stations included:

1. Station #1 at 310 North Lee Street, known as “Headquarters”. This station handles over forty percent (40%) of the calls for service.
 - Option 1: Move the Administrative Offices from the basement to allow for classroom space, upper level renovation and on-site addition of 5,000 square feet. The cost would be \$4.5 to \$5 million.
 - Option 2: Relocate Administration offsite, at a cost of \$2.9 to \$3.5 million.
2. Station #2 at 1911 Hamilton Road, known as “Southeast Station”.
 - Build a vehicle exhaust system at a cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000 per vehicle drop. This recommendation has been completed.
 - Continue maintenance projects.
3. Station #3 at 2301 East Empire Street, known as “Northeast Station”.
 - Phased construction project to build two (2) additions
 - Complete renovation of interior.
 - Cost of \$3.1 to \$3.5 million.
4. Station #4 at 1705 South Morris Avenue, known as “Southwest Station”.
 - Option 1: Renovate the existing building at a cost of \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.
 - Option 2: Relocate to a new 12,000 square foot building at a cost of \$3.6 million.
5. Station #6 at 404 East Oakland Avenue, known as “CIRA Station”.
 - Build a vehicle exhaust system at a cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000 per vehicle drop. This finding had been addressed.

*The station on Six Points Road was not included in the study.

The study found that the City was adequately served by its' five (5) stations, with the exception of the area around Station #3 on College Avenue. Response times for Station #3 could reach eight (8) to ten (10) minutes and exceed the recommendation of the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA).

Mr. Hales was concerned about the Northeast Station's long response times. He believed that deficiencies for Station #1 should be addressed immediately.

Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Schmidt that the Resolution approving the Five Bugles Feasibility and Programming Study for Bloomington Fire Stations be adopted, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Resolution.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

The following items were presented:

Item 8E. Consideration of adopting the Proposed 2015 Estimated Tax Levy.
(Recommend that the Council makes a motion to adopt the estimated 2015 property tax levy in the amount of \$24,063,066. (David Hales, City Manager, Presentation 5 minutes, Council discussion 10 minutes)

David Hales, City Manager noted his support for the estimated tax levy. He believed that the City needed to take advantage of new growth. Services needed to increase to serve the same amount of people, coupled with the rising operation costs over the past few years.

Motion by Alderman Hauman, seconded by Alderman Painter that Council adopt the estimated 2015 property tax levy in the amount of \$24,063,066.

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

9. City Manager's Discussion

Mr. Hales noted that there would be the Council Retreat on Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The location was being determined. He noted the following topics: Master Plans, bonded indebtedness, schedules for the next ten (10) years, and infrastructure investments.

10. Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Renner noted that he received a petition with over one hundred (100) signatures supporting golf courses. The supporters requested golf courses be removed as a budget topic. He also noted the Veteran's Day Celebrations on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the Downtown and at the YMCA at 2:00 p.m.

11. City Aldermen's Discussion

Alderman Fruin questioned how many of the City's employees were impacted by the Cadillac Tax. Mr. Hales noted there were few employees that would be affected now, but indicated may be more in the future.

Alderman Fruin suggested Public Comment be moved to the end of the Agenda during Council meetings. Alderman Mwilambwe stated that while there could be benefits to moving Public Comment to the end of the Council meetings, he noted that he took those comments into consideration when he voted. Mayor Renner noted that it could be a part of future discussions.

Alderman Fruin noted the passing of Walt Bittner, his legacy on the City, and expressed his condolences.

12. Executive Session – cite section.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Renner asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motioned by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Lower to adjourn the Meeting.

Mayor Renner called the roll which resulted in the following:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried, (viva voce).

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

ATTEST

Tari Renner, Mayor

Renee Gooderham, Chief Deputy Clerk