

MINUTES STREATOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STREATOR CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JULY 20, 2011
HELD AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM CHAMBERS AT 7:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lansford presiding.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION 2011/12-____. RESOLUTION RELATING TO PARTICIPATION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND.

Mayor Lansford requested a motion and second to remove the item from table.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to remove the item from table. The motion was seconded by Hart.

ROLL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

Mayor Lansford stated that he was removing the item from any further consideration by the Council. Steve Myers, City Attorney, stated that there was already a resolution on record regarding participation in IMRF for any officials putting in more than 1,000 hours per year. Mayor Lansford stated that although he did put in more than 1,000 hours of service per year, he did not wish to participate in IMRF, but future mayors might.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 2011/12-____. RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN ZONING AND AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT ZONING MAP FROM "C-2" NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TO "C-3" GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND ISSUANCE OF A "SPECIAL USE" PERMIT TO ALLOW OUTDOOR SALES AT PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 410 RICHARDS STREET - DENIED.

Mayor Lansford presented the item for Council's consideration.

MOTION: Benner made a motion to receive and place the Plan Commission's Recommendation denying the petition. The motion was seconded by Hart.

ROLL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

3. ORDINANCE 2011/12-____. APPROVING THE REZONING AND AMENDING OF THE DISTRICT ZONING MAP FROM "C-2" NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL TO "C-3" GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND ISSUANCE OF A "SPECIAL USE" PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR OUTDOOR SALES AT PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 410 RICHARDS STREET, STREATOR, ILLINOIS.

Mayor Lansford presented the ordinance for Council's consideration.

MOTION: Benner made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented; the motion was seconded by Williamson.

Mayor Lansford stated that if the Council wished to concur with the Plan Commission and deny the rezoning a majority nay vote was necessary. The ordinance failed upon the roll call vote.

ROLL: Ayes: None. Nays: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

4. **RESOLUTION 2011/12-13. AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STREATOR, ILLINOIS AND THE LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 393 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 1, 2011 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2014.**

Mayor Lansford presented the item for Council consideration.

MOTION: Williamson made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented; seconded by Brozak.

ROLL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

5. **RESOLUTION 2011/12-14. AWARDING A CONTRACT TO D CONSTRUCTION INC., COAL CITY, ILLINOIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2011 VERMILION RIVER EAST BANK FAILURE MITIGATION PROJECT.**

Mayor Lansford presented the resolution to Council.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented; the motion was seconded by Hart.

ROLL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

6. **RESOLUTION 2011/12-15. APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH DONALD PECK.**

Mayor Lansford presented the resolution for Council consideration.

MOTION: Hart made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Brozak.

Paul C. Nicholson, City Manager, reported on the item. Following his report the motion passed upon the roll call vote.

ROLL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Lansford presented the Consent Agenda to Council for consideration.

MOTION: Benner moved to approve the Consent Agenda with a fund warrant total of \$1,695,257.42, Williamson seconded the motion.

ROLL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORTS: Nicholson announced that due to the extreme weather conditions, Bruce Township Hall, the Salvation Army, and the Community Room at City Hall are all designated "cooling stations". The facilities are open to anyone needing temporary relief from the heat during normal business hours. Nicholson confirmed that Wal Mart was beginning to take applications beginning Monday, July 25th at Northpoint Plaza.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS: Councilman Hart requested an update regarding the street program from the City Engineer. Palm updated Council.

Williamson requested that the City draft a letter to the County Board supporting the solar energy projects. Mayor Lansford stated that a letter would be drafted prior to August 11th.

Councilman Brozak reported on the progress with regard to the City Park Committee. Brozak reported that their mission was to identify "How can City Park be improved, better utilized and enjoyed by our citizens?". Brozak reported that their goals were:

Short term (1-2 years)

- Band Shelter
- Remodel Restrooms
- Rebuild South Parking Area
- History Area (SW corner)
- Remove Old Tennis Court
- Benches/Trash Containers
- Signage
- More Tables

Long term (3-5 years)

- Rebuild Fountain
- New Shelters
- Replace Lighting Fixtures-More Light
- New Playground Equipment
- More Planting Areas

Mayor Lansford reported on the following:

- Stated that Marilla Park is not closing. That due to the condition of the bridge a weight limit has been imposed and that there was a possibility that the bridge might close, but that the City was looking into replacement or a new entrance for the park.
- Reported on Steril ALM's addition of 10,000 square feet which will be used for training. The expansion also resulted 20 new jobs.
- Reported that the Weber House has had 200+ visitors this year

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT: Mayor Lansford presented the name of Jim Gohs for a two year appointment to the Police Pension Board.

MOTION: Brozak made a motion to approve the appointment; the motion was seconded by Hart.

ROLL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

Mayor Lansford presented the name of Harry Godfrey for a four year appointment to the Plan Commission.

MOTION: Benner made a motion to approve the appointments. The motion was seconded by Williamson.

ROLL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

PUBLIC FORUM: Dorii Barnes Palmer, 1552 East 19th Road, Streator, Illinois, addressed the Council and audience stating that she had planned on withdrawing her petition for the re-zoning of 410 Richards Street, due to the neighbors unhappiness with it.

Mimi DiCicco, former owner of 212 Water Street, thanked the Council for their help in obtaining the grant for the riverbank project and asked the City Engineer when the project was projected to start. Palm responded.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further issues to discuss or persons wishing to speak, Mayor Lansford requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Brozak moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Williamson.

ROLL: Ayes: Benner, Brozak, Hart, Williamson, and Mayor Lansford.

TIME: Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda Underwood, Deputy City Clerk