

APPROVED MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2010

The Delavan City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Room, 219 Locust Street, Delavan, Illinois. Mayor Elizabeth Skinner presided. The following aldermen were present: Jere Braden, David Holland, Dan Kentner (entered the meeting after the Pledge), Lou McCoy, George Mitchell, and Sally Shoultz. Other city officials present were City Administrator Joe Woith, City Attorney Sue Bosich, City Clerk Penny Bright, ESDA Director Chuck Ostrom, Assistant Police Chief Jerry Littlefield, and Patrolman Mike Evans. Others in attendance were Mike Burris and *Pekin Times* reporter Linda Robinson.

The meeting notice and agenda were posted to least forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting on the door of the City Council Room and on the bulletin board in the City Clerk's Office. A copy of the meeting notice and agenda is attached to and made a part of the minutes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

(Alderman Kentner entered the meeting.)

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented for vote under the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of minutes of the January 5, 2010, regular meeting.
- B. Approval of Resolution #2010-3 for payment of bills.

A motion was made by Alderman Shoultz, seconded by Alderman Holland, to approve Agenda Item A, minutes of the January 5, 2010, regular meeting, and Consent Agenda Item B, RESOLUTION #2010-3, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS OF THE CITY OF DELAVAN, ILLINOIS. The vote on this motion was as follows: Ayes: Braden, McCoy, Kentner, Mitchell, Shoultz, Holland; Nays: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Skinner reported that she was unable to attend the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force meeting and asked Alderman Shoultz to report on the meeting. Shoultz reported that several items were discussed at the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force meeting. They included a school event that will be taking place later in the spring and a drug drop-off program. More information concerning the school event will be discussed at the next meeting of the task force. Information was presented to the group on the drug drop-off program. It was learned that the program is quite expensive and the group may be looking for other partners in this program, possibly Hopedale Medical Complex. The next meeting of the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force will be Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

Mayor Skinner reported that the next meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be Monday, January 25, 2010, at 5:30 p.m.

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Mayor Skinner provided a draft copy of the newsletter to members of the newsletter committee for their perusal.

Mayor Skinner reported that Libby Mathers will be ready to open the Harvest Café by the end of February or first of March. Mayor Skinner will be hosting the April meeting of the Heart of Illinois Mayor's Meeting on April 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Harvest Café. She asked if members of the council could be present at the HOI Mayor's meeting to meet and greet the visiting mayors.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Joe Woith reported that the snow removal for the winter has been going well. There was one mishap when a light pole in the downtown area was knocked over by the snow removal equipment. The salt and cinder use is down. A 50/50 mix is being used on the streets.

City Administrator Woith reported that the transition with the new Public Services Superintendent Bob Beard is going well.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Alternate energy source proposal.

City Administrator Woith presented information on an alternate energy source from Glacial Energy. Discussion was heard with regard to this proposal. A motion was made by Alderman Kentner, seconded by Alderman Braden, to postpone any action on this proposal to another time in order to get more information to present to the council. The vote on this motion was as follows: Ayes: Mitchell, Shoultz, Holland, Braden, McCoy, Kentner; Nays: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

B. Discussion items:

- 1. Calendar year 2010: possible improvements to doing things.**
- 2. Fiscal year 2010-11: items on the budget**
- 3. Attendance at council meeting of Public Works Superintendent and Police Chief.**

Discussion was heard with regard to the following items:

- Improvements to doing things and ways to better serve the community;
- money will not be available for the 2010-11 fiscal year for capital projects without running down reserves. There is a concern with regard to the state payments to the city.
- Alderman Braden presented ideas for the 175 year celebration in 2012, and items that the city may want to work on in order to prepare for the celebration.
- City's web site. Additional money will be put in the budget next year in order to provide an update to the web site. This site is a source of information for prospective residents and needs to have accurate and up-to-date information.
- increasing the amount of money in next year's budget for downtown development.

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- City logo. Several council members will be checking on ways to provide a logo for the city and will report back at the next meeting.
- Annexation. This is an item that needs to be looked at again in the future.
- City Administrator will be asking the Public Services Superintendent and the Police Chief to attend the city council meetings so that the council can benefit from their experience and input.

C. Authorization to participate in federal grant for replacement of regulatory signs.

City Administrator Woith informed the council that he and Public Service Superintendent Beard met with the Tazewell County Highway Department and learned of a grant that would 100% fund replacement of regulatory signs in the city. The grant amount would be between \$16,000 and \$17,000, and would need the council authorization to allow the Mayor to sign the grant agreement. A motion was made by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Holland, to participate in a federal grant for replacement of regulatory signs and to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement on behalf of the city. The vote on this motion was as follows: Ayes: Kentner, Mitchell, Shoultz, Holland, Braden, McCoy; Nays: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was heard with regard to the railroad crossing upgrades that are scheduled for 2014, and whether or not a quiet zone can be established once the work is complete. A concern was raised as to the condition of the railroad crossing on Spruce Street.

Discussion was heard with regard to prohibiting the use of exhaust brakes by truckers in the 30 mph zone. A motion was made by Alderman Kentner, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, to direct counsel to draft an ordinance prohibiting the use of exhaust brakes in the 30 mph zone within the city limits. The vote on this motion was as follows: Ayes: Mitchell, Shoultz, Holland, Braden, McCoy, Kentner; Nays: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kentner, seconded by Alderman Shoultz, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real estate pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). The vote on this motion was as follows: Ayes: Shoultz, Holland, Braden, McCoy, Kentner, Mitchell; Nays: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

The Delavan City Council reconvened in regular session at 7:55 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Mayor Elizabeth Skinner presided. The following aldermen were present: Jere Braden, David Holland, Dan Kentner, Lou McCoy, George Mitchell, and Sally Shoultz. Also in attendance were City Administrator Joe Woith, City Attorney Sue Bosich and City Clerk Penny Bright.

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Discussion was heard with regard to property on E. 3rd Street that had previously been considered for purchase. This property is no longer a purchase issue. The City Administrator has asked the City Attorney and the Chief of Police to work on any legal action to be taken to remedy the situation. The attorney and chief will meet with the owner with regard to the property.

No further business was presented to the council. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Skinner at 7:58 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2010.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk