



City Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Mayor: John McTaggart
Councilmember Chuck Adams Carolyn Caiharr Garrett Mellott
Margaret Shriver Chuck Stites

This meeting was held remotely, with some staff inside the City Council Chambers, using the GoToMeeting software

1. **Consider approval of consent agenda items**
 - a) **Approve minutes of February 8, 2021**
 - b) **Statement of bills paid in the amount of \$836,198.06**
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to approve the consent agenda items
 - **Second:** Councilmember Stites seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
2. **Requests or Comments from the public**
 - No public comments were offered at this time.
3. **Consider acquisition of a Parks and Public Spaces maintenance vehicle using funding through the Special Sales Tax Fund**
 - Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel reviewed this item, noting it the purchase of the vehicle had been previously budgeted since 2019.
 - The recommendation to move forward with the purchase now is based on having a new, dedicated parks & public spaces staff member within the Parks department.
 - Rather than financing the vehicle, staff is recommending outright purchase due to the overall health of the Special Sales Tax Fund and to avoid any unnecessary financing or bank fees.
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to authorize the purchase of the vehicle using Special Sales Tax funds.
 - **Second:** Councilmember Adams seconded the motion.
 - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
4. **Consider authorizing the acquisition of a new ambulance from American Response Vehicles and adoption of Resolution 2021-02 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease purchase agreement with Union Bank & Trust Company for financing of said equipment using funding through the Special Sales Tax Fund**
 - Fire Chief Tim Whitham presented this item.
 - Chief Whitham noted that the price for the vehicle did not include the cost for the installation of necessary equipment, which would amount to about \$5,000. This cost is not factored into the financing of the vehicle. Chief Whitham also reviewed the warranty information for the vehicle.
 - Chief Whitham reviewed the selection process related to the financing bank, citing UBT's lower interest rate.
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to authorize the acquisition of the vehicle as noted and approve Resolution 2021-02 authorizing the financing of the same.

- Councilmember Mellott asked about the interest rates of the two submitting banks, which Mr. Webb provided clarification.
 - **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion.
 - Councilmember Shriver asked about the lifespan of a new vehicle such as what is proposed. Chief Whitham noted that he expects about 7-8 years for the cab and chassis before needed to refurbish the vehicle for continued use.
 - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
5. **Consider authorizing the purchase of a digital message board utilizing CARES Act funding**
- Public Works Director Dustin Zenger presented this item and provided the details on the proposed purchase.
 - Mr. Zenger noted that additional signage was a noted Council priority for CARES Act fund usage. He also noted that there is a March deadline to expend the available funds, which necessitated forgoing the standard sealed bid process. Instead, three quotes were solicited from sign providers.
 - The Work Zone provided the low quote at \$15,975.
 - Councilmember Caiharr had questions about the quotes as it appeared the manufacturer was outbid. Mr. Zenger clarified that these are dealers, not manufacturers.
 - Councilmember Caiharr asked if this was a mobile or fixed sign, which Mr. Zenger noted it was portable and provided other technical details.
 - Councilmember Stites asked why staff did not go forward with a multi-colored sign. Staff noted that this sign will be used more for notification (and later traffic communication). The City is still pursuing a permanent sign for placement at a fixed location.
 - There was discussion about the price differences in a permanent vs. a mobile sign.
 - There was additional discussion on the remaining CARES Act projects and the timeline related to those projects.
 - Location options for a permanent sign were discussed.
 - Councilmember Stites asked for confirmation that this item is a time-sensitive purchase, which Mr. Webb confirmed.
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to authorize the purchase of the digital message board utilizing CARES Act funding
 - **Second:** Councilmember Adams seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
6. **Consider motion to recess into Executive Session in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319(b) for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property**
- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel explained the process for executive sessions using the online, virtual meeting format.
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to recess into Executive Session for the reasons stated with the regular meeting to resume at 6:50.
 - **Second:** Councilmember Stites seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
 - Council recessed into Executive Session, returning at the time stated.
 - **Motion:** Councilmember Caiharr made the motion to return to regular session.
 - **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
 - **Vote:** Passes 5-0
 - No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session

7. City Manager Report

- City Manager noted that Public Works crews will be out addressing potholes, which was planned in the aftermath of the recent severe winter weather. He also noted the kitchenette remodel being done right now.
- Councilmember Adams asked Mr. Webb to forward the planning documents related to the Bonner Springs project taking place along 110th St.
- Councilmember Caiharr expressed extreme displeasure in the Bonner Springs project, noting it did not seem to meet her definition of “light industrial”. She stressed that whatever Edwardsville can do to ensure proper input is provided should be explored. She also asked about the status of a traffic study related to the project, which Mr. Webb noted a study has been done but he was not aware of the results of it at this time. She noted her desire not to see industrial development in that area, so close to the City of Edwardsville’s northernmost entrance.

8. Council and Mayor Comments

Councilmember Shriver thanked staff for having a plan to address potholes, noting specific areas she has noticed them.

Councilmember Mellott thanked the EFD/EMS for their work to ensure longevity of emergency vehicles. He also noted the looming special sales tax expiration.

Councilmember Caiharr asked about COVID-19 restrictions being lifted. Mr. Webb noted he was not heard of restrictions being lifted, but that he expects the topic to be discussed at the County-wide call scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23. She also asked about sidewalk maintenance items, which Mr. Webb noted there will be two ordinances brought up at the next meeting on this topic.

Councilmember Adams congratulated EFD/EMS on the potential life-saving events noted in the City Manager’s Report. He also asked about the ambulance that is being replaced, which Mr. Webb noted they are exploring either selling or repurposing the unit. He closed by noting the CPPS Board has been functioning efficiently since its consolidation a year ago.

Mayor McTaggart closed by stating the Council will return to meeting in person at the March 8 meeting and that the mask requirement for all attendees will be in place.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Zachary Daniel
City Clerk