

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, March 11, 2008, a Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting was held this date at 6:18 P.M., at City Hall, Council Chambers, 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears (Arrived at 6:19 P.M.), Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11; Absent: None.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection and he requested that the family of Walter Ratledge, a long-time neighborhood advocate, be remembered due to his recent passing, and the family of Bradley Student Robert Hurt, due to his recent tragic death in a pedestrian accident. Mayor Ardis then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM – 2ND PLACE STATE BASKETBALL CLASS 2A CHAMPIONS

PROCLAMATION: ARTS IN EDUCATION SPRING CELEBRATION MONTHS - APRIL AND MAY 2008

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 26, 2008, Executive Sessions held on February 12 and 26, 2008, and the Special City Council Meeting held on March 3, 2008, as printed; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA

(08-097) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding PROPOSED ANNEXATION of 6627 SOUTHPORT Identified as Parcel Nos. 13-22-300-006, 13-22-300-007, and 13-22-300-008.

Corporation Counsel Randy Ray said the Public Hearing was withdrawn and would be scheduled for a later date.

Council Member Turner moved to withdraw the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Annexation of 6627 SOUTHPORT Identified as Parcel Nos. 13-22-300-006, 13-22-300-007, and 13-22-300-008; seconded by Council Member Jacob.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(08-098) PUBLIC HEARING Regarding the Draft HUD CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER).

Council Member Nichting moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the Draft HUD Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (Caper); seconded by Council Member Turner.

No objections were heard.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:35 P.M.

Following the third call by Mayor Ardis for citizens to address the City Council, Council Member Nichting moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the Draft HUD Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (Caper); seconded by Council Member Jacob.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:37 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE, for the City of Peoria, with Recommendations as Outlined:

- (08-099)** **Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of VENDORS for STREET MATERIALS, as Outlined in ATTACHMENT NO. 1.**
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- (08-100)** **Communication from the Interim City Manager and Fire Chief Requesting Approval of the LOW BID of RAGAN COMMUNICATIONS, in the Amount of \$64,087.70, for the PURCHASE of TWO OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS.**
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- (08-101)** **Communication from the Interim City Manager and Police Chief Requesting Approval of the LOW BID of ILLINOIS FIRE AND POLICE EQUIPMENT, in the Amount of \$29,952.00 (\$1,248.00 Per Unit) for the PURCHASE of TWENTY-FOUR ELECTRONIC EMERGENCY RED AND BLUE LED POLICE CAR LIGHTING SYSTEMS.**
- (08-102)** **Communication from the Interim City Manager and Police Chief Requesting Approval of the SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE of FORTY-FIVE DIGITAL IN-CAR VIDEO CAMERAS and the Necessary PERIPHERALS from L3 COMMUNICATIONS MOBILE VISION, INC., in the Amount of \$258,440.25.**
- (08-103)** **Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval for the PURCHASE of TWENTY POLICE VEHICLES for Routine Fleet Replacement, in the Total Amount of \$372,685, through the State of Illinois Contract Bid Process, (18 Chevrolets in the Amount of \$345,573.00 from BILL JACOBS CHEVROLET, One Ford Focus in the Amount of \$11,501.00 from MORROW BROTHERS FORD, and One Ford Cargo Van in the Amount of \$15,611.00 from LANDMARK FORD.)**

- (08-104) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval for the PURCHASE of THREE COMPACT CARS for Fleet Replacement from MORROW BROTHERS, in the Amount of \$11,501.00 each, at a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$34,503.00, Using the State Bidding Contract.
- (08-105) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Interim Human Resources Director Requesting Approval of a 30-DAY EXTENSION to the Current GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY to Allow More Time to Conduct a RFP PROCESS for INSURANCE SERVICES.
- (08-106)
**** Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of an AGREEMENT with PEORIA COUNTY, CITY OF PEORIA, and NORTHWOODS COMMUNITY CHURCH for the IMPROVEMENT of the WILHELM ROAD and ALLEN ROAD INTERSECTION, and to WILHELM ROAD Between Allen Road and Northtrail Drive, TRANSFER of HIGHWAY JURISDICTION to the City of Peoria, with MFT RESOLUTION, in the Amount of \$1,175,000.00 to Cover the City's Share of the Improvement. (Refer to Item Nos. 02-617, 05-691 and 07-251)
- (08-107) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting to Extend the FUNDING COMMITMENT for SPD DEVELOPMENT (MacArthur Street Apartments) Until September 1, 2008. (Refer to Item No. 07-477)
- (08-108)
***** Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Approval of a RESOLUTION Supporting the TEN YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS.
- (08-109)

* Communication from the Interim City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 Relating to the PURCHASE of NEW POLICE VEHICLES, in the Amount of \$2,307.00 from Restricted Capital Funds for the Acquisition and Maintenance of Police Vehicles.
- (08-110) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of a STREET LIGHT REQUEST, in the Total Amount of \$85.56 Annually for the Location of 5612 NORTH MAR VISTA DRIVE.
- (08-111)

** Communication from the Interim City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of an APPLICATION for a CLASS G (Restaurant/Tavern, Beer Wine Only) SUBCLASS 3A (Sidewalk Cafe) LIQUOR LICENSE for 2601 W. LAKE, SUITE A-5, with Liquor Commission Recommendation to Approve.
- (08-112) REPORT of the CITY TREASURER, REGINALD A. WILLIS for JANUARY 1, 2007, through DECEMBER 31, 2007.
- (08-113) PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY FINANCIAL and STATISTICAL REPORT - JANUARY 31, 2008.
- (08-114) ADOPTION of COMMITTEE REPORT Regarding USE of HOME FUNDS.

Mayor Ardis questioned if the Council wished to have any of the Consent Agenda items removed for further discussion.

Council Member Nichting requested that Item Nos. 08-103 and 08-109 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Turner requested that Item No. 08-108 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Sandberg requested that Item No. 08-106 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Jacob requested that Item Nos. 08-100 and 08-111 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Manning requested that Item No. 08-099 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Council Communications; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Item Nos. 08-099 through 08-114 (excluding Item Nos. 08-099, 08-100, 08-103, 08-106, 08-108, 08-109, and 08-111, which were removed for further discussion) were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

**(08-099) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public
* Works Requesting Approval of VENDORS for STREET MATERIALS, as
 Outlined in ATTACHMENT NO. 1.**

Council Member Manning said he would be abstaining from voting on this item due to having a business relationship with one of the successful bidders.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Vendors for street materials, as outlined in Attachment No. 1; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None;

Abstentions: Manning - 1.

**(08-100) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Fire Chief Requesting
** Approval of the LOW BID of RAGAN COMMUNICATIONS, in the Amount of
 \$64,087.70, for the PURCHASE of TWO OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS.**

Council Member Jacob said there had been a number of discussions regarding partnering with Peoria County and to secure funding for sirens within the City limits. He said the County had agreed to purchase the next two sirens this year, which was budgeted in their 2008 Budget. He said there had been a strengthening of the City's relationship with the County as well as other governmental entities. He thanked Council Member Spears and the City Staff for their assistance in the matter.

Council Member Jacob moved to approve the low bid of Ragan Communications, in the amount of \$64,087.70, for the purchase of two Outdoor Warning Sirens; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Motion to approve the low bid of Ragan Communications, in the amount of \$64,087.70, for the purchase of two Outdoor Warning Sirens was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

**(08-103) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public
*** Works Requesting Approval for the PURCHASE of TWENTY POLICE
 VEHICLES for Routine Fleet Replacement, in the Total Amount of
 *\$372,685.00, through the State of Illinois Contract Bid Process, (18
 Chevrolets in the Amount of *\$345,573.00 from BILL JACOBS CHEVROLET,
 One Ford Focus in the Amount of \$11,501.00 from MORROW BROTHERS
 FORD, and One Ford Cargo Van in the Amount of \$15,611.00 from
 LANDMARK FORD.)**

*Director of Public Works Dave Barber distributed a replacement communication changing the total amount of the purchase from \$370,507.00 to \$372,685.00 and changing the amount for 18 Chevrolets from \$343,395.00 to \$345,573.00 to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the purchase of twenty Police Vehicles for routine fleet replacement, as amended, in the total amount of \$372,685.00, through the State of Illinois Contract Bid process (18 Chevrolets in the amount of \$345,573.00 from Bill Jacobs Chevrolet, one Ford Focus in the amount of \$11,501.00 from Morrow Brothers Ford, and one Ford Cargo Van in the amount of \$15,611.00 from Landmark Ford.); seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Approved, as amended, by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

**(08-106) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Public
**** Works Requesting Approval of an AGREEMENT with PEORIA COUNTY,
 CITY OF PEORIA, and NORTHWOODS COMMUNITY CHURCH for the
 IMPROVEMENT of the WILHELM ROAD and ALLEN ROAD INTERSECTION,
 and to WILHELM ROAD Between Allen Road and Northtrail Drive,
 TRANSFER of HIGHWAY JURISDICTION to the City of Peoria, with MFT
 RESOLUTION, in the Amount of \$1,175,000.00 to Cover the City's Share of
 the Improvement. (Refer to Item Nos. 02-617, 05-691 and 07-251)**

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern regarding the installation of a bi-directional turn lane at this location. He questioned if there was a better solution.

Council Member Nichting moved to approve an Agreement with Peoria County, City of Peoria, and Northwoods Community Church for the improvement of the Wilhelm Road and Allen Road Intersection, and to Wilhelm Road between Allen Road and Northtrail Drive, Transfer of Highway Jurisdiction to the City of Peoria with MFT Resolution, in the amount of \$1,175,000.00 to cover the City's share of the improvement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Nichting explained this improvement was discussed as part of Growth Cell 1A, and this project would address traffic issues that impacted the nearby neighborhoods that were apparent when multiple services were held on Wednesday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. He said the road was currently a County Road, but would be turned over to the City's jurisdiction in the future. He thanked the Pastor of Northwoods Community Church for his leadership and he said he appreciated their support.

Council Member Van Auken questioned the need for the improvement in an extended area for an extended period of time.

Council Member Nichting explained there were four churches in the area that would benefit from the proposed improvement. He said Northwoods Community Church had donated \$1,000,000 to the project, the developer donated \$150,000, and the City and the County would be splitting the difference for the remaining amount.

Mayor Ardis spoke in support of the motion and he commented regarding the large amount of residential growth that had occurred recently in that area. He commended Council Member Nichting on his negotiations for the project and he commended Northwoods Community Church for their generous donation.

Council Member Spain spoke in support of the motion and pointed out that Police Officers routinely had to direct traffic at this intersection to handle the traffic for the area. He also commended the Pastor of Northwoods Community Church for their donation.

Council Member Spears commented on the Staff's work to install two ways into a subdivision, but he felt there were many roads that were dead-ends. He requested a report back regarding why some areas of the City had two ways into a subdivision, but this subdivision did not. He said two ways into the nearby subdivision would have removed some of the traffic pressures on Wilhelm Road. He added he would support the proposed motion, and he indicated the report back could be addressed in the City Manager's Issues Updates.

Council Member Sandberg expressed concern that traffic speeds would increase, if a bi-directional lane was added. He also stated that studies showed that the third lane in older neighborhoods was not generally used. He stated the half-mile third lane should not be installed.

In discussion with Council Member Gulley and Council Member Van Auken, Director of Public Works Dave Barber explained more money was requested for this project than was approved for 2008. He said the agreement before the Council was the result of negotiations with the County subsequent to the approval of the Capital Budget. He added the agreement limited the City's expenses to the \$600,000 that was approved for 2008, with the remaining portion, for another \$600,000, to be due in 2009 after the approval of the Capital Budget for 2009.

Motion to approve an Agreement with Peoria County, City of Peoria, and Northwoods Community Church for the improvement of the Wilhelm Road and Allen Road Intersection, and to Wilhelm Road between Allen Road and Northtrail Drive, Transfer of Highway Jurisdiction to the City of Peoria with MFT RESOLUTION NO. 08-106, in the amount of \$1,175,000.00 to cover the City's share of the improvement was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: Sandberg - 1.

(08-108) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management Requesting Approval of a RESOLUTION Supporting the TEN-YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS.

Council Member Turner discussed homeless problems that he had personally observed and he expressed concern there seemed to be no place for women and children to stay. He requested that the Council and City Administration find ways to address and assist the homeless problems and homeless agencies in the area. He said homelessness was a growing issue in the City.

Council Member Turner moved to approve the Resolution supporting the Ten-Year Plan to end Chronic Homelessness; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

Clerk's Note: See addition discussion on Page 28466.

(08-109) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller Requesting Adoption of an ORDINANCE Amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 Relating to the PURCHASE of NEW POLICE VEHICLES, to Cover the Shortfall in the Amount of *\$4,485.00 from Restricted Capital Funds for the Acquisition and Maintenance of Police Vehicles.

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Finance Director/Comptroller Jim Scroggins distributed a replacement Council communication and proposed Ordinance to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Nichting moved to adopt the replacement Ordinance amending the City of Peoria Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 relating to the purchase of new Police Vehicles, to cover the shortfall in the amount of *\$4,485.00, from restricted capital funds for the acquisition and maintenance of Police Vehicles; seconded by Van Auken.

ORDINANCE NO. 16,252, as amended, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

(08-111) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Corporation Counsel Requesting Approval of an APPLICATION for a CLASS G (Restaurant/Tavern, Beer Wine Only) SUBCLASS 3A (Sidewalk Cafe) LIQUOR LICENSE for 2601 W. LAKE, SUITE A-5, with Liquor Commission Recommendation to Approve.

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Council Member Jacob said he would be abstaining from voting on this item because he was a liquor licensee and was prohibited from voting on liquor related matters by State Statute 235 ILCS 5/6-2.

Council Member Nichting moved to concur with the Liquor Commission to approve an Application for a Class G (Restaurant/Tavern, Beer Wine Only) Subclass 3A (Sidewalk Café) Liquor License for 2601 W. Lake, Suite A-5; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 10;

Nays: None;

Abstention: Jacob - 1.

- (08-115) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Zoning Commission and Staff to DENY an ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at the NE Corner of FRYE ROAD and N. KNOXVILLE AVENUE from the Present Class R1 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class O1 (Arterial Office) District.**

A letter from the Petitioner's Attorney requesting that this item be withdrawn was distributed to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Nichting moved that this item be withdrawn from the Council Agenda; seconded by Council Member Jacob.

Motion to withdraw this item was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

- (08-116) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Director of Planning and Growth Management with Request to Concur with the Recommendation from the Zoning Commission and Staff to DENY an ORDINANCE Rezoning Property Located at 9004 N. KNOXVILLE AVENUE from the Present Class R1 (Single Family Residential) District to a Class O1 (Arterial Office) District.**

A letter from the Petitioner's Attorney requesting that this item be withdrawn was distributed to all members of the City Council.

Council Member Nichting moved that this item be withdrawn from the Council Agenda; seconded by Council Member Jacob.

Motion to withdraw this item was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (08-079) Communication from the Interim City Manager and Fire Chief Requesting Approval to AWARD a ONE-YEAR CONTRACT, with Two ONE-YEAR OPTIONS, to the LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER, IWIRC, in the Amount of \$92,482.60, for the PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT WELLNESS/FITNESS INITIATIVE. (New Communication)**

Council Member Sandberg requested information regarding the amount of savings this program had generated.

Fire Chief Kent Tomblin provided background information regarding the program and how the initiative was started. He said the wellness program was not designed to provide too much information in the first few years, but the information became more clear following those years. He explained the process that was used to begin the program. He discussed the number of Firefighters who had to have further testings for cardiac problems, blood pressure, hearing

problems, eye problems, and several other problems. He said the goal of the Wellness Program was to reduce injuries, Workman's Comp issues, and to reduce time off the job. He said the Peoria Fire Department had reduced their Workman's Comp issues by 17%. He further discussed other cities where the Wellness Program had assisted in lowering healthcare costs and reduced Workman's Comp claims significantly.

Following comments of support, Council Member Nichting moved to approve a One-Year Contract, with two one-year options, to the lowest qualified bidder, IWIRC, in the amount of \$92,482.60, for the Peoria Fire Department Wellness/Fitness Initiative; seconded by Council Member Van Auken.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – TOWN OF THE CITY OF PEORIA

(08-117) Communication from the Town Clerk Recommending Approval of AGENDAS for the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING and the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TOWN TRUSTEES.

Trustee Nichting moved to approve the Agendas for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting of the Board of Town Trustees; seconded by Trustee Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Chairman Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

(08-118) REQUEST for a REPORT BACK Regarding WORKMAN'S COMP LIABILITIES.

Council Member Jacob requested a Report Back regarding the issue of Workman's Comp and liabilities. He said he felt it would be good to do some comparables with other cities similar in size to Peoria and review how other cities were curtailing Workman's Comp costs. He said, with the City having some challenging budget decisions to make for 2009, he felt the City should be as efficient and effective as possible. He requested that the Report Back be broken down by department.

Mayor Ardis requested that additional information be provided regarding Workman's Comp settlements and how many cases had been settled in advance versus those moving through the Court system.

No Objections were heard.

(08-119) REQUEST for REPORT BACK Regarding the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY and the HISTORY Behind the City Council Having Authority Over the Library Versus Being Under a Library District.

Council Member Nichting requested a Report Back regarding the Peoria Public Library. He said several citizens had requested information regarding the history regarding how the City Council became the authority over the Library versus other Libraries being under a Library District. He

said other Libraries under Library Districts had a mill rate and increases were voted under public referendum and voters decided increases in budgets.

Interim City Manager Henry Holling said this response would come in the next City Manager's Issues Updates. No objections were heard.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY APPOINTED ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF DAVE JOHNSTON

Mayor Ardis congratulated Assistant Fire Chief Dave Johnston to his newly appointed position and he said Assistant Fire Chief Johnston had been a City employee for almost 30 years. He wished him well in the future.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

(08-120) Request for CITIZENS to ADDRESS the CITY COUNCIL Regarding VARIOUS ISSUES.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ardis granted Privilege of the Floor to those citizens wishing to address the City Council.

Ms. Pam Anderson, Chairman of the Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care, thanked the Council for the endorsement to end homelessness. She provided an overview of the program and she invited the public, as well as the Council, to attend their meetings. She said the program provided vouchers for emergency shelter in hotels. She said she would offer her services to provide education to the Council and the public regarding services that were provided to assist those who were homeless.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(08-121) REQUEST for APPROVAL of a MOTION for the CITY COUNCIL to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to Discuss 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent.

Council Member Van Auken moved that the City Council go into Executive Session to Discuss 2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent; seconded by Council Member Gulley.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Gulley, Jacob, Manning, Montelongo, Nichting, Sandberg, Spain, Spears, Turner, Van Auken, Mayor Ardis – 11;

Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Montelongo moved to adjourn the Joint City Council & Town Board Meeting; seconded by Council Member Spain.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P. M.