

STATE OF ILLINOIS

MACOUPIN COUNTY

December 4, 2017

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

PRESENT: Alderman Bilbruck, Alderman Brockmeier, Alderman Campbell, Alderman Direso, Alderman Downey, Alderman Heigert, Alderman Oswald, Alderman Toon, Mayor Deanna Demuzio, City Attorney Brent Cain, City Clerk Carla Brockmeier, City Treasurer Jody Reichmann, Police Chief Dave Haley, Zoning Administrator Steve Parr.

Approval of Previous Minutes - Motion was made by Alderman Downey to approve minutes, seconded by Direso motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills/Approval of Lake Bills/Lake Adhoc Bills/Lake Watershed - Motion to approve bills made by Alderman Toon, seconded by Direso, motion passed unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

Carlinville Christmas Market - Letter from the Carlinville Christmas Market requesting use of the square for 2018 was placed on file after a motion was made by Alderman Direso, seconded by Heigert, motion passed unanimously.

IL Bicentennial Flag Raising - Letter from Governor Rauner was placed on file regarding the Bicentennial Flag Raising after a motion was made by Alderman Direso, seconded by Heigert, motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Old Business**

Jeff Stewart - Jeff Stewart former employee of the city spoke regarding warnings and evaluations in his personnel file. Attorney Cain, Clerk and Treasurer answered questions and addressed Stewart.

Quiet Zone for Trains - Alderman Toon asked about the application process for the quiet zone for trains. The process is quite lengthy and needed to be completed after fencing and all safety measures were in place. Zoning Administrator and Alderman Toon will begin working on the application process and bring to the Public Lands Meeting.

Statutory Authority for Non-Profit Regional Water Concept - Alderman Toon asked Attorney Cain about the state statute authority for the non-profit regional water concept. According to Cain from what he has researched, we have legal authority. There is not much law regarding the subject.

Regional Water Concept Update- Lengthy conversation took place regarding the water concept and still other options to possibly be explored. Alderman Campbell gave an update from the last IARWC meeting. They are moving forward with organizing and have hired an attorney.

Partial Release of Funds to IARWC - Alderman Campbell asked for 3,000 of the 30,000 allocated to be released from the city to cover legal and incidental fees for the water concept. Motion was made by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Oswald, motion passed 5-3, with Bilbruck, Toon and Heigert voting nay.

### **New Business**

City Attorney - Letter was read by the mayor from Rick Bertinetti, retiring his position as city attorney immediately, Brent Cain declined the position due to lack of time. Mayor appointed Dan O'Brien as City Attorney, motion was made to appoint by the mayor, seconded by Alderman Direso, motion passed unanimously.

Tax Levy Ordinance - First Read/ Ordinance does not require two reads, after discussion took place Alderman Bilbruck will contact County Clerk for a question to be answered, Alderman Oswald made a motion to approve, seconded by Toon, motion passed unanimously.

Tax Abatement Ordinance - First Read / Motion was made to suspend the rules and pass ordinance by Alderman Oswald, seconded by Downey, motion passed unanimously. Motion was made to pass the ordinance by Alderman Oswald, seconded by Direso, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Downey at 8:06 p.m., seconded by Oswald, motion passed unanimously.

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Deanna Demuzio, Mayor

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Attest: Carla Brockmeier, City Clerk