

THE CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, December 4, 2017

The regular meeting of the City Council was held this day at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Kyle A. Moore presiding.

The following members were physically present:

Ald. Goehl, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Ernst, Havermale, Farha, Sassen, Rein, Lepper, VanCamp, Reis, Heinecke, Holtschlag. 14.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held November 27, 2017, was approved, as printed, on a motion of Ald. Havermale. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel: Corporation Counsel Lonnie Dunn.

The Deputy City Clerk presented and read the following:

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of a public hearing for the purpose of receiving/hearing written and oral comments concerning the city's proposed property tax levy increase for 2017 tax year for the City of Quincy, Illinois to be held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 730 Maine.

Rules Suspended

Ald. Havermale moved the rules be suspended at this time to hear written or oral comments from the public. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked three times if there was anyone present that wished to speak on the proposed property tax levy.

Jeff Kerkhoff, 1221 Spruce, provided a handout about Illinois being the highest in property taxes in the nation. He stated in 2015-2016 86,161 people have left Illinois. 11.1 Billion was lost in gross income. He understands that the council has been forced into this situation because of pensions. We need to look "outside the box" in how we fund government.

Ald. Ernst moved the rules be resumed. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

By The Quincy Hospitality House requesting to conduct a raffle and have the bond requirement waived from 12/6/17 to 12/4/18. The City Clerk recommends approval of the permit.

Ald. Sassen moved the prayer of the petition be granted. Motion carried.

A revocable permit for encroachment of city right-of-way by Right to Life of Adams County to hang a banner across 5th & Maine Street in conjunction with National Right to Life Week. The Director of Utilities & Engineering presents this subject to one condition.

Ald. Sassen moved the prayer of the petition be granted. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE QUINCY PLAN COMMISSION

Recommending approval of a three-lot subdivision to be known as North 30th Estates Subdivision under the "small tracts" provision located north and south of the Valley of Peace Cemetery.

Ald. Havermale moved the report be received and concurred in. Motion carried.

Recommending approval of a special permit for a planned development for an automobile service station with package liquor sales on property at 1705 Harrison.

Ald. Reis moved the report be received and concurred in and an ordinance drafted. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The monthly reports of the City Clerk, the City Treasurer and the City Comptroller for the month of November, 2017, and the Quincy Police Department for the month of October, 2017, were ordered received and filed on a motion of Ald. Farha. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jeff Kerkhoff, 1221 Spruce, spoke about the “226th Anniversary Of The Bill Of Rights” plus related topics. He also had handouts for the City Council.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy Central Services Department has the responsibility of removing the snow out of City parking lots where our larger trucks can’t get, and

WHEREAS, we are needing to purchase a V-MAXX Spreader to be used for any one of our one ton trucks, and

WHEREAS, this is where we purchase all of our snow plows and other snow equipment making it a sole source, and

WHEREAS, funds have been appropriated in the current Fiscal Year Budget for this type of replacement,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Central Services and the Central Services Committee recommend to the Mayor and the City Council that the low, responsible quote of Knapheide Truck Equipment of Quincy, Illinois, in the amount of \$6,034.00 be accepted for use on any one of our one ton trucks.

Kevin McClean

Director of Central Services

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Entrup, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities and Engineering is responsible for the repair and maintenance of all traffic signals within the City of Quincy; and,

WHEREAS, the City has depleted its supply of traffic control parts that are used for the replacement and repair of failing traffic signals and control units within the City of Quincy; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is able to purchase the parts necessary for the routine maintenance and repair of traffic signals at a cost of \$8,585.00 through the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Program; and,

WHEREAS, Tri-Star Supply of South Elgin, Illinois, has been awarded this contract through the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, funds for this purchase have been allocated in the current fiscal year Motor Fuel Tax budget; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Utilities and Engineering recommends to the Mayor and City Council that normal bidding requirements be waived and that the purchase of traffic signal parts in the amount of \$8,585.00 from Tri-Star Supply of South Elgin, Illinois, be approved.

Jeffrey Conte, P.E.

Director of Utilities & Engineering

Ald. Bauer moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Goehl, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

Adoption of an ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending The 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget. (Sick pay buy back)

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Havermale, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea.

The Chair, Mayor Kyle A. Moore, declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE

Adoption of an ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Policy Number 307 (Employee Handbook Of 2009 As Amended 2011) Of Section 42.034 (Policies And Procedures) Of Chapter 42 (Administrative Provisions Relating To The City) Of Title III (Administration) Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy, Illinois. (Amending Employee Handbook for sick pay)

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Ald. Havermale, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea.

The Chair, Mayor Kyle A. Moore, declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE

First presentation of an ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Creating A Quincy Special Service Area Known As The Historic Quincy Business District Beginning December 23, 2017 And Ending December 23, 2027.

Requests to Speak

Written requests to speak under suspended rules by John Mast, 4211 Bedford Ct, President of The District, Frankie Murphy Giesing, 121 N. 6th #3 and Christopher Taylor, 1005 Kentucky, on Special Service Area Known as The Historic Quincy Business District.

Rules Suspended

Ald. Ernst moved the rules be suspended at this time to hear from the above individuals. Motion carried.

John Mast, 4211 Bedford Ct, President of The District, stated that there was a lot of good feedback from the earlier Public Hearing. He is asking for the passage of the SSA ordinance and not tying a specific amount of money to it. He is not saying that The District will exist for 10 years, just the existence of the SSA for 10 years. The second ordinance is where The District can come before the council each year and give a report on where The District stands. Service Organizations have the ability to participate in programs such as the Upper Story rebuilding program. Many events in The District have been successful and are valuable to businesses and making The District a destination place for the community.

Frankie Murphy Giesing, 121 N. 6th #3, stated that he is a volunteer for the District. He is a small government person and would not vote for anyone who would want to raise taxes on a national level. This is a decision for or against downtown Quincy. Anyone who wants to join The District is in. The District has over 500 volunteers with 6,000 hours of volunteer work a year. With the Special Services Area tax, every penny is a big deal.

Ald. Farha moved the rules be resumed. Motion carried.

Ald. Holtschlag moved the ordinance be read by its title, seconded by Ald. Havermale. Motion carried.

The Deputy City Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Levying Taxes For Special Service Area Known As The Historic Quincy Business District In The City Of Quincy, County Of Adams, State Of Illinois, For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2018 And Ending April 30, 2019.

Ald. Holtschlag moved the ordinance be read by its title, seconded by Ald. Bauer. Motion carried.

The Deputy City Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 111 (Alcoholic Liquor Dealers) And Chapter 112 (Amusements) Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy. (Video Gaming Liquor and Terminal)

Ald. Havermale moved the ordinance be read by its title, seconded by Ald. Sassen. Motion carried.

The Deputy City Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Levying Taxes For The City Of Quincy, In The County Of Adams, And State Of Illinois, For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2017, And Ending April 30, 2018.

Ald. Farha moved the ordinance be read by its title, seconded by Ald. Sassen. Motion carried.

The Deputy City Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Providing For The Abatement Of The Tax Heretofore Levied For The Year 2017 Of The City Of Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

Ald. Farha moved the ordinance be read by its title, seconded by Ald. Sassen. Motion carried.

The Deputy City Clerk read the ordinance by its title.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Quincy, Illinois, December 4, 2017

	Transfers	Expenditures	Payroll
			12/08/17
City Hall.....		1,391.04	871.42
Building Maintenance.....		486.57	
IT Department.....		3,239.23	
Police Department.....		3,299.06	
Fire Department.....		5,600.96	
Engineering.....		113.67	
Eng-Amtrak Station.....		155.02	
Eng-Landfill.....		9.50	

Eng-Pkg Lot Maint		124.55	
Eng-Street Lights & Signs		990.32	
Tax Distribution		1,146.63	
GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL.....	0.00	16,556.55	871.42
Planning and Devel.....		552.65	
911 System.....		932.19	
911 Surcharge Fund.....		1,250.27	
Traffic Signal Fund.....		3,657.04	
Police Dept. Grants.....		702.00	
Crime Lab Fund.....		105.00	
Transit Fund.....		3,320.57	40,411.59
Bridge Lighting Fund		164.06	
Capital Projects Fund.....		2,615.00	
Special Capital Funds		86.94	
Water Fund		32,935.26	24,147.08
Sewer Fund		4,349.78	11,095.57
Quincy Regional Airport Fund.....		155,005.74	4,479.05
Municipal Dock		65.60	
Regional Training Facility.....		65.46	
Central Garage		491.73	7,715.59
Central Services Fund.....		154.62	22,041.24
Self Insurance		6,812.74	
Sister City Commission Fund.....		487.86	
BANK 01 TOTALS	0.00	230,311.06	110,761.54
Motor Fuel Tax		7,613.91	
IHDA Grant Fund.....		32,475.00	
ALL FUNDS TOTALS	0.00	270,399.97	110,761.54

Michael Farha
Jennifer Lepper
Anthony E. Sassen
Jack Holtschlag
Richie Reis
Finance Committee

Ald. Farha, seconded by Ald. Sassen, moved the reports be received and vouchers be issued for the various amounts and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

MOTION

Ald. Heinecke moved to allow the Quincy Fire Department to close the following street lanes on December 8th from 5:00-8:30 p.m. for the Fire Department’s Annual Christmas Open House and Fire Truck Rides: Vermont St. – South lane from 9th to 10th St.; 10th street – West lane from Vermont to Hampshire St.; Hampshire St. – North lane from 10th to 9th St.; 9th St. – East lane from Hampshire to Vermont. Motion carried.

The City Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Havermale. Motion carried.

JENNY HAYDEN, CMC
City Clerk
By: Laura Oakman, Deputy Clerk