Administrative and Community Services Committee

Minutes

September 12, 2019 5:30 P.M. at City Hall

Approved Date: 9/26/19

Signature: Art Risavy/Jeff

PRESENT:
Art Risavy
Will Krause
SJ Morrison
Jack Burns
Chris Farrar
Craig Lourer
Cheryl Porter
Jeanne Wojcieszak
Jeff Berkgilger
Mike Lybarger
Thomas Pullen
Desiree Bennyhoff
Michael Giberson
Craig Kalogerou
Bruce Riedel
Rachel Thompkins

EXCUSED:
Scott Schneider
Deborah Orofinò
Anne Morris
Darla Hoffman
Debbie Mann
David Vitoff
Jill Essner
Lorraine Kruse
Chris Kruse
Peg Flach
Shella Voss
Stephanie Malench
Mary Grose
Lisa Ybarra
Carol June

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

1. Approval of minutes for August 25, 2019 ACS meeting – Motion to approve (Krause), seconded (Morrison) and voted all ayes to forward to Council.

2. Correspondence & Announcements:
   A. Monthly Permit Report – August 2019

3. Council Matters
   A. FILED FOR SECOND READING:
      1) An Ordinance Adopting a Municipal Cannabis Retailers’ Occupation Tax and Amending Chapter 106, Article Ill of the Codified Ordinances of Edwardsville, Illinois – Alderman Morrison suggested dedicating a portion of the revenue source from cannabis sales going to the community redevelopment fund for land acquisition, green space or park improvements. Motion to approve (Morrison), seconded (Krause) and voted all ayes to forward to Council.
B. NEW ITEMS:

1) A Parade Resolution Approving IDOT Temporary Closure of Highways for the Edwardsville High School Homecoming Parade (October 9, 2019) – Motion to approve (Morrison), seconded (Krause) and voted all ayes to forward to Council.

2) A Parade Resolution Approving IDOT Temporary Closure of Highways for the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade (October 31, 2019) – Motion to approve (Risavy), seconded (Krause) and voted all ayes to forward to Council.

3) A Resolution Authorizing Application for a Veteran’s Memorial Assistance Grant from the Veteran’s Assistance Commission of Madison County for the Nickel Plate Station Project – Alderman Morrison was approached by the Veterans Commission to apply for the grant because one of the displays that will be in the train station will be of the soldiers that left for the station to go off to war. Motion to approve (Morrison), seconded (Krause) and voted all ayes to forward to Council.

4) A Resolution Authorizing Application for an Edwardsville Community Foundation General Fund Grant for the Nickel Plate Station – This is a grant for $5000 and is due October 1st. Motion to approve (Risavy), seconded (Krause) and voted all ayes to forward to Council.

5) An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville (Alcoholic Beverages Section 6-34 Classification of Licenses; fees – Caterer’s Permit) – This is a request from local businesses and the clerk’s office who handles the license. Our class C license doesn’t cover this. This would be an annual permit. Motion to approve (Risavy), seconded (Krause) and voted all ayes to forward to Council.

6) Approval of Items forwarded from RASE Board 9/3/19 Meeting: Motion to approve below items (Krause), seconded (Morrison) and voted all ayes to forward to Council.

   c) EHS Wrestling Club: 5k Run 11/16/19 – certificate of insurance forthcoming

7) Information: Change Order #5 for the Plummer Family Park Contract 2 to Byrne and Jones Enterprises, Inc. in the increased amount of $5,300.00 – The first part of the change order was a request from the pickleball group to change the color of the front court and back court. A fourth color will be introduced onto the courts. This will require additional labor. That will be an additional $1,000 which will be paid for by the pickleball group. The other additional item is adding fencing at the baseball fields.

C.) ITEMS HELD IN COMMITTEE: None
D.) ITEMS RETURNED TO COMMITTEE: None

4. Boards & Commissions:
   A.) Plan Commission
   B.) Zoning Board of Appeals
   C.) Human Relations Commission
   D.) Historic Preservation Commission
   E.) Recreation, Arts and Special Events Board
   F.) ETEC
   G.) Library Board
   H.) Band Board
   I.) Cool Cities

5. Old Business:

   * An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22 ("Businesses"), New Article IX ("Retail Plastic Bag Use") of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Edwardsville – The Bring Your Own Bag committee presented to City Council with a proposal to bring forth an initiative to assess a fee for plastic bag use. It was suggested they talk to the local business community. Initially they proposed a 10 cent fee that all went to the retailer. City staff proposed a split of 50/50 with half going to the retailer to recoup their cost for the administration of changing their point of sale system. Since the City is the enforcement mechanism, the City should get a share of that too. It was proposed the City’s share go into a sustainability fund.

   Alderman Risavy discussed the proposal that was presented to them. This includes the following which are exclusions:

   * a bag by a pharmacist that includes a prescription drug
   * any newspaper bag or bag intended for the initial use for dry cleaning, garbage, pet waste, or yard waste bag
   * a bag provided at a point of sale at a seasonal event such as a farmers market
   * a paper or plastic bag that a restaurant gives a customer to take food home
   * a bag used to package a bulk item to contain or wrap a perishable item

   The fee would encourage people to be more conscious and not use single use paper or plastic bags.

   Sheila Voss gave a powerpoint presentation regarding this. She is a part of the original group that started this.

   Desiree Bennyhoff of the Chamber of Commerce was present to express concern with this proposal. She is not in favor of it. She stated the Chamber would support a voluntary program.

   Bruce Riedel of RLP Development spoke regarding his opposition of this calling this a burden.
Scott Schneider, owner of the Chef Shoppe, is not in favor of how the ordinance is being presented. He said it would cost about $3,000 to update his point of sale system and another $2,500 in training his associates.

Deborah Orofino, owner of the Wildflower Shop, spoke regarding this. She stated this would be really cost prohibitive for them.

Rachel Thompkins, chair of Cool Cities and member of this group, stated that her group and the City plan to provide free reusable bags.

Chris Kruse of Glen Carbon is with the group Cool Cities in Glen Carbon. He is in support of this.

Lisa Ybarra, owner of Chava’s, spoke regarding her opposition to this.

Tom Pullen, owner of Mojo’s Music, spoke regarding this. He said this proposal doesn’t make sense given his business model.

Jill Essner spoke in favor of this but would like to see it simplified.

Carol June of Glen Carbon spoke regarding this. She shops in Edwardsville and is intentional about where she shops and what their corporate practices are. She does not see it as a feel good issue but a life issue for future generations.

Alderman Krause stated they will be making suggested changes to the draft ordinance. His first suggestion is to remove Section 22.303 which is the remittance portion. Businesses will not be required to submit statements to the City on a monthly basis. They will also be removing the part where a portion of the money goes to the City. Section C would be removed.

Alderman Risavy said staff would rework this ordinance and it would be brought back to Committee.

6. New Business: None

7. Next ACS Meeting: Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 5:30 PM in City Hall

8. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn (Morrison), seconded (Krause).

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 118 Hillsboro Avenue.