



MINUTES

MOLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall, 619 16th Street
Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Council Meeting: The City Council meeting came to order at 6:44 p.m. The Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Pledge: The Council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken with Mayor Welvaert, Aldermen Knaack, Meredith, Raes, Ronk, Turner, Schoonmaker, Liddell and Acri present. Absent: None.

Items on Consent:

Approval of Minutes

Committee-of-the-Whole and Council meeting minutes of March 13, 2012 and February Financial Report

Second Reading Ordinances

1. Council Bill/Special Ordinance 4009-2012

A Special Ordinance authorizing a jurisdictional transfer with the Illinois Department of Transportation to accept jurisdiction of 70th Street south of John Deere Road and the frontage road east of 70th Street.

Resolutions

2. Council Bill/Resolution 1153-2012

A Resolution supporting the historic district nomination for the Belgian Bluff Historic District in concert with the Moline Main Street Program.

3. Council Bill/Resolution 1154-2012

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an application for funding under the Illinois Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) IKE-Disaster Recovery Program in an amount up to \$300,000.00; and authorizing staff to do all things necessary to complete and submit said application.

Omnibus Vote: Alderman Raes, seconded by Alderman Ronk, moved to approve and adopt, by omnibus vote, these items. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Knaack, Meredith, Raes, Ronk, Turner, Schoonmaker, Liddell and Acri; nays: none.

Items Not on Consent:

Resolutions

4. Council Bill/Resolution 1155-2012

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement with Sedona Staffing for temporary and seasonal staffing services beginning April 1, 2012 through February 28, 2015.

Approved: Alderman Raes, seconded by Alderman Meredith, moved to approve Council Bill 1155-2012. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Knaack, Meredith, Raes, Ronk, Turner, Schoonmaker, Liddell and Acri; nays: none.

First Reading Ordinances

5. Council Bill/Special Ordinance 4012-2012

A Special Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Licensing Agreement with the United States Postal Service (USPS) to install cluster mailboxes in public right-of-way.

Council, Staff and Citizen Comments:

Low Steinbrecher, City Administrator, reminded Council that the annual goal setting sessions will be May 21st and 23rd.

Ray Forsythe, Planning & Development Director, submitted the attached letter from the Belgian Embassy supporting the Belgian Bluff Historic District.

Laura Duran, Parks Recreation Director, stated that the new parks brochures have been mailed to residents and there are more available in the Parks Department.

Nate Scott, IT Manager, announced that the redesigned website will go live next week and that staff will give a presentation at the next Council meeting.

Ron Miller, 2812 32nd Avenue Dr., gave a history of the Moline Fire Department and expressed disagreement with privatization of EMS.

Executive Session:

Alderman Knaack, seconded by Alderman Raes, moved for Executive Session, for the purpose of discussion of Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation- 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11), Collective Negotiating Matters-5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (2). Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: Ayes: Aldermen Knaack, Meredith, Raes, Ronk, Turner, Schoonmaker, Liddell and Aciri; nays: none.

City Council convened in Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.

Council reconvened in open session at 7:23 p.m.

On motion of Alderman Knaack, Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on March 27, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy A. Koranda
City Clerk



**EMBASSY
OF
BELGIUM**

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March 16, 2012

The Honorable Donald Welvaert
Mayor of Moline
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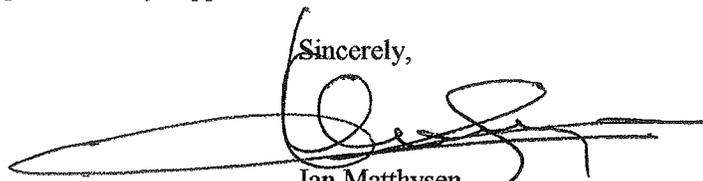
Dear Mayor Welvaert:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the nomination of the Belgian Bluff Historic District in the City of Moline, Illinois, to the National Register of Historic Places. Documenting and preserving the neighborhoods originally established by Flemish emigrants in America helps promote the Belgian-American story and the National Register of Historic Places provides an avenue for achieving these goals.

The Belgian Bluff neighborhood in Moline was one of the largest anchors of Belgian settlement during the height of American immigration, serving as the largest settlement of Flemish immigrants in the U.S. at the turn of the century. Belgian economic conditions and crop failures coupled with American industrialization and farming opportunities led numerous Belgians to make the journey to America. Moline was a haven for the Belgian people in America as many found work in factories owned by John Deere and other agricultural implement magnates. These opportunities coupled with a strong work ethic led the Flemish immigrants in Moline to prosper. As a result, the numerous houses, storefronts, and community buildings along the bluffs in Moline represent the successes of our people in America. Moline remains home to numerous Belgian-Americans to this day.

I commend the efforts of the City of Moline to nominate the Belgian Bluff Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places and I appreciate your contribution as Mayor of Moline. Please accept this letter as recognition of my support.

Sincerely,



Jan Matthysen
Ambassador of Belgium