

EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL/LIQUOR COMMITTEE

August 8, 2022

Present: Craig Corzine, Chairman, Ray Koonce, David Puccetti, Clint Epley,
Bryan Sharp
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Linda Curtin, Bev Graham, Sherri Craggs, Audra Harris, Sadie
Waddington, McKinze Harris, Joel Malefyt, Steven Sipes, Patty Rykhus, Carol
Spracklen, Judy Carrell, Duane Carrell, Andy Byers, Greg Vasilion, Sally
Bursveen, Pat Vogel, Tavia Leach and Elizabeth Hile in attendance.

The Executive, Personnel, and Liquor Committee met on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in County Board meeting room, second floor of the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address any agenda items, any personnel issues, policies, and any other matters properly brought before the Committee. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Audra Harris addressed the committee with concerns regarding the proposed rezoning from residential to commercial property submitted by Mr. Duane Carrell. Concerns raised included fencing height and gate, railroad setbacks and setbacks from residences, flooding, fire hydrants and fire concerns, business license ID, sale tax ID, business hours, road upkeep, need for EPA permits and heavy industrial permit versus commercial permit citing the zoning code.

Carol Spracklen of Carol and Company addressed the committee on behalf of Mr. Duane Carrell. She showed a map of where the property is noting it is 2 blocks away from the Harris property. It is a property bought from Mr. Coleman that is along the highway with railroad property on it. She noted a similar rezoning that she did involving railroad property. Carol highlighted that many businesses in the Pana area use Mr. Carrell's services and that he is an asset to the community. He is in the business of scrapping and hauling debris away not stacking debris. The business is not a junk yard like another business in town.

Patty Rykhus spoke regarding the humane investigator ordinance that is before the committee tonight. She expressed concerns about the different versions that have been presented specifically noting 15.03 contains significant verbiage changes that are unnecessary. She would like the committee to pass a version that promotes cooperative efforts.

STEVE SIPES

Steve Sipes, ZBA chairman, provided information about ordinance O2022ZB023 specifically the difference in the ordinance presented to the Board that was passed versus the transcript. Steve advised that what was in the transcript is what should have been presented to the Board for consideration.

The ordinance related to the Cypress Creek project. Only adjacent landowners are provided notice by mail. The notice in the paper is for any other landowner in the area. The attorneys for Cypress Creek noticed that 1 of the adjacent property owners address was inadvertently sent to a wrong address. Cypress Creek has requested this go back to the ZBA with new notices being sent.

The rezoning ordinance from R-1 to C-1 was recommend for County Board approval. The business being conducted at this location isn't changing, the property owner is simply trying to do the right thing on their

end by requesting the rezone. There is no hazardous waste issues. The committee asked if there were timelines on the rezoning and if not if the ZBA might look at this again. Steve advised that provided in the interim of no Zoning Officer if someone can do the agenda, yes they can. He also noted that the met tower fee issue sent to the ZBA hasn't been addressed yet.

INVENERGY

Greg Vasilion and Andy Byers were present representing Invenergy. The Invenergy project is a utility scale solar project located in South Fork Township south of Kincaid. There is a current permit for this project which expires at the end of 2023. Maps with current permit areas, coal mine areas and projected project amendment areas were presented. They hope to apply for an amendment to the original permit application in a few months.

The committee asked if the company was unaware of the mining issues at the time of permit application. They were aware of the presence but actual impact wasn't fully realized until later. A lot of studies have taken place since to ensure the proposed amended land is suitable for the project.

EMA UPDATES

Committee Chairman Corzine advised that Jeff Stoner couldn't be present but will update the Board Tuesday night.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING TX22-9 O2022ZB023

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board to send ordinance O2022ZB023 back to the ZBA for them to correct to an understandable form. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE O2022ZB031 SPECIAL USE CYPRESS CREEK RENEWABLES

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to send ordinance O2022ZB031 back to the ZBA. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

A request was made that property owners south east of the project also receive notice. ZBA chairman Steve Sipes advised that notices are only required to be sent to the adjacent property owners and because it is not normal protocol, he would not want to start something that could set a precedence. The representative present for Cypress Creek advised they are willing to in good faith send out notice to other landowners.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE O2022ZB032 REZONING 10 RESIDENTAL LOTS FROM R-1 TO C-1 IN PANA, ILLINOIS

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dave Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to send ordinance O2022ZB032 back to the ZBA. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

O2021AC035 CHAPTER 15 OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE – RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN APPROVED HUMANE INVESTIGATOR (AHI) WORKING IN CHRISTIAN COUNTY

The committee wanted to hear the opinion of the new Animal Control Director if she has had time to review the issues.

Sherri Craggs indicated she has reviewed all versions and will accept responsibility to ensure everyone is appropriately trained. She recommends approval of the 1st version drafted by the States Attorney.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Craig Corzine to recommend to the full Board to accept the 1st suggested change recommendation to ordinance O2021AC035 made by States Attorney Wes Poggenpohl. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

ZONING – CONTINUE OR NOT

Consensus of the committee was that zoning should be continued even though it's only for a few cities/villages in the county.

ZONING OFFICER AND/OR SOLID WASTE OFFICER HIRE OR APPOINT

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board to allow the Chairman to start the hiring process for the Zoning Administrator, who also serves as the noxious weed and flood plan officer, and refer establishing the salary range to the Finance Committee. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board that a member of the Executive/Personnel Committee be involved in the hiring process for the Zoning Administrator. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board that the zoning office go back to the court house. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig Corzine and seconded by Ray Koonce to recommend to the full Board to allow the Chairman to start the hiring process for a Solid Waste Department Head and refer establishing the salary range to the Finance Committee. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Dave Puccetti to recommend to the full Board that a member of the Executive/Personnel Committee be involved in the hiring process for the Solid Waste Department Head. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryan Sharp and seconded by Clint Epley to recommend to the full Board that solid waste and zoning departments are housed in the same office space where they share the same secretary. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed moving forward that zoning ordinances and text amendments should start at Executive/Personnel Committee.

Motion by Bryan Sharp to recommend to the full Board to understand County Board Rules by having someone with legal understanding to continue to guide the Board.

Chairman Wells indicated that in order to do so the County Board Rules would need to be changed and that item is not on the agenda this evening. Committee Chairman Corzine noted as our States Attorney has advised, it's all based on interpretation.

REVIEW OF HOW DEPARTMENT HEADS FILL VACANCIES

The motion to make modifications to the 2012 noted policy was referred back to committee. It was discussed there was some confusion on who this applies to. No action taken.

IPELRA TRAINING

Liz Hile would like to attend the Illinois Public Employer Labor Relations Association (IPELRA) training October 23 – 26th again this year. It provides excellent training and networking opportunities. The cost, discounted if registered by August 31st, is slightly higher than last year. Liz noted the money for this training has been budgeted and is available. The training dates do not interfere with meeting schedules.

Motion by Ray Koonce and seconded by Dave Puccetti to recommend to the full Board to approve Liz Hile attending the annual IPELRA training October 23 – 26, 2022. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

Liz noted that she does have a few additional suggestions for the first section of the County's Personnel Handbook that was reviewed a few months back. She asked for the committee to review that section again prior to the next meeting. She will provide comments prior to next month's meeting by email and hopes to provide another section for review next month.

OTHER MATTERS

It was noted that Dwanna Kelmel's hourly rate was recently increased due to increased responsibilities of day to day operations. It was asked if that should be looked at again now that the County has a new Animal Control Director.

The Animal Control Director briefly mentioned the staffing levels and the need for 2 more part time staff to ensure facilities are up to standards should they be inspected.

Motion by Clint Epley and seconded by David Puccetti to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Corzine, Chairman
Executive/Personnel Committee
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