

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2006 – 7:00 pm.**

Present: Mayor James A. Watson, Eastward Aldermen – Russ Chittum and Roger Johnston, Westward Aldermen – L.C. Turner and Mike Weber, City Clerk/Economic Development Director – Cindy Bowman, Superintendent of Utilities – Butch Pantaleo, City Police Chief – John Quinley, City Attorney Jim McConnell

Guests: Staci McLelland, Brian Haeffener, Dennis Fessler, Rod Massman, Bruce Chinn, Dennis Stith, Nathan Sorben, Larry Roberts, Paul Hutcherson, Miles Hutcherson, Cheryl Townlian and Nelda Stine.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm.

Alderman Turner moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes from December 12, 2005 meeting. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Turner, Weber, Johnston and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Turner moved to approve the agenda. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Aldermen Turner, Weber, Johnston and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Turner moved to pay the city bills excluding the bill from D & B. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Chittum, Weber, Johnston and Turner voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Turner moved to pay the D & B bill. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston and Turner voted aye. Alderman Chittum abstained. No nay votes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bowman gave the following treasurer's report:

Balance Brought Forward: \$578,103.79  
Deposits: \$90,584.87  
Checks: \$102,136.59  
Ending Balance: \$566,552.07

Alderman Turner moved to accept the treasurer's report. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Aldermen Turner, Chittum, Johnston and Weber voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Larry Roberts stated that he was against the closing of the railroad crossing at 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

Paul Hutcherson questioned the Board regarding the roadway that was being considered to be conveyed to the City by MoDOT.

Brian Haeffener and Dennis Fessler were present to address the Board concerning the Municipal Agreement. Alderman Chittum asked when an answer would be given concerning the request for interchange ramps. Brian stated that the Commission would be meeting later this week and that the City would have an answer by the end of the week. Alderman Chittum moved to table the Municipal Agreement until an answer was received concerning the interchange ramp. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion

carried. Mr. Haeffener stated that the agreement needed to be in place by March as right-of-way plans are due in March.

The next item on the agenda was the annexation issues in relation to the Highway 36 issues. City Clerk Bowman requested direction as to what property the Board wished to annex along with the Highway 36 pavement. City Clerk Bowman stated that Thurman's had stated they were not in favor of annexation. Nathan Sorben, Klingner & Assoc. (engineers for Chinn Feed Mill), stated that Chinn's were not in favor of annexation either. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Chittum moved to have City Clerk Bowman contact all property owners between the current Highway 36 pavement and the current city limits concerning voluntary annexation with the Highway 36 property. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Dennis Stith, Shafer, Kline & Warren, was present with the contract for engineering services for the sewer improvement project. Alderman Chittum stated that he wanted to see the contract tabled until the City Attorney had time to completely review the contract. The item was tabled until the February 13 meeting.

Bruce Chinn, MoDOT Multimodal Division, and Cheryl Townlian, BNSF, were present to discuss the possible closure of the East Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Street railroad crossings. Mr. Chinn stated that if the two crossings were closed, MoDOT would spend approximately \$150,000 per crossing to upgrade the lights and gates at Grand Street and Highway 151. Ms. Townlian stated that BNSF would pay the City \$30,000 per crossing plus the cost to purchase the property between Maple & Chestnut from Hwy. 151 to Grand Street (known as the City Park). The City would then purchase the park property. BNSF would retain 50 feet from the center of the railroad tracks on both sides of the track. It was decided to hold a public hearing on this matter on February 21, 2006.

Alderman Turner moved to appoint Mayor Watson to represent the Board on the Shelby County Extension Council for a one year term (March 1, 2006 to March 1, 2007). Alderman Chittum seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Nathan Sorben, Klingner & Assoc., was present to represent Chinn Feed Mill and their request to tie into the 8" water main for service even though they do not wish to be annexed into the City. Alderman Turner moved to allow Chinn Feed Mill to hook up to the main at the county road with Chinn's responsible for all costs to the main. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston and Turner voted aye. Alderman Chittum voted nay. Motion carried.

John Timmons was not present to present his request.

Butch Pantaleo, Superintendent of Utilities reported on the projects of the past month. Alderman Turner asked why only the five main streets were plowed on December 18. Butch stated that he was out of town that weekend and the Danny Hall had taken care of the snow removal.

Butch presented a maintenance contract for the two meter reader wands. Alderman Weber moved to purchase the maintenance contracts for both wands. Alderman

Chittum seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Police Chief Quinley presented his report. A discussion was held regarding the need of an additional officer. It was decided check with Shelby County as to the possibilities of sharing an officer with the County.

City Clerk Bowman stated that the equity drive for Premium Ag was going well and that the City needed to proceed with the grant application for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street improvements. City Clerk Bowman requested authorization to seek Requests for Proposals for the administration of the sewer grant and the 1<sup>st</sup> Street grant and a Request for Qualifications for an engineer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street grant. Alderman Chittum moved to approve all three requests. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Mayor Watson stated that he had inquired with a company that could maintain the City web site for a fee of \$25.00 per month. Discussion was held regarding obtaining a high speed internet connection. City Clerk Bowman was directed to investigate the possibilities and report at the next meeting.

Emergency Management Director Nelda Stine reported the need for all City personnel to be NIMS certified. The deadline is September 30, 2006. The City would not be eligible for Federal grant monies without this. A discussion followed regarding how to get the firemen to the classes.

City Clerk Bowman had notified the Board earlier of the lateness of FALCO's utility payments. Alderman Chittum moved to apply the 10% penalty to FALCO's utility bill on the 21<sup>st</sup> if payment has not been received. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Mayor Watson requested reimbursement for the costs to attend the MML Regional meeting in Edina on January 12, 2006. Alderman Turner moved to pay the cost of the meal and mileage. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Johnston moved to adjourn. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman,  
City Clerk