

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 10, 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: Brian Haeffener, John Dennis, Dennis Stith, Staci McClelland, Denise Quinley, Angel Chinn, Bill Hall, Tina Collins, Earle Kuene, Gidget Mott, Bruce Chinn, Debbie Griswold, Chuck Wood, Kenny Hoffman and Nelda Stine

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Alderman Turner moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes from March 6, 2006 regular meeting and the March 8 and 24, 2006 special 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 Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Turner, Weber, Johnston and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

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

City Clerk Bowman gave the following treasurer's report:

Balance Brought Forward: \$655,633.01  
Deposits: \$197,021.87  
Checks: \$172,953.59  
Ending Balance: \$679,701.29

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.

Earl Kuene, MoDOT District 2 Utilities Engineer, addressed the board regarding the Master Reimbursable Utility Agreement. This agreement would cover all projects for utility relocations with the Hwy 36 project. Alderman Turner moved to approve the Master Reimbursable Utility Agreement. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Brian Haeffener, MoDOT, was present to discuss the tentative plans for the interchange. West bound lane ramps would be located at Hwy 151 while east bound ramps would be west of Hwy 151 and connect with Business 36. Gidget Mott, MoDOT, presented a draft of the cost share application. After discussion of a previous motion for the City to pay MoDOT's portion of the sewer main relocations, Alderman Chittum moved to pay 100% of the sewer main relocation costs pending the approval of an interchange into Clarence. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Dennis Stith, Shafer Kline & Warren, Inc., was present to discuss progress on the sewer project.

Bill No. 1115, an ordinance amending Section 225.060 Service Charges, was read by title. Alderman Chittum moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1115. Aldermen Turner seconded the motion. Aldermen Johnston, Weber, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Bill No. 1115, an ordinance amending Section 225.060 Service Charges, was read a second time. Alderman Turner moved to approve the second reading. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Johnston, Weber, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried. Bill No. 1115 was assigned Ordinance No. 472.

Bill No. 1116, an ordinance erecting two stop signs on First Street northbound and southbound at the BNSF railroad crossing, was read by title. Alderman Turner moved to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1116. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Bill No. 1116, an ordinance erecting two stop signs on First Street northbound and southbound at the BNSF railroad crossing, was read a second time. Alderman Johnston moved to approve the second reading. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried. Bill No. 1116 was assigned Ordinance No. 473.

Bill No. 1117, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and BNSF Railway Company for improvements to the active warning devices at Grand Street, was read by title. Alderman Turner moved to approve the first reading. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Bill No. 1117, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and BNSF Railway Company for improvements to the active warning devices at Grand Street, was read a second time. Alderman Johnston moved to approve the second reading. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried. Bill No. 1117 was assigned Ordinance No. 474.

Bill No. 1118, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and BNSF Railway Company for improvements to the active warning devices at Missouri Route 151/ Shelby Street, was read by title. Alderman Chittum moved to approve the first reading. Alderman Johnston seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Bill No. 1118, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and BNSF Railway Company for improvements to the active warning devices at Missouri Route 151/Shelby Street, was read a second time. Alderman Turner moved to approve the second reading. Alderman Weber seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried. Bill No. 1118 was assigned Ordinance No. 475.

Bill No. 1119, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and BNSF Railway Company for improvements to the active warning devices at First Street, was read by title. Alderman Johnston moved to approve the first reading. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Bill No. 1119, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and BNSF Railway Company for improvements to the active warning devices at First Street, was read a second time. Alderman Turner moved to

approve the second reading. Alderman Chittum seconded the motion. Aldermen Weber, Johnston, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried. Bill No. 1119 was assigned Ordinance No. 476.

Discussion was held regarding the utility payment policy. It was decided that the gas portion of the bill could be considered separate as long as the water, sewer and trash was paid in full. The gas portion of the bill would still be subject to disconnection.

City Clerk Bowman read the election results from the County Clerks Office for the April 4, 2006 municipal election:

Mayor – 2 year term  
\*James A. Watson – 153 votes

East Ward Alderman – 2 year term  
\*John Dennis – 73 votes

West Ward Alderman – 2 year term  
\*Kenny Hoffman – 41 votes  
Tom Griswold – 14 votes  
Kay Johnston – 21 votes

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

Mayor Watson presented a certificate of appreciation to Alderman Johnston for his service as Alderman. Mayor Watson then presented a plaque to Alderman Weber for eight years of service as an alderman.

City Clerk Bowman issued the oath of office to Aldermen Kenny Hoffman and John Dennis. City Clerk Bowman then issued the oath of office to Mayor James A. Watson.

After a short break, Mayor Watson then called the new meeting to order. Mayor Watson presented his recommendation for committee assignments and City Officers.

Alderman Chittum moved to accept the recommended City Officers as follows:

- City Treasurer – Theresa Cross
- City Collector – Theresa Cross
- Deputy Collector – Cindy Bowman
- Court Clerk – Theresa Cross
- Deputy Court Clerk – Cindy Bowman
- City Attorney – James McConnell
- Police Chief – John Quinley
- Fire Chief – Billy Bob Hall
- City Clerk – Cindy Bowman

Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Chittum moved to approve the committee assignments as follows:

Finance	Russ Chittum & L.C. Turner
Police	Russ Chittum & L.C Turner
Streets	John Dennis, Kenny Hoffman & Butch Pantaleo
Water	Kenny Hoffman, John Dennis & Butch Pantaleo
Gas	Kenny Hoffman, Russ Chittum & Butch Pantaleo
Parks & Rec	John Dennis & L.C. Turner

The Mayor is also a member of each committee.

Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Chittum moved to elect Alderman Turner as President of the Board. The motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Turner then moved to elect Alderman Chittum as President of the Board. That motion also died for lack of a second. Alderman Hoffman moved to elect Alderman Dennis as President of the Board. The motion also died for lack of a second. Alderman Chittum again moved to elect Alderman Turner as President of the Board. This motion also died for lack of a second. Alderman Dennis moved to elect Alderman Hoffman as President of the Board. Again, the motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Chittum moved to elect Alderman Turner as President of the Board. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Dennis and Chittum voted aye. Alderman Hoffman voted nay. Alderman Turner abstained. Motion carried.

Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the CYMO Picnic License for June 22, 23 and 24, 2006 for the Clarence Homecoming. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

City Superintendent Pantaleo presented his report on activities of the City crews over the past month. Superintendent Pantaleo stated that a break had occurred in the sewer main north of town. The break was repaired and DNR was notified and had inspected. City Superintendent Pantaleo requested authorization to attend Missouri Association of Natural Gas Operators seminar at Lodge of Four Seasons on June 28, 29 & 30, 2006. The registration fee is \$60.00. The room rate is \$95.00 plus taxes per night. Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the request. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Turner asked about getting the ditch on Maple Street cleaned out. Alderman Hoffman asked about the need for part-time summer help. Alderman Chittum requested that a plan be drawn up outlining the streets to be worked on and a proposed time schedule before approving summer help.

Alderman Hoffman asked about the monies from the half cent sales tax. City Clerk Bowman stated that this money has not been recorded in a separate fund. City Clerk Bowman was directed to report back to the Board on the exact wording of the ballot for the half cent sales tax.

City Clerk/ Economic Development Director Bowman reported that she is continuing to work with Premium Ag. Premium Ag has extended their equity drive until June 30, 2006. Mayor Watson stated that he had been approached with the idea of a county wide Economic Development Director. Mayor Watson was directed to meet with the county commissioners and proceed with the matter.

Emergency Management Director Nelda Stine reported on the NIMS 100 and 700 certification progress. Angel Chinn questioned Mrs. Stine about the 911 policy for setting off the storm siren. Mrs. Stine was asked to bring the 911 policy to the next meeting.

Fire Chief Hall reported that Bill Langhammer had resigned from the Fire Department and Vern Langhammer was now Fire Chief for Clarence Rural Fire Association. Chief Hall stated that a class would be conducted on April 19, 2006 at the salvage yard on fire extinguishers. Testing of the breathing apparatus has been set up. It was decided that an ad would be placed for additional firefighters.

Fire Chief Hall reported on a refrigeration unit that had been found that posed a danger to children. A letter has been sent to the owner of the property informing him to abate the nuisance.

Alderman Hoffman stated that a citizen had asked about a special use permit for the Donald Hall property on Apple Street. He would like to raise bottle calves. It was decided that the citizen should go through the channels through the Planning & Zoning.

Alderman Turner moved to begin having two meeting a month for a few months on the second and fourth Mondays. The motion died for lack of a second.

Alderman Chittum moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 subsection 3 – Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body and RSMo 610.021 Subsection 2 – Leasing, Purchase or Sale of Real Estate. Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried. The regular session ended at 9:14 pm.

**Closed Session** minutes recorded elsewhere.

Regular session resumed at 9:35 pm.

City Attorney McConnell stated that the board should consider keeping Amos Hochstetler available for consulting due to his vast knowledge of the utility system. Various ideas were discussed.

City Superintendent Pantaleo stated that when the camera work was done on the sewers he would have the north end of Grand Street done also. The problem has been narrowed down to between two manholes.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman  
City Clerk