

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2007 – 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor James A. Watson, Eastward Alderman – John Dennis, Westward Aldermen – L.C. Turner and Kenny Hoffman, City Clerk/Economic Development Director – Cindy Bowman, Superintendent of Utilities – Dennie Carothers, Police Chief John Quinley and City Attorney James McConnell

Absent: Eastward Alderman Russ Chittum

Guests: Willie Hendricks, Dennis Williams, Bill Hall, Larry Roberts, Dorothy Lanpher, Nelda Stine, Lee Schoonover, Donald Lathrom, Debbie Griswold, Chris Collins, Eldon Janes and George Collins

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Alderman Dennis moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2007 regular meeting. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Turner voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Hoffman moved to pay all bills. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman and Dennis voted aye. Alderman Turner voted nay. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bowman gave the following treasurer's report:

Balance Brought Forward: \$790,100.07
Deposits: \$135,216.83
Checks: \$96,220.80
Ending Balance: \$829,096.10

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

During public comment, Donald Lathrom addressed the Board regarding the ditches along Beech Street. Mr. Lathrom stated that during the last big rain, water was running into the buildings. Mr. Lathrom was advised that the City crews would work on cleaning out the ditches.

Dennis Stith was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. He sent a written report listing several options for the sewer rehabilitation project.

Election results from the County Clerks Office for the April 3, 2007 municipal election were presented as follows:

	Alderman At Large – Elect two for two year terms		
L C Turner	45 votes	*Dorothy Lanpher	86 votes
J R Stine	62 votes	*Larry Roberts	132 votes

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

Mayor Watson then presented a plaque to Alderman Turner for four years of service as an alderman.

City Clerk Bowman issued the oath of office to Aldermen Larry Roberts and Dorothy Lanpher.

After a short break, Mayor Watson then called the new meeting to order.

Mark Sizemore was not present to present his request to the Board.

Eldon Janes was present at the request of the Board to discuss the dangerous building on Willow Street. Mr. Janes had been issued a warning concerning the broken windows and porch falling off the house. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Roberts moved to have City crews use the backhoe to tear off the dilapidated porch, Mr. Janes is to load and haul off the materials and board up all openings to make the building secure with 30 days. Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the CYMO Picnic License for June 21, 22 and 23, 2007 for the Clarence Homecoming. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Debbie Griswold was present representing Splash Pool to discuss possible solutions to keep the pool open. Declining memberships and involvement of the membership has made it difficult to keep the pool open financially. Several options were discussed with no decision made at this time. This item may be readdressed after the April 16 meeting of Splash Pool.

Lee Schoonover, representing the Clarence Sesquicentennial Committee, was present to request the City Board contribute \$1,000.00 for the cost of the Sesquicentennial Celebration to be held October 20, 2007. Alderman Hoffman moved to contribute \$1,500 to the Sesquicentennial Celebration in whatever manner was deemed appropriate by the auditor. City Clerk Bowman is to check with Mike Tompkins. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Debbie Griswold then requested that the City put lights on the tree planted by Helping Hand. Alderman Roberts moved to have Rick Maupin install a spotlight. Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Roberts voted aye. Alderperson Lanpher abstained due to her involvement with the Helping Hand organization. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Chris Collins has been issued a search and rescue dog, Cako, which is a German shepherd. Mr. Collins asked about the dog being kept at his house. It was found in the City ordinances that an exemption was made for search and rescue dogs.

Mayor Watson presented his recommendation for committee assignments and City Officers.

Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the committee assignments as follows:

Finance	Larry Roberts & Dorothy Lanpher
Police	Larry Roberts & Kenny Hoffman
Streets	John Dennis, Kenny Hoffman & Dennie Carothers
Water	Kenny Hoffman, John Dennis & Dennie Carothers
Gas	Kenny Hoffman, Dorothy Lanpher & Dennie Carothers
Parks & Rec	John Dennis & Larry Roberts
Fire	John Dennis & Dorothy Lanpher

The Mayor is also a member of each committee.

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

Alderman Hoffman 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
- Zoning Inspector – George Collins

Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Lanpher nominated Alderman Dennis for President of the Board. Alderman Roberts seconded the nomination. Alderman Dennis then nominated Alderman Roberts. Alderman Hoffman seconded that nomination.

Alderman Dennis then moved that nominations cease. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Mayor Watson asked for those in favor of Alderman Dennis as President of the Board. Aldermen Hoffman, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. Alderman Dennis voted nay. Mayor Watson then asked for those in favor of Alderman Roberts as President of the Board. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Lanpher voted aye. Alderman Roberts voted nay. Mayor Watson voted for Alderman Roberts to break the tie.

The Superintendent Carothers' report was then reviewed. Applications for the utility personnel position were discussed. Alderman Hoffman moved to authorize Superintendent Carothers to interview and hire for the position at \$8.00 per hour. If an increase in the wage would be necessary, a special meeting will be called. Alderman Roberts seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Hoffman moved to purchase a used John Deere mower from Grandview Nursery with a maximum purchase price of \$700.00. Alderman Roberts seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Dennis moved to approve the City Superintendent report. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Police Chief Quinley's report was then reviewed. Chief Quinley requested to purchase two new tires for the front of the police car. Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the purchase as requested. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bowman's report stated that a water leak in the meter pit had been discovered at Janice Wooten's while reading meters in March. The leak was after the meter but still inside the pit. Ms. Wooten had requested an adjustment to the water and sewer portions of the bill. Alderman Roberts moved to cut the water bill in half and adjust the sewer to average usage. The motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Hoffman then moved to adjust the sewer portion of the bill to average usage and allow Ms. Wooten three months to pay the water portion of the bill. Alderman Roberts seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved to authorize City Clerk Bowman to purchase a retirement gift for Theresa Cross as discussed. Alderman Roberts seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bowman stated that the Clarence Library Board had requested that Myrna Carothers be appointed to the Library Board. Alderwoman Lanpher moved to approve the request.

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

Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the City Clerk / Economic Development Director Report. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Nelda Stine's written report was then reviewed. Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the report. Alderman Roberts seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Hall requested permits for the July 4th, Memorial Day and Sesquicentennial Celebration fireworks displays. Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the permits as requested. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Dennis moved to accept the Fire Chief report. Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Hoffman moved to authorize the expenditure of a maximum of \$250.00 to recharge and upgrade the fire extinguishers on City equipment and in City buildings. Alderman Roberts seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Mayor Watson suggested that the wiring for the old siren on top of the MFA elevator be removed. Alderman Hoffman moved to call Macon Electric Cooperative about removing the wiring. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Mayor Watson requested that a dead bolt be placed on the front door of City Hall. Alderman Dennis moved to approve the request. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Mayor Watson reminded the Board about the Newly Elected Officials Training to be held in June by MML. Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the mayor and any City officials to attend. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Hoffman 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. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The Board discussed Willie Hendricks' request for a salary increase for the title change to Assistant City Superintendent. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Hoffman moved to grant an increase of \$.20 per hour effective April 9, 2007. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Dennis moved to come out of closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 subsection 3 – Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman
City Clerk

Approved 05/14/07