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Reg. Minutes – January 8, 2007

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2007 – 6:00 pm.**

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

Absent: Eastward Alderman Russ Chittum

Guests: Jamie Seaton, Roman Miller, Willie Hendricks, Vaughn Thrasher, Jon Clements, Gerald Perrin, Dennis Williams, Bill Hall and Nelda Stine.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Alderman Turner moved to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2006 regular meeting. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Turner voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Dennis moved to approve the agenda. Alderman Turner 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. No nay votes. Alderman Turner abstained, citing the Sunshine Law. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bowman gave the following treasurer's report:

Balance Brought Forward: \$725,384.24  
Deposits: \$110,778.20  
Checks: \$110,862.57  
Ending Balance: \$725,299.87

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

Mayor Watson opened four bids for the repair of the roof of the industrial building. The bids were as follows:

- o Seaton Sales & Service \$13,785.00
- o Roman O. Miller \$14,000.00 using current guttering  
\$16,700.00 replacing guttering  
\$39,000.00 whole root
- o Rudy Yutzy & Sons \$14,500.00 Option 1  
\$21,000.00 Option 2
- o Clements Roofing Systems \$32,400.00 Option 1  
\$61,771.00 Option 2

Alderman Turner moved to table the decision to the February meeting to allow time for further review. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Turner voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

The City Superintendent report was reviewed. Alderman Turner questioned Superintendent Pantaleo regarding the work done at Alderman Hoffman's house. Superintendent Pantaleo explained that City employees assisted the contractor by locating the sewer line and main and City employees did not do any digging on Alderman Hoffman's property.

Mayor Watson commended the City crew for the work repairing the gas leak on New Year's Eve.

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Alderman Dennis moved to approve the City Superintendent report. Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman and Dennis voted aye. Alderman Turner voted nay. Motion carried.

The Police Chief report was reviewed. Alderman Turner moved to approve the report. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Turner voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

The City Clerk / Economic Development report was reviewed. Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the report. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Turner voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Dennis Stith, Shafer, Kline & Warren, arrived at the meeting. Dennis stated that the Review Committee would review the grant application on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 and we should know the results by January 12. Dennis also stated that he had received approvals from MoDOT to continue with the sewer main relocation project. Dennis presented five easements for review by the City Attorney.

The Emergency Management report was reviewed. Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the report. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Turner voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Hall presented his report. Fire Chief Hall requested authorization to purchase five radios. Chief Hall stated that the Rural Association had been approached about paying for half of these. Alderman Turner moved to authorize the purchase of five radios pending the approval by the Rural Association to pay one half. The motion died for lack of a second.

Alderman Hoffman moved to purchase five radios with the City paying the full price. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Turner voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

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

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

Vaughn Thrasher stated that he was present to address the board regarding the nuisance violations that he had received.

Alderman Hoffman moved to go out of closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 subsection 3 – Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body, so that this matter could be addressed. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Turner voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Vaughn Thrasher stated that he would need more time to correct the issues on the warnings for nuisance violations that he had received. Alderman Hoffman moved to allow Mr. Thrasher 60 days from this date to correct the situation. The motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Turner then moved to allow Mr. Thrasher until March 12, 2007 to make the necessary corrections. Alderman Hoffman seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Turner 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. Alderman

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

The Board questioned Gerald Perrin regarding the snow removal on November 30 and December 1, 2006. Discussion continued on Mr. Perrin's performance. Mr. Perrin asked the Board why he had not received a raise after completing the 90 day probationary period. Mr. Perrin was informed that he would receive a raise of \$.50 per hour after obtaining each of the required licenses.

The Board then interviewed candidates for the City Superintendent position. The following individuals were interviewed:

- Willie Hendricks
- Dennie Carothers

Alderman Chittum arrived at the meeting at 8:15 pm during the interview with Mr. Carothers.

- Garry Blevins
- Lyle McGowan
- Gene Harland

Alderman Chittum moved to offer Dennie Carothers the position at the starting wage of \$12.50 per hour with a raise of \$1.50 per hour once Mr. Carothers has obtained the water distribution and wastewater licenses. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Chittum voted aye. Alderman Turner abstained from the vote. No nay votes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bowman then called Mr. Carothers to notify him of the offer. Mr. Carothers then addressed the Board via speakerphone with some questions.

Following the discussion with Mr. Carothers, Alderman Chittum moved to amend the previous motion to a starting wage of \$13.00 per hour. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman  
City Clerk