

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2007 – 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor James A. Watson, Eastward Aldermen – John Dennis and Russ Chittum, Westward Alderman – 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

Guests: Willie Hendricks, Dennis Williams, Bill Hall, Larry Roberts, Lyn Heying, Philip Saunders, Deanne Hackman, Jesse Swanke, Scot Shively and Nelda Stine.

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

Alderman Turner moved to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2007 regular meeting. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

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

After several questions from Alderman Turner, Alderman Hoffman moved to pay all bills. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Chittum and Dennis voted aye. Alderman Turner voted nay. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bowman gave the following treasurer's report:

Balance Brought Forward: \$725,299.87

Deposits: \$159,494.47.47

Checks: \$108,537.55

Ending Balance: \$776,256.79

Alderman Hoffman moved to accept the treasurer's report. Alderman Chittum seconded the motion. Aldermen Chittum, Hoffman and Dennis voted aye. Alderman Turner voted nay. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the bids for repairs of the factory roof. After discussion, Alderman Turner moved to table this until the March meeting to allow City Superintendent Carothers time to further evaluate the situation. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

E. Lyn Heying, MECO Engineering, was present to discuss with the Board the recent problems with the plans for the sidewalk project. Mr. Heying assured the Board that he was working things out with MoDOT.

Jesse Swanke with Premium Ag was present to discuss their plans for the old MFA facility. Discussion of a timeline for the purchase of the land in Glahn Addition followed. The matter of a lease purchase agreement was referred to City Attorney McConnell and members of the Premium Ag Board for review.

The next item on the agenda was snow removal during the recent snow and ice storms. Discussion was held on the use of City equipment on private property, in particular at the Greening Eagan Funeral Home and the Maplewood Cemetery. Alderman Dennis moved to send a bill to Greening Eagan Funeral Home for the use of the backhoe. Alderman Chittum seconded the motion. Aldermen Chittum and Dennis voted aye. Aldermen Hoffman and Turner voted nay. Mayor Watson voted nay to break the tie. Motion did not carry.

Alderman Dennis moved that no City equipment was to be used on private property. Alderman Chittum seconded the motion. Aldermen Chittum and Dennis voted aye. Aldermen Hoffman and Turner voted nay. Mayor Watson voted aye to break the tie. Motion carried.

Alderman Turner commented that the helicopter pad had not been cleaned the last two snows. Bill Hall stated the Superintendent Carothers had not been aware of the necessity to keep the pad clear, but he had been informed after the last snow.

The sale of excess tire chains was discussed next. A citizen had requested to purchase the excess chains. Mayor Watson stated that he had called the aldermen at that time and two aldermen had said yes and two had said no. Mayor Watson said that he decided to say no also. It was decided that the chains would not be sold at this time and once Superintendent Carothers had time to inventory all excess items, those would be put up for bids at that time.

Next was the request to seek bids for fuel, gravel, mowing of the City Cemetery, mowing of nuisance properties, mechanical and service labor and the mowing, baling and removal of the hay at the City Lake. All items were to be one year bids with the exception of the mowing and baling at the lake which would be a three year bid. Alderman Hoffman moved to approve the request to seek bids. Alderman Chittum seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bowman stated the Brian Haeffner, MoDOT, had called and said that it would be necessary to rename Business 36 when it was turned over to the City. It was asked if it could be called Old 36. The matter was tabled until City Clerk Bowman could find out a date when this would have to be done.

Mayor Watson stated that he felt that since Willie Hendricks was the only City employee with the required water and wastewater licenses and that he was training the new Superintendent, a raise in wages should be granted to Willie. Superintendent Carothers had recommended in his written report that no increases be given at this time. It was decided that raises would be considered after Superintendent Carothers had time to evaluate the employees during the budget process.

Discussion was held regarding the placement of the meter for Chinn Feed Mill. It was decided that a two inch meter be placed at Hazel Street at no cost to Chinn Feed Mill.

Superintendent Carothers was directed to check into costs for service awards for Danny Hall and Theresa Cross.

The City Clerk / Economic Development report was reviewed. Procedures for interviewing applicants for the City Collector position were discussed. Alderman Turner moved that all 11 applicants should be interviewed by the Board. The motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Hoffman moved to have the Mayor, City Clerk and Theresa screen the applicants and present five to the Board for interview. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Chittum voted aye. Alderman Turner voted nay. Motion carried.

Alderman Hoffman moved to approve City Clerk Bowman's request to attend the MOCCFOA Spring Institute on March 13, 14 and 15 (registration, meals and mileage included). Alderman Chittum seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Chittum voted aye. Alderman Turner voted nay. Motion carried.

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

The Police Chief report was reviewed. Chief Quinley stated that a dead end sign or some type of barricade needed to be placed on East Street where the railroad crossing was closed. Bill Hall suggested that three high intensity red diamond signs be used like what MoDOT uses. Alderman Turner moved to place three red diamond signs on both sides of the railroad tracks at East Street. The motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Chittum moved to place three red diamond signs on

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the north side of the railroad tracks at East Street. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the need of an ordinance prohibiting the use of snow mobiles in the City limits. City Clerk Bowman is to check with other municipalities on their ordinances on snowmobiles, go carts and scooters and place examples in the packets next month.

The Emergency Management report was reviewed. Emergency Management Director Nelda Stine had requested authorization to attend the annual SEMA/MEPA Conference. Alderman Chittum moved to approve the request. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Chittum and Turner voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Hall presented his report. Fire Chief Hall stated that he was working on a grant for bunker gear. The complete cost for 20 sets would be approximately \$39,700.00. If the grant was acquired, the cost to the City and Rural would be \$1,982.00. Chief Hall also stated that there were some problem with the radios and that he had found a source locally that could provide the same radio at the same price.

Mayor Watson stated that it was time to reappoint a representative to the Shelby County Extension and that he would continue to represent the City if no one else wanted the position. Alderman Hoffman moved to reappoint Mayor Watson as the City's representative. Alderman Chittum seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Hoffman moved to hold the March meeting at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis and Chittum voted aye. Alderman Turner voted nay. Motion carried.

Willie Hendricks stated that he had requested to attend a Missouri Water Environmental Association class in Kirksville on February 21st. This class will be worth 6 hours of continuing education for his wastewater license. Alderman Hoffman moved to allow Willie to attend the class as requested. Alderman Turner seconded the motion. Aldermen Hoffman, Dennis, Turner and Chittum 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 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman
City Clerk

Approved 03/12/07