

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2008 – 6:00 pm.**

Present: Mayor James A. Watson, Aldermen – Donnie Sanford, John Dennis, Dorothy Lanpher and Larry Roberts, City Clerk Cindy Bowman, City Superintendent Dennie Carothers, City Attorney Jim McConnell, Emergency Management Director Nelda Stine, Police Chief John Quinley, Police Officer Raymond Barton and Fire Chief Bill Hall.

Guests: Staci McLelland, Ken Everling and Larry Stark with Consolidated Insurance, Karla Matlock, Dwain Totten, Mike Tompkins, Patty and Kent Spindler.

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

Alderman Sanford noted that the second for the motion to pay bills was incorrect. Alderman Roberts moved to approve the minutes as corrected from the November 10, 2008 regular meeting and the November 20, 2008 special meeting. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved to approve the agenda. Alderman Roberts seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$712,285.42
Deposits:	\$85,623.88
Checks:	\$76,523.34
Ending Balance:	\$721,385.96

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

Karla Matlock with the Clarence Elementary addressed the Board regarding the school's utility bill. The back-flow prevention valve had stuck open and flooded under the building. Alderman Roberts moved to adjust the billing for sewer to the previous twelve month average, a reduction of \$498.24. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Bill Hall was present to make a request on behalf of Splash Pool, Inc. The pool is encountering financial difficulties and requested a donation of \$1,100.00.

Alderman Dennis moved to donate the requested amount. The motion died for lack of a second. Alderwoman Lanpher moved to postpone discussion on this item until the January 2009 meeting. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Patty Spindler, Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association (MoCCFOA) Northeast Division Director and City Clerk for the City of LaGrange, presented a certificate to City Clerk Bowman in recognition of her obtaining the designation of Missouri Registered City Clerk.

Ken Everling was present to review the Workers Compensation and property insurance renewals. The Work Comp premium showed an approximate \$40.00 increase and the property and liability premium had an increase of approximately \$200 with the additions of the Police truck and the three buildings in the park. Alderman Roberts moved to accept the renewal rates without the inclusion of coverage for terrorism. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Mike Tompkins of Tompkins and Willing, Inc. presented the annual audit. Alderman Roberts moved to accept the audit as presented. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved to approve payment of the bill for the audit as presented. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts moved to approve the plumber's licenses as listed so long as they provided proof of the required liability insurance. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis and Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

City Clerk Bowman presented the results of the bids for banking services. The bids were as follows:

- Community State Bank – 5 basis points more than the discount rate of the 90 day Treasury bill auction adjusted monthly
- Clarence State Bank – 2.3% interest fixed rate

Alderman Sanford moved to accept the bid from Clarence State Bank. Alderman Roberts seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Mayor Watson stated that the December meeting was his last as the Clarence representative to the Shelby County Economic Development Board. Mayor Watson recommended the appointment of Alderman Sanford to fill the position. Alderman Dennis moved to approve the appointment as presented. Alderwoman

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

The City Superintendent report was reviewed next. Alderman Roberts moved to authorize Superintendent Carothers to conduct another leak survey on the water system. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

The cause of clogs in the sewer main on Business 36 was discussed. Alderman Roberts moved to hand deliver letters to all residents on the affected line stressing what substances are not allowed to be discharged into the sewer system. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

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

Police Chief Quinley then presented his report. Alderman Roberts moved to accept the Police Chief's report noting that the accident report from December 6 be placed in Chief Quinley's personnel file. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

The City Clerk report was reviewed. Alderman Sanford moved to start the procedure as outlined in the City Code Book regarding two dangerous buildings. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

The request by the Clarence Historic Society for adjusted water, sewer and trash rates was discussed. It was decided that no concessions would be given at this time.

Alderman Roberts moved to accept the City Clerk report. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Nelda Stine's report was reviewed next. Alderman Dennis moved to accept the EMD report. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Bill Hall presented his report. Alderman Roberts moved to authorize Chief Hall to have the pumps on the fire truck ISO certified and the leaking ball valve replaced. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Dennis,

Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. Alderman Sanford abstained. No nay votes. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Dennis moved to authorize Mayor Watson and City Clerk Bowman to attend the Missouri Municipal League workshop in Columbia on January 8 on personnel law changes. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts moved to purchase a safety award for John S. Laye. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman  
City Clerk

*Approved 1/12/09*