

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2009 – 7:00 pm.**

Present: Mayor James A. Watson, Aldermen – John Dennis, Donnie Sanford, Dorothy Lanpher and Larry Roberts, City Clerk Cindy Bowman, City Superintendent Dennie Carothers, City Attorney Jim McConnell, Police Chief Shawn Maher, Fire Chief Bill Hall and City Collector Holly Krog.

Guests: Dennis Williams, Crystal Sickal, Debbie Griswold, Candace Barton, Angel Chinn, Nelda Stine, Sarah Duncan, Clair Stine Jr., Susan Bentley, Eric Greenwood, Karen Ellyson, Vera Johnston and Kathy Liebhart

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

Alderman Roberts moved to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2009 regular meeting and the August 12, 2009 tax hearing. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Dennis, Sanford, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Alderman Lanpher moved to approve the agenda omitting item 7b as it was no longer necessary. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Dennis, Sanford, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

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

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$754,411.61
Deposits:	\$74,424.90
Checks:	\$80,315.36
Ending Balance:	\$748,521.15

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

During the public comment period, Candy Barton expressed concerns about the ditch at 315 S. College. The area has not been worked down since the repair of a water leak.

Sarah Duncan addressed the Board concerning Police Chief Maher and the incident where her dog was taken to Red Barn Veterinary and when she went to pick up the dog it had been disposed of. Alderman Sanford stated that this issue would be discussed with Chief Maher.

Crystal Sickal stated that the City workers had driven the road grader through her yard while working on the road on approximately August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Elke Boyd, Shafer, Kline and Warren, updated the Board on the sewer project. Elke presented an amendment to the engineering contract to add sludge removal to the project. Alderman Roberts moved to approve the amendment to the contract and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary paperwork. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Elke then presented an amendment to assist with the updating of the user charge ordinance. Alderman Dennis move to accept the amendment and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign all necessary paperwork. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

Karen Ellyson and Debbie Griswold, on behalf of Splash Pool, Inc., presented a letter relinquishing the pool back to the City. Declining membership and increasing costs along with no interest from members in filling completed officer and board member positions have forced the board to the point. Karen stated that winterization had not been done yet. Alderman Roberts commended the Splash Pool Board on keeping the pool going this long. Re-establishing the Pool Board and the possibility of the City operating the pool was referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Kathy Liebhart, Clarence Horseshoe Club, stated that the Club had completed building the pits. She stated that the pits needed lighting and addition concrete to qualify for nationally sanctioned events. It will take approximately \$1,000.00 to complete these items.

Angel Chinn had been asked by Board members to address the Board concerning who is qualified to drive the ambulance. According to RSMo 190.105, an ambulance should not be operated unless under the immediate supervision of a licensed emergency medical technician. Patients cannot be transported unless two such individuals are present.

The City Superintendent report was reviewed next. Alderman Roberts moved to approve the repairs to the white car by James Wood at Macon Vo-Tech up to \$500.00. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

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

The City Police report was reviewed. Dog issues, tall grass and weeds and nuisance violations were discussed. Alderman Roberts moved to accept the police report. Alderwoman Lanpher seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

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

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

Alderwoman Lanpher stated that Bob McCollum had complained about the brush and weeds at the rear of the Clappers Too property. He had stated that his insurance company was penalizing him for the condition of the other property. It was decided that a nuisance letter would be sent to Clarks who are the recorded owners of the property.

Alderman Sanford moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Subsection 2 – Leasing, Purchase or Sale of Real Estate by a public governmental body and RSMo 610.021 Subsection 3 – Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body. Alderman Dennis seconded the motion. Aldermen Sanford, Dennis, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried.

**Closed Session Minutes recorded elsewhere.**

Alderwoman Lanpher moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. Aldermen Dennis, Sanford, Roberts and Lanpher voted aye. No nay votes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman  
City Clerk

*Approved 10/12/09*