

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
December 8, 2009

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on December 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Tommy Nicholson, Jimmy Gill, Rick Johnson, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Carol Macha.

Others present: Thomas McCormick, Michael Armstrong, Clarice Rankin, Katherine Williams, Jim Yates, Marc Coulon, Zach McCarver, Lori Worster, Wade A. Reed, Chuck Walker, Paul Gupton, Jeremy Galyon, Candice Morris, Jennifer Noe, Dalton Floied, Kimberly Lewis, Tim Adkins, Anita Justice, Mary Glasgow, Millie Nygren, John Lovell, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Norwood said that it was Paul Robert's birthday and he was 78 years old. Everyone wished him a happy birthday.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the November minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Katherine Williams – 108 Duke Street. Ms. Williams said she owns the building at 150 S. Main St. what she still refers to as the shoe shop, she is having problems with the alley off Chestnut the do not enter sign is faded out and she requested a new sign be put up. Also, at the end the one-way sign is missing and she would like this replace. Ms. Williams also advised that she has 7-8 parking spaces behind the building and they are continually being used by someone else. She has put up no parking and tow away signs to no avail and asked if she could get help. Chief Coulon told her if she would call him the police would help her out. Ms. Williams said she had one more problem she would like help with and that is the people parking at the Bethesda Center upon leaving are backing into her building. She has just had it freshly painted and the mortar replaced and wanted to know if the city could put up a rail or something so they didn't continue to hit the building. Ms. Williams said she talked with Mike about the trash problem by the Bethesda Center she has lost two renters due to the trash and people doing oil changes in the back. Mayor Norwood said they would look into it and get the signs fixed.

Several people who are in the Samaritan Program stood and said a few words in support of the program.

John Lovell asked if a guard rail could be put back up on Stratton Blvd. He said 3 have been knocked down.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said she would need about 5 minutes for an attorney/client meeting.

Mayor said we would have the meeting at the end.

New Business:

Ms. Noe said on the Pyro-shows contract where we left off last month is they want this money up front Tony is supposed to be getting with them. Mayor said he is on vacation and asked Phyllis to call him and find out the status. Mayor Norwood said we can defer this or approve contingent on not having to pay up front.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Nicholson, to approve the contract upon their accepting without money paid up front. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Gill-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Chief Coulon asked to have money moved into the Drug fund in the amount of \$16,000 for police rifles. A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Allen, to transfer the funds to the Drug Fund. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Millie Nygren spoke to the Council about the Drug and Alcohol Program saying that when she was here a few weeks ago Council wanted a business proposal. Our doors were closed a week ago Monday she has been scrambling around trying to provide services but they are not doing the intense program this program will take time to get up and running. They are doing the DUI classes, Domestic violence classes and the adolescent assessments. They have not received their DUI license yet; they have to pull some things together before the state will issue a license. Ms. Millie said the handout she gave the Council has program funds on the second page. The one for the adolescent program is inaccurate and should be much higher. Ms. Millie was asked to present a budget to the Council. Mr. Gill said that you want the city to hire you and how many more? Ms. Millie answered it would be her and 1 part time position. After some discussion, Mr. LaCrosse asked what is the cost going to be; that she would have to tell them; it is going to take time but they have to know the cost to make that decision. After more discussion Ms. Millie will come back with a line item budget and procedures and policies along with state approval for the programs.

Ms. Noe said she met with Phyllis on the TCRS request and after looking at it she doesn't believe we will be able to give them a cost. There are too many unknowns and it will change the retirement status and also the vested status. Ms. Noe said the County does let their employees buy back the probation period but at this point we could not find out their cost. Phyllis was asked to get with the county and see if they can advise. A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Johnson to defer this to next month.

Thomas McCormick recommended the low bidder on all the chemicals except chlorine. That will be re-bid for next month. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to accept low bids on all chemicals except chlorine. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Thomas McCormick requested that he have money placed in his budget for the repairs done to the Collision Center as this is not budgeted. While Thomas was getting the exact cost together the Council took a short recess for the attorney/client meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 8:13p.m.

Thomas said the figure he is requesting is \$6,230.64. A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Gill, to move money into the water fund. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mr. Johnson asked Thomas if the apron work was done. Mr. McCormick replied yes. Also, he had a request from Mr. Joe York asking that the city not to park next to his building while working on the poles. Mr. McCormick said ok.

Mayor advised that Ms. Macha could not attend the meeting as her husband was sick; Mayor let her know we have a plaque to present to her. Mr. LaCrosse said he would like her to come back to a meeting.

Mayor reminded everyone about the Christmas dinner this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. LaCrosse said he noticed the water loss was 18% and asked Thomas to clarify. Mr. McCormick said he would go back and check and make sure this was not an error.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson, to pay the bills. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder