

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
April 12, 2011

The Board of Mayor and Council met in a regular session on April 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Alwilda Binkley, Jimmy Gill, Rick Johnson, Jim Yates, and Chris LaCrosse.

Others present: Michael Armstrong, Marc Coulon, Paul Gupton, Randy Walker, Billy Harris, Amy Cosio, Zach McCarver, Kenny Ray, Tim Adkins, Dwayne Noe, Chuck Walker, Walter Weakley, Dan Weakley, Anita Justice, Carol Macha, and Mary Glasgow.

Mayor Norwood called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to approve the March minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Mayor Norwood asked if anyone would like to approach Council with any concerns.

Amy Cosio came forward and said she was here for Mr. Hussey who lives at 1100 Little Marrowbone. Ms. Cosio said she wanted to request reimbursement of the reconnect fee of \$75.00 which she paid when their water was cut off. She told Council that she put her payment in the night drop, but the check has not been cashed. Ms. Cosio said she doesn't feel that she should have to pay the reconnect fee. Mayor said so you paid the bill, but the check has not been cashed. He said it would be difficult to reimburse the \$75.00 if we don't have the check. Mayor told her we need proof before we can reimburse the fee. Ms. Cosio said the check was lost internally. After more discussion, Mayor said we don't have the money, but if you can produce the check showing we cashed it then we will reimburse the reconnect fee. Ms. Casio said again that she put the check in the box and she needs her money back. Mr. Johnson asked when did you put it in the box. Ms. Casio answered March 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. LaCrosse asked have you repaid the bill. Ms. Casio answered yes. At this point Ms. Casio left the meeting. Mayor told Council we have tried to accommodate people and we have never lost a check that was put in the night drop. He said I pulled a copy of the ordinance from MTAS today and it said you do one water adjustment per calendar year. Mayor said we need to stay within our ordinance or rewrite it. He said we can discuss this in the Budget meeting.

Attorney:

Ms. Noe said the Corp backed the City's position that they have no easements on the Public Works property. She said, hopefully, in the next 2-3 weeks we will hear from FEMA that 7-8 worksheets will be approved. Ms. Noe said someone needs to write a letter thanking Congressman, Jim Cooper's office for all their help with this issue.

Ms. Noe said one other thing, I sent you all an email informing you that Mayor Norwood will be awarded the Phoenix Award by the Small Business Administration on May 19th. She said this award is for his outstanding contributions to the recovery of our City during the May flood.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Mayor said the first item on the agenda is the Clear contract-software background investigation. Chief Coulon said I spoke to you before on this contract for software that will help us do accurate background checks. Mayor asked Ms. Noe if she had any issues with the contract. Ms. Noe answered no.

A motion was made by Yates, seconded by LaCrosse to approve the Clear contract. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said the next item on the agenda is Ordinance #381-end ord 179 – zoning ordinance. He told Council the changes are the underlined items in paragraph 4 and under item #1 the word less. Mayor said this ordinance is correcting Ordinance #179. A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Gill to pass Ordinance #381 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-no, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The next item of business is the A O Smith property-Bid. Ms. Noe said she sent Phyllis a proposal for bid on the property purchased by the City from A O Smith. She said the proposal is for the 37.61 acres and it is similar to the County's. Ms. Noe said the bid is for someone to lease the property for the purpose of farming. She said the contract would run for a calendar year. Ms. Noe said this first contract would run until December of this year and need to be rebid in January of 2012. After a brief discussion on the length of the contract, Ms. Noe said it made more sense to do a calendar year. She told Council that the contract has a notice of termination where either party can give a 60 day notice in writing should the need come up. Mr. Gill asked if the County had leased out their land. Ms. Noe said it was her understanding that the property had been put out to bid, a bid was accepted, but no contract has been signed yet. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Allen to put the A O Smith property out to bid. Ms. Noe asked do you want to vote to award the bid at next month's meeting. The consensus was to run the ad April 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, have the bids back in on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with a bid opening at noon that same day, then to award the bid on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. LaCrosse asked is this a cash bid or cash and services. Mayor said I don't think it stipulates anything but cash. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mayor said the notice will be in next Wednesday's paper.

The next item is the RFP for Local Planner and Engineers. Ms. Noe said RFP for planner is a request for professional planning services and it is a set of responsibilities for the Planner. She told Council that Mike had looked at the one used by Kingston Springs. Ms. Noe said the RFP requires a minimum education of a bachelor's degree and two years of experience as a Planner for another community. Mayor asked if Council had any questions or concerns. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Binkley to put out the RFP for planning services. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Noe said we talked about a RFP for engineers, but since this is a professional service it does not have to be put to bid. Mayor said we can have Phyllis put a notice in the paper that the City is looking for an engineer. He said we could call them in during workshop and talk with them. Ms. Noe asked do you want one for Water & Sewer and another for Codes. Mayor asked if Council was okay with this.

Other:

Mayor asked is there anything else. Mr. Dwayne Noe approached Council and said he would like to put out to bid a sewer camera with a screen. He said he had the money in his budget but would need to move it around. Mr. Noe said I need your okay to put this out to bid. Mr. LaCrosse asked do you have the money in your budget. Mr. Noe answered yes. He stated again that I need Council's okay to put this

out to bid. Mayor said not having a sewer camera is the number one complaint from that department. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to put out for bid a sewer camera with screen. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder