

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
June 14, 2011

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on June 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

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

Council absent: Jim Yates.

Others present: Dwayne Noe, Marc Coulon, Chuck Walker, Tim Adkins, Billy Harris, Anita Justice, Tony Young, Michael Armstrong, Zach McCarver, Mary Glasgow and Phyllis Schaeffer.

Mayor Norwood started the meeting with the public hearing on Ordinances 382 and 383. After Ordinance # 382 was read the Mayor advised the ordinance was 20 or so pages to see Mary or Phyllis if they would like a copy. Mayor asked if anyone would like to approach with any comments or concerns, now was the time to do so. No one approached the Council so Mayor Norwood went on to Ordinance #383. After the ordinance was read, again Mayor asked if anyone would like to approach with their concerns or comments again no one came forward. Mayor Norwood closed the public hearing.

Those present for the public hearing were the same for the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve the May minutes with noted changes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Allen, to approve Ordinance #382 – 11/12 Budget – 2nd reading. Mr. Johnson said he would again like to thank the Council and the dept heads for all they did to stay within our means. There were no new taxes and the services are equal to or greater than what we currently have in place. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson, to approve Ordinance #383 – Water rates – on 2nd reading. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

New Business:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill, to approve Ordinance #384 – Fund Balance Policy on 1st reading. Mayor said he wanted to be sure everyone understands what this is for - it is pretty well what we have done in the past but it is now in writing. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Binkley to approve Resolution 2011-04 – Plan of Service for annexation of certain properties.

Ms. Noe advised there was a typo under Fire protection that should say will “provide”. Mr. Johnson asked if the effected property owners would be notified by letter. Mr. Armstrong said yes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Binkley, seconded by Johnson, to approve Resolution 2011-05 – Home Grant Policies and Procedures. Phyllis said that Ms. Raymond suggested that the Council may want to change and give the elderly an extra 10 points, Mayor said to move it to 20 points. And Phyllis also said another suggestion was to change the wording to replace with a modular-double wide and not a single wide trailer. Ms. Noe said to replace a single wide with a double wide.

Mayor said we need to have an amendment to this on the elderly and amendment on the single-wide trailers before we get into the policy.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill to amend the policy to add the extra 10 points for the elderly and secondly to make the policy to be in agreement with our ordinance as far as single wide trailers. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

The motion to approve Resolution 2011-05 passed unanimously by voice vote. Mayor asked Ms. Schaeffer to ask Ms. Raymond if you are barely outside the financial requirements do you go through the point system or are you automatically out?

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Allen, to accept the Home grant Agreement. Ms. Schaeffer said this is a separate agreement for Cindy Raymond to administer the Home grant. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Gill, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the County on the Fire Tax. Mr. LaCrosse thanked Chief Walker for all his hard work on this the last 3-4 years. Chief Walker said they would probably be starting the study in the next 3-4 weeks. This is being done by a third party. The results will be taken back to the county commission to see what the commission will do. Chief Walker said he advised them he is not going back through all this again either they will have the tax or not. Mr. LaCrosse said this is in effect for one year then will a notice to terminate come into play. Ms. Noe advised that it would be automatic. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor said the next order of business was the RFP – engineer presentations. Mayor said we had some good interviews. How would the Council like to proceed with this? If Council would agree he would like to use these folks on an as needed basis, none will be a so called engineer for the city but as we need an engineer the Council can decide who to use at that time. Mayor said he would like to possibly use the gentleman with Canon & Canon who worked with Springfield the last 20 years for our planning & zoning on a limited basis. Right now we don't have any projects coming up. There was a short discussion on a couple of the other engineers. Mr. Gill told the Mayor he thought he had a good idea. Mr. LaCrosse asked the Mayor if the last gentleman had sent his rates to him and if not can the Mayor request them and bring to the budget meeting. Everyone was in agreement. Mr. Gill asked what was decided on the Caldwell property. Mayor asked Phyllis to check on this and if a decision was not made then it can be presented next month at the workshop.

For the record a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to use all engineers at Council discretion when a project comes up. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

As far as the RFP on the planner Mayor Norwood said GNRC is planning on having something ready to provide these services he would like to put off a decision until the July or August meeting as he believes they should have some answers by then.

Other:

Mr. LaCrosse said on last weeks' agenda we had the request to write off delinquent water accounts. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson to write off the delinquent water accounts from the period 7-1-10 to 6-30-2011 in the amount of \$32,388.54 Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Binkley-yes, Gill-yes, and mayor-yes.

Ms. Noe said they had a conference call with FEMA, TEMA and the SBA to see if they could help move things forward, the gentleman from SBA will follow up with another conference call next week. Ms. Noe advised she had gathered all the pertinent emails and scanned and sent them to FEMA and TEMA. Mayor said there is another meeting set up next week and hope to get some direction at that time.

Mr. LaCrosse said he spoke with Phyllis about where we are today from when we started with the flood and asked Phyllis to bring a spreadsheet to the budget meeting so we can all see what the potential might be.

Mr. Allen said he would like to thank Dwayne for the excellent job on Caldwell Rd with some paving issues and also down on Bluegrass for the water issue - opening up those drains took care of a bad situation. "You did a good job".

Mayor said he had sent the Council an email that someone wants us to sell the ramp/dock. Mayor sent Tony an email saying that we are not able to sell the ramp as this was bought with corp money, but he would like to purchase the dock. Mayor suggests this be put on the budget agenda.

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

Mayor said the budget meeting is next week and the young lady from Travelers will there and then also we need to go over the personnel policy.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Gill, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder