

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
March 9, 2010

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on February 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Vice-Mayor Steve Allen.

Council present: Tommy Nicholson, Jimmy Gill, Rick Johnson, Chris LaCrosse, and Jim Yates.

Council absent: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Others present: Thomas McCormick, Steve W. Haggard, Marc Coulon, Anita Justice, Michael Armstrong, Chuck Walker, Zach McCarver, Mike Gibbs, Kathy Williams, Linda Marable, Joan Gibran, Mike Knox, Joseph Olivas, Jeremy Ethridge, Rick Arguello, Paul Gupton, Tom Salter, Wade A. Reed, Kevin Smith, Greg and CJ Edrington, Tony Young, Tim Adkins, Les Stewart, Fawn Byrd, Mary Glasgow, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

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

Public Forum:

Mr. Steve Haggard came before the Council asking for help on his water bill where he had a leak and had it repaired. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to return Mr. Haggard's bill to an average bill of \$135.54. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, and Allen-yes.

Ms. Joan Gibran came before the Council stating she has had several leaks over the last 4 months and since last Friday all leaks have been repaired. Ms. Gibran asked for help from the Council. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson, to return Ms. Gibran's bill to an average bill on all 4 months. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Yates-yes, Gill-yes, Nicholson-yes, and Allen-yes.

Mr. Mike Gibbs came before the Council on behalf of his mother as she had a leak and no one lives in the residence as she is in a nursing home. An average bill is \$27.54 a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to bring the bill to an average. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, Yates-yes, and Allen-yes.

Mr. Mike Knox also came before the Council requesting help on his bill for the Ashland Lodge and said their leak had been repaired. A motion was made by Yates, seconded by Johnson, to adjust his bill to an average of \$78.45. Ms. Noe advised that this being the Masonic Lodge that if any of the Council were members they could vote but needed to disclose a conflict. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Yates-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes with a conflict, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes with a conflict, and Allen-yes.

Mr. Kevin Smith approached the Council to discuss having his water cut off due to non payment, and having to pay the fifty dollar reconnect. Mr. Smith said his wife called the office today and paid the bill but they were on the list to be cut off he disagrees with this and thought that a call should have been

made to the men to advise that they should not be cut off, he said he understood the fee and that he had called the Mayor and spoke with him about this and the Mayor advised him to come to the Council. After further discussion Mr. LaCrosse said he understood his point but there had to be a reason this policy is in place and he sees where the fee should have been assessed, as for the other they could not change policy tonight they would have to get with the Mayor and requested this be discussed at next month's workshop.

Ms. Fawn Byrd came forward and advised the Council that her water had been cut off today and the only thing she was requesting was to have her water turned back on tonight as she has children and she would have everything paid by Thursday when she gets paid. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse to reconnect water service to Ms. Byrd's residence. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, and Allen-yes.

Ms. Linda Marable came forward and advised they had a pipe burst in their pump house and they were not there when this occurred. Ms. Marable requested help with the water bill. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson, to return the bill to an average of \$23.67 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Allen-yes.

Ms. Cathy Williams approached the Council and said she just wanted to thank them and all the people that helped her with the issues she was having with her building. Ms. Williams said Thomas is working with her, they have gotten a lot done and some more to do and that Michael has been down there also and she just wanted to thank everyone.

Ms. Jill Brown wrote a letter to the Council asking help with her water bill due to a leak, but was unable to attend the meeting. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to adjust Ms. Brown's bill to an average bill of \$50.28 motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, and Allen-yes.

Attorney:

Ms Noe advised she needed to have an attorney/client privileged meeting with the Council.

Vice-Mayor Allen called a recess at 7:45 pm to talk this Ms. Noe.

The meeting reconvened at 8:05 pm.

Chief Coulon said he would like to present an award to several of his officers; it is a nice pat on the back for a job well done. Jeremy Ethridge a certificate of Excellence for DUI Enforcement he has 34 DUI arrests in 2009. Also, Officer Ethridge has a second award for traffic law enforcement with 969 citations in 2009. Officer Joseph Olivas a certificate for DUI Enforcement 19 arrest in 2009, and Officer Rick Arguello an award for Traffic law Enforcement for 709 citations in 2009. Also, Officer Arguello has just finished his course for language instructor in Spanish to teach the other officers.

New Business:

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nicholson, to accept the AT&T contract in the amount of \$45,538.49 Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Yates-yes, and Allen-yes.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Nicholson, to pass Ordinance #364- amend ordinance #179 parking for mini storage warehouse – on 1st reading. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Yeary Howell and Associates audit contract in the amount of \$11,775. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, Yates-yes, and Allen-yes.

Tony Young advised the mowing bids were opened this morning and LCJW was the low bid and his recommendation was to go with LCJW again. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse to award the mowing bid to LCJW. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Yates-yes, Gill-yes, and Allen-yes.

Vice-Mayor Allen told Mr. Stewart that the Mayor wanted him to know that he thought they did an outstanding job this year.

The next discussion was on the skateboard area. Mr. Young advised he has a meeting with the school board on Friday. Mr. Nicholson said he thinks that if it is over by the school it is setting them up to fail. Other than ball season it is going to be totally unwatched. It would be a good idea to put the skateboard area on the property across from the water plant.

Mr. LaCrosse said that would be good and a camera out front keeps it up close and personal.

Chief Coulon said both places are well visible.

Mr. LaCrosse said his only thought was that the pad could be used for other purposes but believes it is an experiment worth doing. It is a worthwhile investment.

Mr. Young thought the best location was by the water plant. Mr. Young said the kids are pretty positive and are ready to take care of it. Chief Coulon said there was an ordinance placed before them tonight to look at. That he, Jennifer Noe and Tony Young had a meeting this afternoon and Ms. Noe drew up the ordinance. Mr. LaCrosse said they needed time to look it over and that it could be approved the same time as the site. Mr. LaCrosse asked Tony to get hard numbers for both locations and asked Jennifer if she could attend the workshop next month.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Gill, to pay the pass through invoice to Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc in the amount of \$403. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Nicholson-yes, Gill-yes, Johnson-yes, Yates-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Allen-yes.

Other:

Chief Walker told the Council that Mr. West with MTAS was still studying the request and would not be at the budget meeting next Tuesday.

Mr. Johnson said we could have depts. that are on for the 23rd to come next week and reminded everyone that the budget meeting was Tuesday night at 6pm.

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

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Yates, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

