

## **Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, April 14, 2014.**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Wilkins at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Grenke, Aldermen Magley, Simmons, and Bormann. Also attending were Lynn Behrns, Police Chief Dudgeon, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, James Smith, and most of the City's dispatchers and family members.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Those present participated in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Comments from Citizens

No comments.

### Proclamation

Mayor Grenke read a proclamation to acknowledge Public Safety Telecommunications Week and presented a copy of the proclamation to the dispatchers. The aldermen were invited to a reception at the Police Department following the Committee meeting. The dispatchers then left.

### Economic Development

Mike Rodgers sent a copy of the minutes of the last CREDI meeting as his report. They were included in the agenda packet.

Committee members were reminded of the Chamber Award Banquet to be held April 24.

Mayor Grenke also mentioned a Chamber-sponsored ribbon cutting for Forrest Chevrolet's new tire operations, to be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

### Park Department

The Park Board agendas and minutes for past meetings were in the Committee agenda packet. They will meet next on April 25 at 7:00 a.m.

### Cemetery Advisory Committee

No report.

### Tree Board

No written report. Behrns noted that Tree Board members had given away a great number of small trees to students at the various schools as a local Arbor Day Celebration.

### Library Board

Minutes and agendas for the Library Board were included in the agenda packet.

Behrns noted the strong passage of the measure to increase the property tax rate for Library operations. The Library Board members are very happy. This will ameliorate a small permanent drop in the state-assessed railroad and utility properties.

#### Finance

Financial statements for March were in the agenda packet. Behrns noted that the monthly totals were also the end of year totals for the fiscal year. Committee had no questions.

#### Bills over \$1,250

Committee received a preliminary list of bills over \$1,250; there were no questions.

#### Other

Behrns reported that the regular Board agenda will have six ordinances that are a follow-up to the decision to retain Boone County National Bank as the official depository. They will need approval after the Board reorganizes and selects officers. Then the appropriate persons will be authorized for signature cards and account access. Other ordinances will renew subsidiary agreements for handling electronic fund transfers and federal securities invested with the bank.

At the same meeting, the City Clerk will present the required annual reports of delinquent taxes and utility accounts.

Preliminary arrangements are set for the Central District of the Missouri Municipal League to hold its quarterly meeting at the Centralia Country Club. The event will be Wednesday, May 28, at 6:00 p.m. Behrns said he hopes that most Aldermen will attend as hosts. The cost will be \$18.00 per attendee. Centralia officers will be paid for by the City. The program for the event will probably focus on the end of the state legislative session.

#### City Prosecutor

No report. Mayor Grenke said that April Wilson should be able to attend the regular Board meeting in May and meet with the new aldermen.

#### Police Department

Chief Dudgeon presented a Police Department activity report for March.

Dudgeon reported that one part-time officer had taken a full-time position in Fulton. Another is sidelined because of a broken wrist. The Chief will be presenting a new candidate for part-time status and hopes he will be sworn in at the regular Board meeting. Sergeant Bellamy should be back from reserve training soon.

Wilkins said that the replacement file server for the Police Department should be received next week.

#### Fire Department

Fire Chief Rusch presented a report of March department activities. Aldermen remarked on the continuing high number of medical calls.

Emergency Management

Behrns had nothing to report.

Protective Inspection

Behrns said that Boone County has provided him with the documents used to adopt the 2012 set of International building codes. The City should be able to hold a hearing in early June and adopt the replacement codes at the June Board meeting, when the agenda may be shorter.

Thanks to a rush in applications, Behrns has now issued building permits for 11 new house units since January 1. The construction season is off to a strong start.

As May Arise

Behrns noted the City Administrator Search Committee will meet next on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:15 p.m. Magley asked if anyone had made a site visit to the Narraganset Building. None had, but Wilkins agreed that this should happen soon, now that the weather had improved.

Committee adjourned about 7:30 p.m.