

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, April 9, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grenke – Acting Chairperson at 7:44 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present were Aldermen, Andrea Vollrath, Jim Lee, Robert Hudson and Don Rodgers. Also attending were Mayor Tim Grenke, City Administrator Matt Harline, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon. Citizens present included Don Bormann.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

III. PRESENTATION BY BOONE COUNTY COLLECTOR, BRIAN MCCOLLUM

Harline said the County collects taxes on behalf of the City and Brian McCollum is here to discuss our Tax Collection Agreement. McCollum is explaining to us the updates and some of the changes in Agreement form 2009. Nothing has changed as far as personal property, sales tax, or county tax and how his office functions. There was a legislative change for delinquent fee, McCollum said, and there have been some changes and turnover since 2009 in his office some new faces in the County and City. Harline said one change has to do with property that is annexed or de-annexed in this agreement the City is now clearly responsible for informing the County about the new address ranges. There is an automatic renewal clause as well. McCollum spent two days in Centralia collecting customer's property taxes last December, there were about 50 a day that came in. Harline said this is just a discussion and there will be an ordinance next week. McCollum said if anyone has any questions to feel free to contact him.

IV. COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN

None

V. PUBLIC SAFETY.

A. Police Department

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report.

Grenke asked Chief if had been busier than normal or not and Chief said they have been proactive. They did a search warrant overnight and had a few folks transported to County, he explained it to be very labor intensive. Hudson said Officer Davenport was the one that showed up and helped Hudson's team members Dudgeon said the 1st Saturday in May, Davenport is working with doing a Docu-Drama for Prom. Grenke then asked if the computers came in for the cars and Dudgeon said they were and will be up and running. Dudgeon said they are blessed with equipment and employees

2. Other

None

B. Fire Department

1. *Activity Report*: Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report.

Rusch said they just had typical things this month.

2. Other

Harline said we have the ISO rating for the City at a 5- 5X. The staff has put the letter in the packet of information. We were worried about response times but Harline said it turned out to be no problem and wanted to point out that this was a big win. Grenke said Good Job.

C. Emergency Management.

Harline asked Rusch about training and they are planning on being in contact with each other.

D. Protective Inspection.

1. Purchase of 110 East Railroad

Harline said in the packet the memo shows we have contract signed, the outstanding tax bill is \$2,520.75 and Harline is asking the board to pay that off and we are aware that Clifford has paid off his portion. Frank Love said the lean release is prepared. Hudson wants more information and Rodgers asked as well, what is the time line and Harline said they are close but not exact; the problem is Mr. Right signed the lease but never turned it in. Rodgers said is this like buying a house and could you do it all the same day. Harline said we could. Lee asked about penalties being 2% a month and will a certain percentage come back to us, the positive is it is going back to the schools. Lee is not worried the bill is going to go bad. Magley said it could go bad. Harline said Frank Love may come to town himself.

Motion:

Lee made a motion to go ahead and pay the taxes in the amount of \$2,520.75 for 110 East Railroad, Vollrath seconded. On a call for ayes and nays the following voted for Aldermen Vollrath and Lee. The Aldermen voting against were Hudson, Magley and Rodgers so the Motion failed.

VI. GENERAL GOVERNMENT & FINANCE.

A. Economic Development.

1. Chamber of Commerce Report

Grenke asked about quarterly budget and Harline said in June. Grenke asked about planning for Anchor Fest and Bormann said it is going well. Harline said the there are some business people that would like to get together with the Chamber before Anchor Fest. Bormann said The Wine walk is coming along as well.

B. Park Board

None

C. Cemetery

Harline said that some of the board members are up for renewal and Harline will get information to Mayor Grenke next week.

D. Tree Board

1. Arbor Day report

Grenke asked what kind of tree they gave away this year and Lee said they gave away the short leaf pines and then planted a red maple at the CIS.

E. Library Board

Hudson said he believed they hired a new director.

F. March 2018 Financial Statements

Harline said these are unaudited but it will be done soon, we did come in over budget one property tax and slightly ahead on sales tax collected. Harline said these are good signs.

G. Bills over \$1,250

None

H. Other General Government.

1. Comprehensive Plan Update

Harline said we have been given 8 copies of the comprehensive plan and it is also available on line. Harline said we will print some more and give one to the library. We do have a Planning and Zoning meeting this Thursday at 6pm.

2. Energy Performance Contract with ESP

Harline talked to Todd Goffoy at Piper Jaffray and Mike Watson and the state law allows you to borrow money on an investment grade audit might not actually work for this project because some of it is capital and the improvements in City Hall, the water project has been taken off, the library is separate, the cost for the fixing the peeling wall paper, carpet, we are keeping it down with packing tape. Harline is hoping to have an ordinance for next week. The actual costs \$40,000 upfront for the whole projects but street lighting is an easy pay back. This means no water plant, no Library. We could be left with just the street lighting. Hudson said are we doing too much and asked how old the carpet is. Harline said one catch is to keep pricing down, they took out replacing ceiling tiles although most of them are bowed. Harline said maybe this could be an Eagle Scout project. No decision was made that night. Rodgers is concerned that the customers know this is completely different then the water bond. Lee said the bond issue is separate. Harline said the contractor is Nick Bryson, we are staying local.

3. Social Media Policy – Draft

Harline said we have a draft policy put together with City Attorney. Heather Russell our City Clerk is on face book and handles the account.

VII. OTHER

None

VIII. CLOSED MEETING*

Harline said he did not see a reason to go into closed meeting and everyone agreed.

IX. AS MAY RISE

Grenke wanted to let everyone know Taylor Burks the County Clerk that replaced Wendy Noreen is going to be at the Golf and Social Club for an event this Thursday April 12, at 5:30-6:30pm. Harline wanted to remind everyone there will be a Planning & Zoning meeting this Thursday at 6:00 pm. They will be discussing two conditional use permits, one for Paben Properties Self Service and the other a possible Daycare on Mystic.

X. ADJOURN

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Alderman Lee, made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Alderman Hudson seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:31 p.m.