

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting of Monday, August 8, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman David Wilkins, Chairperson at 8:05 p.m. followed the meeting of the Public Works and Public Utilities Committee

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present also were Mayor Tim Grenke (late), Aldermen Landon Magley, Don Rodgers, Andrea Vollrath, and Jim Lee. Absent –none. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, Cemetery Sexton, Phyllis Brown and James Smith of the Fireside Guard.

II. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS.

None.

III. PUBLIC SAFETY.

A. Police Department

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report and there were none.

2. *Other:* Police Chief Dudgeon thanked the Committee for their support for getting Kenneth Tyler Stone sworn in earlier in the meeting. Chief Dudgeon noted they would be doing a lot of training this month. In answer to a question from Wilkins Dudgeon said the training would be both online and in person.

B. Fire Department.

1. *Activity Report:* Wilkins asked if there were any questions or comments on the Activity Report. Grenke asked how the new truck was working and Chief Rusch said it was working well.

2. *Declaring old trucks surplus property for sale.* Harline said that while he believed he could do this himself without approval, however, he would like an official authorization to declare two trucks as surplus for sale. Harline and Rusch said that the first truck was a 1976 International Truck 1103. Westhoff would help us sell. Chief Rusch said that Jeff McReynolds from Banner (the company that sold us the new fire truck) would be bringing us an estimated value for the rescue truck. Harline said that MFA had shown interested in purchasing the rescue truck, a 1983 Ford with a generator on it, but they would allow us to continue to use the generator in case of emergency. Harline said the he wanted a formal motion to declare both trucks surplus property. Then they would proceed to talk to MFA about the one truck and sell the other one on GovDeals. Chief Rusch said in answer to a question from Rodgers that the trucks weren't in his way so much as in the way of transferring the building to the Parks Department. **Vollrath made a motion to declare both trucks surplus property. Lee seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.** Rusch noted that Truck 1103 had failed it's annual pump test the previous year.

3. *Other* – Rusch stated that he needed to buy bunker gear for the two new volunteer firefighters. Rusch said when they close the north fire station he would like to build a shed behind the downtown fire station. Lee asked about the right of way and if we had sufficient property. Harline stated that the City would build according to the building code. Wilkins asked how much gear cost. Rusch replied that a full set was about \$1,400. Rusch noted that the Building Codes department had asked if the City wanted to have the new Dollar General put in sprinklers. Harline

said he welcomed the Committee to weigh in, but it was really up to Don Rodgers, the City Fire Marshall (not Don Rodgers, Aldermen). Rusch said they could write a note to encourage them to put in sprinklers, but not insist on it. Lee asked if the new business was renting the property to which Harline replied that was his understanding. Lee said then it was up to Kevin Prenger.

C. Emergency Management.

Harline noted that he will try to have detailed report on the storm damage by the next meeting.

E. Protective Inspection.

1. *Dangerous Building Report* - Harline reported that there had been four buildings demolished plus the old Dollar General/Saddle Saloon was coming down. There was a demolition permit taken out on 208 W. Railroad. Harline states that there were four letters out on dangerous buildings and Intern Nathan Kuhn was very helpful with getting that done.

V. GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE.

A. Economic Development.

None

B. Park Board

Wilkins stated that the agenda for the Park Board is in the packet and meeting notes. Harline noted that he was going to work with them to assign addresses to all the buildings in the parks to assist E-911, especially for backup units from out of town and for ambulances.

C. Cemetery Advisory Committee.

Wilkins asked Ms. Brown to give her report. Brown noted that she had done a complete survey of tree damage with Jim Lee. Brown noted that there were several trees that posed hazards to people and cemetery monuments and it made sense to look at them all. She had a list prepared and had sent out an RFP. Brown added that they had discovered that two of the trees were in the right of way and belonged to MODOT. Brown added that the trees were also in the power lines and our electric crew had trimmed them before. For those reasons she wanted to remove them from the RFP. Brown stated that there were 15 trees in the RFP, including the two that belonged to MODOT. Harline noted that these would be unbudgeted expenses, but the Cemetery received a bequest of some \$30,000 last year and that would cover this project he believed. The report said that the two trees in the power line could be paid for by the electric department. Brown reported that trees number 1-4 are walnut trees that may be of some value so we are going to have those cut into 8 foot sections and we will try to sell them unless the contractor offers us some money for them. Brown said she is moving as fast as possible.

D. Tree Board.

No report.

E. Library Board

Wilkins noted the information in the packet and the agenda for the next meeting. Grenke said that he might be looking for a new Library Board member soon.

F. Finance

Financial statements for July 2016 were in the agenda packet. Harline had no comment

when asked.

G. Bills over \$1,250
No comments.

H. Other General Government.

1. *Closing parts of Allen Street for the Shop Hop on September 21st.* Harline said he had not gotten back in touch with Lorry Meyers but they had not decided if they want to extend the street closing to the south of Singleton St. Grenke said he had no problem. Chief Dudgeon said that they had done this before and there would be no problem.

2. *Comprehensive Plan Update* – Harline reported that they had received some applications and he would be working with the Mayor and Chair of Planning and Zoning to shore up the committees. Harline said that Ed Siegmund, Executive Director of the Mid-MO Regional Planning Commission had told the Planning and Zoning Commissioners that the process was the product.

VII. OTHER.
None

VIII. AS MAY RISE.

Grenke asked the Board if any of the Aldermen wanted to attend the MML Conference this September 11-14 in St. Louis.

IX. ADJOURN.

Vollrath made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting. Grenke seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:35 p.m.