

Minutes of the General Government and Public Safety Committee meeting Monday, March 13, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Wilkins, Chairperson at 7:00 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE.

Present were, Mayor Tim Grenke, Aldermen, Don Rodgers, Dick Ward, David Wilkins and Jim Lee. Also attending were City Administrator Matt Harline, Fire Chief Denny Rusch, Police Chief Larry Dudgeon, and Sgt. Tim Kribbs, Citizens present included; Earl Bennett, Don Bormann, Robert Hudson, Ginny Zoellers and James Smith with the Fireside Guard.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS.

Grenke noted that a couple women had approached him at his open house that there was still a problem with people feeding feral cats.

IV. 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. Presentation on Proposed Software Conversion for Dispatch by Sgt Tim Kribbs. Kribbs said Huber has been providing tech support for some time but we were approached by Boone County and the system they have is costly for the entire package but they would offer us a site license and this will get all of Boone County on the same page. Kribbs stated that Boone County would like all of the small towns using the same system and for that reason they have offered to help finance the purchase. Kribbs explained as compared to continuing our current system with Huber & Associates that a 10 year projection shows that we can save \$48,283.00. Grenke asked if this would cover fire dispatch and Kribbs said yes it would. Kribbs said the first year's cost was \$28,144.20. Wilkins asked if some the hardware would stay and Kribbs said yes, some. Kribbs said that the software is the only thing changing. Bormann asked if the tablets would be a part of the hardware and Kribbs said yes. Dudgeon stated, if not now, than when? Dudgeon said that he believes we have a real opportunity here. Grenke likes that Boone County is including us. Wilkins said being able to have shared data is great. Dudgeon said the calls would go through quicker. Wilkins asked how this system will interact with the new system. Kribbs said everything will be uniform. Dudgeon noted that that Boone County will now be able to see where all of our officers are. Wilkins asked if all of the previous records could be downloaded and there is a fee to do this. Dudgeon said the criminal information is in our reach.

3. Budget Request

Harline pointed out the budget for Police Department. Harline said the Police Department budget is the largest part of the General Fund.

4. Other

Dudgeon said the Police department is going to expand our coverage. The Police department will be checking the schedule to operate with more than one officer on at a time at almost all times.

B. Fire Department.

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

2. Budget Request

Harline said the general fund is tight. To help, Harline said that he put the cost for the third payment for the fire truck in the internal service fund where we paid for the dump truck. Harline wants to look at how this is charged out because it is hitting the street department very hard – almost three times what it was a few years ago. Harline said that some of the Fire departments pagers would be replaced this year and they all would be replaced over three years.

3. Other.

None

C. Emergency Management.

None

D. Protective Inspection

1. Driveway expansion and detached garages

Harline talked to Charles Thompson and together they had discussed people putting rock/gravel in their yard and then using it for parking. Harline said that Thompson suggested getting a permit to get a larger driveway and that this case would be exactly what we wanted to prevent. Harline said that the permit would potentially be a compromise. Grenke suggests boundaries and conditional use permit. Magley asked Harline about current ordinance and the current ordinance does say this is a violation. This will be further discussed.

V. General Government and Finance

A. Economic Development.

1. Chamber of Commerce Plan of Work for FY 2017-18 & FY 2018-19

Zoellers talked about the Program of Work they have completed and plans for the near future in Economic Development. Zoellers added that it is time to do a map reprint. Zoellers stated that they are doing “Lunch and Learns” in particular promoting social media for businesses. Zoellers added that they are working on downtown beautification project and an event around the eclipse, in the southwest portion of the square which will be a good viewing area for this. Zoellers reported the peak time will be 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. but it is during the week. Zoellers did say Central Bank is planning on buying the eclipse viewing glasses. Wilkins asked about the Lunch & Learns and Zoellers replied that they hold them as people ask about certain topics. Harline said this is a program of work that there will be an ordinance as well.

B. Park Board

1. Park budget and fees

Bennett talked about fees in a three year process for taking care of items. Bennet noted that three big projects would be Jaycee Park ball field, filling in the ditch for T-ball parking, and bathrooms are up to ADA standards. Bennet add that the north field dugout, one had to be replaced because of storm. South field would be brought up to ADA standards next year Bennet added. Bennett said Friends of the Park is taking care of South field dugout. Bennet reported on the north pond draining and dredging. Bennet reported that the Recreation Center has a few issues with the parking lot, but the equipment is in good shape. Bennet noted that next year there may be an increase in rates with the money earmarked for paying for an expansion. Bennet said the Recreation Center has bailed out the pool a couple of years, but they hope the pool won't need as much help. Bennet added that there will be new benches in

the square this year. Bennet then described the simplified swimming pool fees that would be instituted this year - there will be a straight fee daily admission, a twenty pass and a one hundred pass card. Bennet described a water leak problem at the pool and how he hoped to diagnose the source and fix it. Bennett said the youth programs are being expanded and there would be movies in the park. Bennet said that the 4th of July had an expanded fireworks show last year, due to the previous year having some issues with fireworks not working and he wants to know how we can make this year just as good. There followed a discussion about whether the General Fund or the Parks Department should cover the added expenses for a larger fireworks display. Bennet described the activities that they are planning for July 4th but he feels that the public should not be charged.

C. Cemetery Report

None

D. Tree Board Report

None

E. Library Board

Wilkins noted the agenda and minutes in the packet. Harline said that in terms of the budget is money in money out but their line item budget is included. Harline said that the money in would be about \$303,000 but they were trying to build up their reserve. Harline said that the last debt service payment will be made this month.

F. February 2017 Financial Statements

Harline said the general fund gross receipt tax for electric is fine but the other utilities are not as good. Harline said that as a whole revenue in the General fund is flat this year or maybe a one percent increase.

G. Bills over \$1,250

None

H. Other General Government.

1. General Government Budget Request

Harline said the internal service fund had been closed out and the large negative balance had been applied to the General Fund. Harline stated that the balance in 2009 personnel was \$150,000 but more recently this fund has started to run negative. Harline noted that the expenses that were charged to the internal service account are now being charged to the departments. Harline explained that the expenses included workers' compensation insurance. Harline said that this and the equipment maintenance fund needs to be addressed in the next few months

2. Clean up Weekend

After a discussion Harline said this year cleanup week will be April 21 - April 23 **and** April 28 - 30. There will be dumpsters available at the old landfill.

Friday, April 21 = Noon - 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, April 22 - 23 = 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday, April 28 = Noon - 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, April 29 - 30 = 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

3. Street/Storm water Department staffing

Harline said the Street Department has three people but he would like to hire the fourth full-time

person in April instead of the part-time person we usually hired as we anticipated a retirement at the end of June. **There was a motion by Lee for the hiring of a fourth employee and Vollrath seconded the motion, which was then approved by unanimous voice vote.**

4. City Attorney Draft Ordinance

Harline presented the draft ordinance that makes it clear that the City Attorney can be hired as an employee or under a contract.

VII. Other

Grenke had Harline pass out a letter to support the state legislature to adopt a Real ID law. Grenke noted that currently for Missouri driver's license is not considered a Real ID, and it is more easily counterfeited. MML and others support adopting the law allows Missouri to get the Real ID. Grenke noted that without the Real ID you have to have a passport to travel domestically by air. . Grenke wanted council's approval to sign this letter. **Ward made a motion for Grenke to sign the letter to support the legislature to pass a Real ID law. Vollrath seconded the motion, which was then approved by unanimous voice vote.**

VIII. CLOSED MEETING *

Wilkins, made a motion to go into a closed meeting, as provided for under Section 610.021 (3) of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by public governmental body. Vollrath seconded the motion which was then approved by roll call vote. Aldermen voting for: Lee, Magley, Rodgers, Vollrath, Ward, and Wilkins. Voting against: None.

During the closed session the Aldermen discussed the annual adoption of the wage scale. **Magley, made a motion to return to open session, Vollrath seconded the motion which was then approved by roll call vote. Aldermen voting for: Lee, Magley, Rodgers, Vollrath, Ward, and Wilkins. Voting against: None.**

IX. AS MAY RISE.

Harline said there will probably need to be a fourth meeting March 27 at 7:00 p.m. to approve the final bills for the fiscal year.

X. ADJOURN.

Magley made a motion to adjourn the Committee meeting, Wilkins seconded the motion which was then approved by unanimous voice vote at 8:50 p.m.