

Minutes to the Regular City Council Meeting
held on Monday December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Ron Schoof opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Answering roll call were Aldermen: Jason; Hattan; Modro; Wabel; Hoskins & Strawn. Attorney Elizabeth Beck, City Clerk Anderle and Treasurer Davis were also present.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Hattan moved to approve the November 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. Alderman Wabel seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Wabel moved to approve the December 9, 2015 Special City Council Meeting. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Pay Monthly Bills

Alderman Jason moved to authorized payment of bills as presented. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Old Business

None

New Business

After a presentation by Richard Frommeyer from American Legal Publishing Alderman Hattan made a motion to authorize Mayor Schoof to negotiate an agreement & terms with American Legal Publishing with a base cost of \$6,950 to codify, do a legal analysis and publish online city ordinances. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Robert Carroll stated the Zoning Board met and recommends a Zoning change for 301 S. Main Street from C-2 (General Retail) to C-3 (Service). This zoning change request was made by Michael Conway and Nathalie Schorr of Chillbilly Holding, LLC for the old seal building property to allow residential on the ground level. Alderman Modro made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-23 to amend the zoning of property located at 301 S. Main Street from C-2 to C-3. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Modro made a motion to approve the renewal of The Pizza Peel Class B liquor license. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Strawn made a motion to approve the 2016 City Council Meeting Schedule. Alderman Wabel seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Hattan made a motion to approve 2015-2016 Tax Levy Ordinance 2015-24 in the amount of \$169,500. Alderman Jason seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Strawn made a motion to approve Amendment to the Service Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. Alderman Hoskins seconded. Mayor Schoof stated this amendment is to extend our agreement with Good Energy as our broker. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Strawn made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-25 to Authorize the Execution of a Service Agreement for the Supply of Electricity. Alderman Jason seconded. Mayor Schoof stated

this resolution authorizes a city official to sign an agreement with the lowest bidder for electricity for the City of Lacon. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Hattan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-26 to Establish an Enterprise Zone within the City of Lacon. Alderman Wabel seconded. Mayor Schoof stated this ordinance authorizes an application to be filed later this month. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Mayor Schoof stated Louis Lenz would like to donate to the city property he owns which is attached to Johnson's Park at the southwest corner. After discussion it was decided to have the city attorney start the process to take the property and dedicate it to Johnson's Park.

Alderman Reports

Alderman Strawn stated he will be having building, grounds & street committee meetings to start budget process.

Alderman Modro reported that liability insurance has been put out for quote.

Alderman Hattan reported there have been issues with sewer problems at two residents related to the water project on North High Street. Gensini Excavating will remedy these issues as part of their warranty agreement.

Mayor Schoof reported the state is holding about \$37,000 in funds from the city. There is legislation being presented to try to release these funds. Mayor stated he has revised the Liquor License Ordinance and the city attorney is reviewing. Alderman Hattan suggested we look at different license fees for taverns with video gambling. Mayor stated the other amendments for the ordinance is to change liquor sale and opening hours for taverns on Sunday from 6 am to noon. Also the Midland 8th grade students are looking for community projects to do in the spring.

General Fund:

Checking:	\$355,673.43
General Fund MMDA	\$179,743.02
US Bank (Illinois Funds)	\$ closed

Water & Sewer Fund:

Checking:	\$ 51,617.73
W & S MMDA:	\$ 64,317.16

Motor Fuel Tax:

Checking:	-0-
MMDA:	\$234,700.12
US Bank	\$ closed

TIF Fund:

TIF I MMDA:	\$447,423.66
TIF II MMDA:	\$ 28,391.44
TIF III MMDA:	\$ 53,754.03
TIF IV MMDA:	\$ 4,558.66
TIF V MMDA:	\$ 7,335.71

Alderman Strawn moved to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Aldermen Hattan seconded. Roll call; 6 ayes

Connie Anderle – City Clerk

Ron Schoof – Mayor