

Minutes to the Regular City Council Meeting
held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Acting Mayor John Wabel opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Answering roll call were Aldermen: Hattan; Modro; Wabel; Hoskins and Strawn. City Clerk Anderle and Treasurer Terri Davis were also present. Alderman Jason was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Modro moved to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2019 Regular City Council meeting. Alderman Hattan seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Pay Monthly Bills

Alderman Hattan moved to authorize payment of bills as presented. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes.

New Business

Clerk Anderle stated only one bid was received for the property located in the Industrial Park. Wabel stated the bid was for \$15,579 from Jeff Pufahl. Alderman Strawn made a motion to reject the bid. Alderman Hattan seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes. Attorney Beck stated no need to move on authorizing the sale of the property. Beck stated in order to put out for bid again you would have to start over with public notice advertising.

Alderman Wabel stated this is the first year for the city having to return Surplus TIF I revenue in the amount of \$228,363.90 received for 2017 Real Estate taxes back to the county treasurer to distribute back to the affected taxing districts. Alderman Hattan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-2 Declaring TIF I Surplus Revenue for Taxing Districts back to the Marshall County Treasurer. Alderman Modro seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Alderman Strawn made a motion to Amend Chapter 31, Section 31.01 – “Meetings”, changing the meeting form second Monday each month to second Wednesday of each month effective April 2019. Alderman Hattan seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Alderman Strawn made a motion to approve bidding for the 2019 mowing season, bid should require proof of insurance including workers compensation, run ad for bid two weeks and due by March 8, 2019 by four o'clock. Alderman Modro seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Alderman Modro made a motion to approve a donation of a 20' boat slip for the 2019 season to the Midland Parent Teacher Organization carnival. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Wabel stated everyone was given a copy of the nuisance and settlement ordinance and would like everyone to read over. Wabel stated this ordinance was drafted to help the police department with chronic nuisance issues. Alderman Hattan made a motion to table and discuss at the March meeting after corrections have been completed. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes. Attorney Beck was given a copy and will meet with Wabel at a later date.

Wabel stated we have the result from TEST, if we want to hire anybody with a license or attend training program to get a license. We would like to have the option to be able to see if there are any candidates available. Alderman Modro asked how much time so we have on Carroll's license. Wabel stated as long as he is alive. It was discussed about how the Illinois EPA has a place on their website to search for operators licensed in the state. Alderman Strawn asked what the ad would state. Alderman Hattan thinks the ad would be for an operator or a person able to get a license, this way if someone has a level 3 license they can step up and get the level 2 license needed to operate our plant. Alderman Hoskins asked if we can keep the person from leaving after we pay for their training. Alderman Wabel did not think legally we could. Alderman Modro stated we can require

them to be employed for certain amount of time or reimburse the city for money spent on training, which can be held from their paycheck. Alderman Hattan stated we just need to see who applies, because it takes 6 years to get a license if you have no previous job experience. Clerk Anderle stated that our public work employee who has enough on the job hours would have to pass a series of test which would take less time to get the license. Alderman Modro asked if the ad was to hire or to compare what it would cost to continue using Carroll's license with Moline running the plant versus hiring someone versus having TEST run the plant. Hattan we would like to see what pool of applicants we get. Hattan stated even if we don't hire an operator we still need to hire another person. Modro stated we can hire a laborer at a less cost than an operator. Hattan said we could look at the applications and if not what we need for an operator then maybe there is an applicant for laborer job. Discussion about whether Lishman has been asked if he was interested in getting a Level 2 license. Wabel stated yes many times. Wabel said we are not hiring just taking applications, he was aware of someone interested but they would need to get a license. Alderman Strawn stated he was okay with pooling applications but not convinced that this is what we need to hire for. Discussion about running the ad on Monster and collecting the applications but no interviewing or hiring at this time. It was decided clerk will email alderman with the final ad. Alderman Hattan made a motion to advertise for waste treatment plant operator. Alderman Strawn seconded. Roll call; 5 ayes.

Alderman Reports

Alderman Hoskins reported the Police Department had a part time police officer resign. Hoskins stated Chief Palm would like to hire a new part time officer that he has interviewed. Hoskins will tell him to proceed with hiring.

Alderman Modro stated she will be having a Finance Committee meeting Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., and would like other committees to meet prior to start preparing for FY 2019-2020 budget.

Alderman Hattan reported there was a water main leak on 1100 block of Second Street that was repaired; this has been the fourth water main leak in this area in the last couple of years. Hattan stated the Water and Sewer Committee met to look at 5 year plan and discuss budget items that would need quotes for next fiscal year. (Water Tower communications and Second Street water line improvement)

General Fund:

Checking: \$106,167.51
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 Band Fund: \$ 10,364.91

Water & Sewer Fund:

Checking: \$ 235,201.82
 W & S MMDA: \$ 64,526.49

Motor Fuel Tax:

Checking: -0-
 MMDA: \$398,473.02
 US Bank \$ closed

TIF Fund:

TIF I MMDA: \$1,062,259.53
 TIF II MMDA: \$ 43,364.42
 TIF III MMDA: \$ 85,979.53
 TIF IV MMDA: \$ 4,360.81
 TIF V MMDA: \$ 12,376.04

Alderman Strawn moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Aldermen Hattan seconded. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Connie Anderle – City Clerk

John Wabel – Acting Mayor