

Minutes to the Regular City Council Meeting
held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Public Comments

Brad Hougland asked the council if they would consider a dog park in Johnson's Park in the lower park area. Alderman Modro asked who would maintain the park. Brad stated other parks have fund raisers to cover the expense of the waste bags, and we would expect pet owners to clean up after themselves. Brad stated he could look into donations and available grants for equipment. Alderman Hoskins asked what kind of square footage will you need for the park. Brad stated there will have to be separate areas for different size dogs. Alderman Strawn, chairperson of parks agreed to have Brad gather more information about location in the park and size. Modro asked how the public would access the lower level of the park. Strawn stated they could use School Street to get to the lower park area. The use of the park for Frisbee golf and the tractor show was discussed.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Jason moved to approve the minutes for the December 10, 2018 Regular City Council meeting. Alderman Modro seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Pay Monthly Bills

Alderman Hattan moved to authorize payment of bills as presented with the exception of holding the Pabian payment until the parts have been returned. Alderman Modro seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Old Business

Acting Mayor Wabel stated the purpose of the Small Wireless Facilities Ordinance is to establish appropriate regulations and restrictions on relative location, design, construction, installation, screening and concealment of small wireless facilities, distributed antenna systems and other wireless telecommunications facility installations on property zoned by the city for commercial or industrial use, as allowed by State and Federal law. Alderman Hattan asked how this affects our current agreement with the antenna on our water tower. Wabel stated this should not affect existing antenna agreements. Alderman Jason made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-1 Small Wireless Facilities with the addition to modify the application to include listing the city on proof of insurance would need to be provided. Alderman Hattan seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

New Business

Donna Augustyn-Sloan the treasurer from the Lacon Area Community Center addressed the council with a presentation about the state of the community center. The center has been in existence for 30 years, at this time we are 6 months into a new board. This board has been working at membership enrollment and sponsorships. We are working on funding in order to keep the doors open, we have current funding for 8 months if no unseen expenses arise. The center provides emergency shelter, a public gathering place, senior meals and food pantry. We are trying to have more diversity for all ages, and get away from being only seen as a senior center. The 2nd grade students used the center to make and serve a Thanksgiving meal to their parents. Donna stated it cost the center \$500 a month in expense, we are asking the city for a donation from next fiscal budget to help with 2 months of expense.

Alderman Strawn made a motion to approve Engineering Services not to exceed \$5,000 for N. Main and 6th Street Proposed Improvements. Alderman Modro seconded. Strawn stated this is being done so we can budget for the project in next fiscal year. Roll Call: 6 ayes.

Alderman Reports

Alderman Hattan reported we have received the EPA Permit for N. High Street Sewer Extension. Work should begin sometime in April 2019. Also, a water leak was discovered on S. Broad Street and has been repaired.

Acting Mayor Wabel gave the council an update on the chronic nuisance ordinance; he stated it is still a work in progress with the attorney in Peoria; we will have it for the next council meeting.

Wabel reported people from TEST were here last week; they were given a tour of the sewer treatment plant so they could give a proposal for a waste treatment operator. We are waiting on a written proposal from them; we have a verbal of \$130,000. Alderman Hattan suggested we go ahead and advertise for an operator. He stated the process could take 6 to 8 weeks. Alderman Strawn stated he thinks we need to go with what was talked about in a closed meeting. Wabel stated we need to have a special meeting before we go forward with advertising.

Wabel stated he was informed that the principal of the Midland Elementary School had sent out a notice about changing student pick up at the school. The student pickup would be done on Seventh Street instead of Sixth Street with part of Seventh Street being shut-off and traffic directed one way. Wabel stated he phoned and asked her to put this on hold until it is discussed further with city officials, because this would require an ordinance and signage to change traffic flow. Wabel is planning a meeting with Superintendent Wrenn later next week. Council is not in favor of changing traffic flow in the area.

City Clerk stated the public notice for bidding on the property in the Industrial Park has been published and will run three weeks; bids will be opened at the February 11, 2019 meeting. The approved bid will be voted on and an ordinance will be drafted for our March 11, 2019 meeting to sell the property to the approved bidder.

General Fund:

Checking:	\$110,221.04
General Fund MMDA	\$280,503.99
Band Fund:	\$ 10,364.91

Motor Fuel Tax:

Checking:	-0-
MMDA:	\$394,215.26
US Bank	\$ closed

Water & Sewer Fund:

Checking:	\$ 224,125.57
W & S MMDA:	\$ 64,518.27

TIF Fund:

TIF I MMDA:	\$1,075,589.92
TIF II MMDA:	\$ 43,358.90
TIF III MMDA:	\$ 85,968.58
TIF IV MMDA:	\$ 4,360.26
TIF V MMDA:	\$ 12,374.46

Alderman Modro moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Aldermen Strawn seconded. Roll call: 6 ayes.

Connie Anderle – City Clerk

John Wabel – Acting Mayor