**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Aldermen – Troy Renner, Dennis Williams, Myrna Carothers and Patrick Parker (arrived at 6:23 pm), City Attorney Jim McConnell, City Administrator Dennie Carothers, Police Chief Raymon Barton, Fire Chief Chris Wilson, City Superintendent David Burnett, Court Administrator Tamera Wilson and City Clerk Cindy Bowman

Absent: Mayor Dorothy Lanpher

Guests: Darrell Wilson

Mayor Pro-tem Williams called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Darrell Wilson addressed the board concerning city stickers. His concern was if it was legal to impose the fee if no sticker was issued. He also asked about how he could contact the board members. City Clerk Bowman stated that there was a problem with the city email accounts which should be corrected shortly. He was advised that mail was the best option at this time.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve the agenda. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023 regular session and the December 8, 2023 special session. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer’s report was given as follows:

 Balance Brought Forward: $1,399,510.16

 Deposits: $92,400.88

 Checks: $117,103.45

 Ending Balance: $1,374,807.59

Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to accept the treasurer’s reports. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to approve the payment of the city bills. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bowman stated that the auditor had contacted her, and the audit was not finalized and would be presented at the January meeting.

Discussion was held regarding appointments to the Zoning Commission. It was decided that City Clerk Bowman would place an ad seeking volunteers to serve on the Zoning Commission.

Alderman Parker arrived at the meeting.

The Superintendent report was reviewed. Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to accept the Superintendent Report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Wilson presented the Fire Chief report. Discussion was held concerning E-Dispatch. It was believed that the trouble was in the scanner. A new one had been requested. If that did not correct the problem, A&W would be contacted.

Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to accept the Fire Chief report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Municipal Court report was presented. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to accept the court report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Police Chief report was reviewed. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to accept the Police Chief Report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk report was reviewed next. City Clerk Bowman presented the idea of a consent agenda. City Attorney McConnell explained that an item could be removed from the consent agenda if the item needed further review. No action was taken at this time. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to accept the City Clerk report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Administrator report was reviewed. There was discussion regarding the costs to install the generator that had been transferred to the City through RHSOC. Administrator Carothers will continue to seek grant money to pay for the installation.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to accept the City Administrator report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous, City Administrator updated the Board concerning a former resident that had left their property in an unacceptable condition. He also stated that he had submitted information to MIRMA concerning the dog incident from last month in case any legal action would arise in the future.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman

City Clerk

Approved 01/11/2024