

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Dorothy Lanpher, Aldermen – Troy Renner, Dennis Williams, Patrick Parker and Myrna Carothers, City Attorney Jim McConnell, City Administrator Dennie Carothers, Fire Chief Chris Wilson, Superintendent David Burnett, Police Chief Raymond Barton and City Clerk Cindy Bowman

Guests: Cassidy Johnston, Phoebe Curless, Tammy Wilson, Denise Quinley, Misty Peart, Jim Johnston and Darrell Wilson

Mayor Lanpher called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Several individuals were present for public comment. Misty Peart was present to discuss the utility bill at her house after a significant water leak. City Administrator Carothers stated that after waving fees for the sewer the bill totaled \$4,945.65 for almost 306,000 gallons of water. Ms. Peart requested time to pay the bill and stated that she would be able to make payments of \$400.00 each month. Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to accept the payment arrangement. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Cassidy Johnston stated the Spencer Johnston is taking over leadership of the Clarence Basketball Association and would like to know what arrangements could be made for use of the old high school building for practices and tournaments. Employee Chris Jones is the former president of the organization, and we will check with him as to what arrangements were when the school district owned the building. A proposal will be presented at the March 2023 meeting.

Darrell Wilson asked about the liability of allowing the basketball association to utilize the building. Due to insurance requirements, releases will be required from all participants.

Phoebe Curless presented a proposal from the Independent Courier to build and maintain and new City of Clarence website. Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to a six-month trial at \$200.00 per month. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Jim Johnston, representing the Clarence Community Advancement Corporation, presented a project proposal from Shelby County Cares for an organization focusing on the mental health needs and services to the residents of the county. No action was taken at this time.

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

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Williams, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 regular and closed session meeting and the February 1, 2023 special session. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$1,094,065.07
Deposits:	\$223,255.27
Checks:	\$127,064.78
Ending Balance:	\$1,190,255.56

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

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

Denise Quinley addressed the board concerning the cemetery located on North Hazel Street. There is a section of graves on the west side that are overgrown. Mrs. Quinley stated that she had obtain a quote from John Aldridge of \$2,000.00 to clean up the area and treat it so that the small trees would not grow back. Attorney McConnell suggested that a "Friends of the Cemetery" group be formed to raise funding for maintaining the cemetery. It was suggested that Ms. Quinley seek funding from the Clarence Civic Club for this project.

The engineering agreement between Klingner & Associates, PC and the city for engineering services for the wastewater treatment plant improvement project funded through Missouri Department of Natural Resources ARPA funding was presented for approval. Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to approve the agreement and authorize the mayor and city clerk to execute the document. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve the advertisement for bids for gravel, mowing of city properties and mowing and baling of hay at the Clarence Lake. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to advertise to accept applications for lifeguards and pool manager. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Chief report was reviewed. Chief Wilson stated that an application from Coltin Hillard for firefighter. Coltin has been serving with Shelbina as a trainee until he turned 18. There were no objections to using Coltin until June when he leaves for the Marines. Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to approve the Fire Chief report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Police Chief report was reviewed. Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to approve the Police Chief report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent report was then reviewed. There was discussion regarding the ditches on First Street. Four culverts need to be replaced on the west side of the street which is outside the city limits. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to replace the culverts as needed. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner to approve the Superintendent report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk report was reviewed. Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Williams, to approve the City Clerk report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Administrator report was reviewed, Discussion was held regarding the discrepancy with what the city is receiving for cigarette tax and the ordinance. City Clerk Bowman will contact Missouri Municipal League regarding this. Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to accept the City Administrator report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Subsection 1 – Legal action, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and Subsection 2 – Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Parker, Renner, Carothers and Williams

NOES:0

Open session ended at 8:34 pm.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (recorded elsewhere)

City Clerk Bowman was excused from the meeting during the closed session. The remainder of the meeting minutes are recorded elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman
City Clerk

Approved 3/13/2023