**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Mayor James A. Watson, Aldermen – Donald Lathrom, Patrick Parker, Mike Rickerson and Dorothy Lanpher, City Attorney Jim McConnell, City Clerk Cindy Bowman, Superintendent/Administrator Dennie Carothers, Fire Chief Bill Hall, Police Chief Raymond Barton and Assistant Superintendent David Burnett

Guests: William Beall and Randon Griffith

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm.

William Beall informed the Board about a letter he had received from Karen Ragan concerning coming onto his property to make repairs to her building. City Attorney McConnell explained the findings from the hearings concerning both Mr. Beall’s and Ms. Ragan’s buildings. It was the finding of the Building Commissioner hearing that the buildings on both properties are in such a state of disrepair that demolition should occur.

Police Chief Barton left the meeting due to an emergency call.

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

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 regular and closed session meetings. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer’s report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward: $915,188.02

Deposits: $138,745.60

Checks: $128,090.99

Ending Balance: $925,842.63

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

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

The Fire Chief report was reviewed. Chief Hall asked about one of the City Utility employees being a volunteer fireman. It was stated that should a city employee join the Fire Department, the City would allow the employee to respond to a fire call and would be paid for the time the employee is at the call during the regular business hours. Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to accept the Fire Chief report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Watson read Bill No. 2018-001, an ordinance imposing a tax for transportation purposes as defined in RSMo. 94.700 on all sellers for the privilege of engaging in the business of selling tangible personal property or rendering taxable services at retail at the rate of one-half of one percent (.05%) on the receipts from the sale at retail of all tangible personal property or taxable services at retail within said city, if suck property and services are subject to taxation by the state of Missouri under the provisions of Sections 144.010 to 144.510 RSMo., pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of sections 94.700 to 94.755 RSMo., and providing for submission of this ordinance to the qualified voters of said City for their approval at the General Municipal Election called and to be held in said City on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, by title. Alderman Lathrom moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2018-001. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Rickerson, Parker, Lanpher and Lathrom

NOES: 0

City Attorney McConnell then read Bill No. 2018-001, an ordinance imposing a tax for transportation purposes as defined in RSMo. 94.700 on all sellers for the privilege of engaging in the business of selling tangible personal property or rendering taxable services at retail at the rate of one-half of one percent (.05%) on the receipts from the sale at retail of all tangible personal property or taxable services at retail within said city, if suck property and services are subject to taxation by the state of Missouri under the provisions of Sections 144.010 to 144.510 RSMo., pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of sections 94.700 to 94.755 RSMo., and providing for submission of this ordinance to the qualified voters of said City for their approval at the General Municipal Election called and to be held in said City on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, by title the second time. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2018-001. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Rickerson, Parker, Lanpher and Lathrom

NOES: 0

Bill No. 2018-001 was assigned Ordinance No. 601.

Mayor Watson read Bill No. 2018-002, an ordinance of the City of Clarence imposing a use tax for general revenue purposes at the rate of one and three-fourth percent (1.75%) for the privilege of storing, using or consuming within the City any article of tangible personal property pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of sections 144.600 through 144.761 RSMo; providing for the use tax to be repealed, reduced or raised; and providing for submission of the proposal to the qualified voters of the City for their approval at the General Election called and to be held in the City on April 3, 2018, by title. Mayor Watson called for a motion to approve the first reading. Bill No. 2018-002 died for a lack of a motion.

The Police Chief report was reviewed next. Since Chief Barton had not returned, no action was taken on the report at this time.

The Superintendent/Administrator report was then reviewed. Administrator Carothers introduced Randon Griffith to the Board. His first day at work was January 2. Discussion was held regarding problems with the heater in the firehouse and the many frozen meters this past week. Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the City Superintendent/Administrator report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk report was reviewed. Discussion was held regarding employees charging meals to the City when a meal was included in the registration for the meeting. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, that should an employee chose to eat elsewhere when a meal has been provided for with the registration of the meeting, that employee is responsible for the cost of that meal. Also, a limit was set for meals to be paid for by the City. The City will reimburse up to $10.00 for breakfast, $20.00 for lunch and $30.00 for dinner meals. Any cost above these amounts would be at the employee’s expense. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to accept the Police Chief Report since it was apparent that Chief Barton would not be returning to the meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to approve the City Clerk Report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Lathrom moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Subsection 1 – Legal action, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Rickerson, Parker, Lanpher and Lathrom

NOES: 0

Regular session ended at 7:29 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES –** (recorded elsewhere)

The regular session continued following the closed session at 7:44 pm.

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to pay the additional $5,000.00 to Clarence Community Advancement Corporation as budgeted. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman

City Clerk