

Board of Aldermen Meeting
June 13, 2007 6:30 pm

Signed in Attendance: Angie Reynolds, James Toothman, Tony Midiri, Lyn Walter and Roy White.

City Official attendance: Mayor Klocke, Alderman Denkler, Alderman Schuchmann and Alderman Walter.

Staff: Larry Janish, Karen Gironde, Ron Mershon, Chief Wickenhauser and Christine Martin, including Darryl Hicks.

Mayor Klocke called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Meeting Minutes

Alderman Denkler made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2007 Board of Aldermen meeting. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried

Public Hearing

None

Ordinance/Resolutions

None

Open meeting for public comments and concerns

Mayor Klocke closed public comments.

Old Business

Appointment of Alderman – Ward 2 Mayor Klocke recommended appointing Bill Stinson for the vacant Ward 2 Aldermanic Seat. Alderman Denkler made a motion to accept the recommendation to appoint Bill Stinson. The motion died due to lack of a second. Alderman Schuchmann said he would like to advertise. Mayor Klocke said the Mayor has always appointed and she has always made appointments before. Mayor Klocke said Mr. Stinson is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and had attended previous BOA Meetings. Mayor Klocke stated she doesn't know why the other Alderman is continuing with this. Alderman Schuchmann said he is making discussion because he would like other qualified people in the City to have a chance also.

New Business

Roy White – Appointment issues - Roy White asked why the Mayor couldn't take the recommendation of the Board of Alderman on the Appointment of an Alderman. Alderman Denkler said the Mayor will recommend the appointment. Alderman Schuchmann said the Mayor is to make the appointment with the consent and advice of the remaining members of the Board.

2007-2008 Liquor License Renewals - Alderman Denkler made a motion to approve the Liquor License Renewals. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Request for City Water & Sewer Request for 441 Highway H - Karen said 441 Highway H doesn't touch the City Limits and there would be \$20,000 for them to hook up. Larry Janish said they will need a small lift station which will be a pressurized system. Karen asked if they would come up with the cash if the City would approve it. Larry said they can't get to the water, only the sewer. Alderman Schuchmann said he would have to say no on this. Alderman Denkler agreed.

Utility Adjustment for Approval/Report of Adjustments for last month - Alderman Denkler made a motion to approve the Utility Adjustments for the month. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to investigate the adjusted water bill for Hillbilly Heaven. Alderman Walter seconded it. The motion passed with 2 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Recommendation for hiring of Utility /Receivables Clerk - Alderman Denkler made a motion to hire Robin Polston for the position of Utility/Receivables Clerk. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Award Bid for Sludge Removal for WWTP - Holly Elterman from Archer said five (5) bids came in for unit cost. The lowest bid for \$185,000/dry ton was Oris & Busch. Holly said they would like to lower the water level before beginning. Holly recommended awarding the Bid to Oris & Busch. Alderman Schuchmann asked Holly to check references on Oris & Busch. Alderman Walter asked when will Larry and the Contractor be meeting. Holly said all details need to be approved by DNR Specifications. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to award the bid to Oris & Busch pending a meeting between Larry Janish and Oris & Busch. Alderman Denkler seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Reports

Archer – Holly talked about the WWTP Upgrade Bids received and said that Huey Construction came in under the engineer's estimate. Huey Construction is out of Fulton, Missouri. The bid was 2.3 million dollars and said she checked references. There are three (3) alternate bids to use. Holly said she will have it evaluated and ready for the June 28 Board Meeting.

Park - None

Public Works - Larry Janish was present and said the Watermatic coin box is missing so coins are dropping all over inside. He said we used to get \$1300 a month and now we are only receiving about \$700 a month. Larry said he would like to discontinue the watermatic operation at the old water tower. Schuchman made the motion to approve abandoning the watermatic. Alderman Denkler seconded it and the motion unanimously carried. Larry said he would post a sign at the Watermatic stating it would be closing by the end of the month.

Building Department - Ron Mershon, Code Enforcement Officer, said for May we had 16 permits for a total of \$6,341.16 in building fees. Of that total, 9 were homes. Total building Revenue was \$1,919,400 for the month. Ron said he ticketed the owner of Big Boys for non-compliance to the Property Maintenance Codes section 304. Ron said the repair shop on Hedeman is requesting approval for sale of 6 to 7 used cars with a letter from Mr. King for lease of part of Big Boys Parking lot. American Bank starting inside rehab along with drive-up and other outside

work. Hawkeye Food started Pier holes and foundation work on their addition. Issued 4 more pool and 7 grass/weed notices.

Police Department Chief Wickenhauser said they received a Grant of \$400 from Wal-Mart that will be used for up a Laptop Computer. The Fire Department acquired some and had an extra one. The Laptop will be utilized for putting all the streets on it and updated weekly

City Hall – No Report

Treasurer Report - Karen Girondo, Treasurer, was present and gave her report to the Board enclosing both the April and May financials. She said we need to review the budget at six (6) months as sales tax is down from last year. Water and Sewer Revenue is on track. A Preliminary Audit Report for 2006 is being prepared so that Tom McNeely can have it for the COP's Lease issue at the end of the month. The ordinance for the lease will be presented at the June 28th meeting with a closing date of July 1, 2007. The money is set up in a construction fund with a paying agent and the City request the money as the bills for the treatment facility are paid. Karen said she has run the program for averaging the sewer bills and is looking at some accounts that the averaging will cost them more. She will try to submit a list of those accounts that have a problem for the Board to look over before the bills go out. Karen said she has begun some training with the City Clerk as for as payroll and will try to do some training every day. The Computer Software Annual Update was done last week and contains new reports and options that enhance the current software.

Economic Development - Girondo said she attended the MEDC Conference from May 30 through June 1st which was a website review. Karen explained that it's important to have an informative Website when it comes to prospects coming to the City. Karen said she heard from Doug Rasmussen with RCGA and the City is still in the running for the paint company. For the Sidewalk Project, Karen enclosed a copy of a draft letter that Lyn with MECO sent her. She said she has all the paperwork on the new easement. The easements are approved with one exception. Alderman Schuchmann asked about MODOT. Karen said everything else is with MODOT. Karen informed the Mayor and Board that Duane Regeon is paying county to pave in front of 20 acres he owns on Klausmeier. County wants to know if the City plans to take it over. Mayor Klocke said she doesn't see any reason to take it over and the City doesn't have the funds at this time.

Review/Approval of Bills

Alderman Schuchmann asked about Tamie's reimbursement. Karen explained that Tamie had gone to a conference. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to approve bills as presented. Alderman Denkler seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

5 Minute Rebuttal for Public Comments

Alderman Schuchman brought up Big Boys. Ron Mershon said he will talk to Darryl Hicks, City Attorney, about whether or not he can ticket them regarding the siding. Peggy Sherman was present and brought up the apartment complex at 226 Kerland and said it needs work done on it. Peggy said it was not fair to people who does keep their houses up and stressed they need to be issued citations. She said that on 223 Kerland there is an issue as she was told it wouldn't be rented because it was beyond repair and people are now moving in. Ordinance No. 479 passed 9/23/04 says a Certificate of Occupancy is issued before water and sewer services are allowed. Mayor Klocke says if the property is habitable, we can't condemn it and said she will check with Ron. Tony Midiri asked about Ron's report. Alderman Schuchmann read the report.

The Mayor then stated there would be a five minutes recess before entering into executive session for Legal/Real Estate. Alderman Schuchmann made a motion to close the regular session and go into closed session. Alderman Walter seconded it and all were in favor.

Roll call was taken:

Alderman Schuchman	yea	Alderman Walter	yea
Alderman Denkler	yea		

Alderman Schuchman made a motion to return from executive to open session, Alderman Denkler seconded. All were in favor.

Again roll call was taken:

Alderman Schuchman	yea	Alderman Walter	yea
Alderman Denkler	yea		

Alderman Denkler made a motion to approve hiring Wayne Mueller as a Police Officer. Alderman Schuchmann seconded it and the motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment

Alderman Schuchman made a motion to adjourn and Alderman Denkler seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Approved _____ Date _____

Attested _____ Date _____