

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2009

5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mike Batchelder, Donna Parish, Ken Stewart, Tony French and Mari Ann Parker (5:30 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Brandon Whetstine, Ted Collins, Steve Gaul, Randy Snyder and Bill Butrick.

PRESIDING: Mayor Marty Allen.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the last Regular Council Meeting held December 10, 2008. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held December 30, 2008 regarding First Addition Annexation. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Donna Parish moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held December 30, 2008 regarding contractual agreements' with the Rural Fire District #2. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the bills for the month of December, 2008. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

CITY OFFICERS REPORT

Brandon Whetstine reviewed reports on traffic map changes that would be discussed later in the meeting.

Bill Butrick reported that a letter was received from KDOC informing government entities that grant recipients would not be announced till April. Butrick also asked if he could get bids on a fax/copy machine for City Hall. The Council agreed to have him bring bids to the next regular council meeting.

Steve Gaul asked if the City would consider approving an ordinance that would deal more directly with barking dogs. He stated that the current noise Ordinance #323 does not explicitly state the issue of barking dogs and that he has received numerous complaints about this. City Attorney Ted Collins said he would prepare an ordinance for the next regular meeting for the Council to review. Code Enforcer Gaul asked about tranquilizing dogs and also if the City would consider an ordinance dealing with cats. The Council informed Gaul that the a cat ordinance had already been discussed but agreed to take the tranquilizing of dogs under advisement.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken Stewart moved to publish the following recommended parking changes on city streets to allow for public comment before voting at the next regular meeting. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Recommended Changes:

1. Add no parking signs on both sides of the 100 thru 500 block of West Avenue.
2. Add no parking signs on the west side of South Prairie Street between Main and Pennsylvania.
3. Add no parking signs on the east side of the 200 block of North Ives Street between Illinois and Ohio.
4. Add no parking signs on the west side of North Ives Street between Ohio and Missouri.
5. Add no parking signs on the south side of West Ohio Street between Kirkwood and Ives.
6. Add no parking signs on the west side of South Genesee Street between Pennsylvania and Main.
7. Add no parking signs on the east side of South Vermillion Street between Virginia and Main.
8. Add no parking signs on the west side of South Canada Street between Virginia and Main.
9. Add no parking signs on northeast side of East Main Street between East Spring and South Carolina.

Ken Stewart moved to approve the following recommended changes to the city traffic map. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Adopted changes:

1. Add stop sign at the intersection of West Avenue and Main Street facing North.
2. Add stop sign at the intersection of West Avenue and West Illinois facing East.
3. Add stop sign at the intersection of West Avenue and West Ohio facing East.
4. Add stop sign at the intersection of West Avenue and West Missouri facing East.
5. Add stop sign at the intersection of South Prairie and West Pennsylvania facing East.
6. Add stop signs at the intersection of West Ohio and North Genesee facing North and South.
7. Add yield signs at the intersection of South Elmira and West Virginia facing East and West.
8. Approve yield signs already in place at the intersection of East Virginia and South Canada facing East and West.

Ken Stewart moved to have the Rural Fire District look into their own cell phone plan and to have the three former city employees removed from the city's plan but to allow them to keep their phone and take over the billing. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French asked the Council to consider hiring Michael Peroo, CPA to do an analysis of the city's finances not to exceed \$750 for his services. Mari Ann Parker moved to hire Michael Peroo, CPA, to do a financial analysis not to exceed \$750. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ted Collins reported on the transferring of money in the Firemen's Relief Fund and the steps that would need to be taken to do so.

Mayor Allen reported he is looking into having mileage signs posted on 36 and 75 highway's for the city and has been talking with KDOT to see if it can be done. He also informed the Council he had contacted Rainbow Telecommunications about getting city-wide internet service.

Mayor Allen stated that he and City Clerk Bill Butrick have been working with Highland Insurance Services updating coverages on the city's insurance policies.

5:55 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel and for Ted Collins and Bill Butrick to remain. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:10 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to audit the hours worked beginning December, 2008, and ask for payment credit for hours not received per the Law Enforcement Contract. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:30 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to go into executive session for twenty minutes to discuss personnel. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

6:50 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to come out of executive session. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to increase full time employee's two steps on the salary schedule. Tony French 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mike Batchelder moved to increase part-time workers pay fifty cents per hour. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Donna Parish moved to give the City Attorney a \$3000 annual raise. Mari Ann Parker 2nd, motion carried 3-2 with Batchelder and Stewart voting no.

Mari Ann Parker moved to give the Municipal Judge a \$25 per month raise. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Ken Stewart moved to increase the City Treasurer's pay to \$60 per quarter. Donna Parish 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Tony French moved to increase the Mayor's pay to \$1000 annually. Ken Stewart 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mike Batchelder moved to designate the Code Enforcement Officer to perform duties related to property clean-up, derelict structures and other issues related to enforcement of city ordinances and to offer part-time city worker the duty to take care of animal issues with each to receive \$25 per month. Tony French 2nd, motion carried 4-1 with Stewart voting no.

6:57 p.m. Ken Stewart moved to adjourn. Mike Batchelder 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk