

July 6, 2010

The regular meeting of the Carbondale City Council was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Towne.

Council present: Vawter, G Reed, M Reynolds; absent Fulton & Makowski.

Employees & visitors; Richardson, J Reynolds, J Reed, K Reynolds, Attorney DeVoe; Garrett Nordstrom, Larry & Kandy Hinck, Tim Padgett, Lee Curtis, Daryl Sinclair, Dayton Hawkins,.

The minutes from 06-21-10 were read. Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to accept the minutes as read. All in favor. Motion carried.

City Attorney DeVoe requested an executive session on non-elected personnel. Motion by M Reynolds second by Vawter to go into executive session until 7:28 PM on personnel with the attorney present. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was called back to order at 7:28 PM, with no decisions made.

Garrett Nordstrom with G.A.S. presented a contract for grant writing services. Nordstrom explained the scope of services & possible funding for the proposed sewer project. M Reynolds read the contract out loud. Motion by G Reed, second by Vawter to approve the contract with G.A.S. All in favor. Motion carried.

Police: J Reed gave an update on "National Night Out", which will be Aug 3rd. The Tuckers have agreed to allow the use of their property, which is east of the pool. They also granted permission for the City to mow the property before the event. A request will be made to the Rec Comm. to allow a free swim to the kids that participate in the identification program. The plan is for the event to include Carbondale, Overbrook, & Scranton communities. The event will be rotated between the communities. J Reed stated they will need volunteers to help with the food & events. J Reed requested an executive session on non-elected personnel with the attorney present.

Maintenance: J Reynolds stated the street rebuild work was almost complete with some streets needing a second layer. Maintenance continues to fill potholes & do ditch work. Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to allow the maintenance dept to mow Tucker's lot east of the pool, if needed, on Friday during regular business hours, before the event. All in favor. Motion carried.

The council reviewed a KDOT traffic study from 1998 on the intersection of Main & Topeka. J Reed stated he was going to see if there was a more recent study. Hinck asked if the council was going to discuss the issue of the Chief taking the new police vehicle home. M Reynolds stated he preferred the Dodge not leave town unless it was on official business. J Reed requested this be discussed in executive session. Attorney DeVoe stated it would be best to keep the discussion in the open meeting. Discussion continued on the car & residency requirements. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Vawter to table the issue of driving the vehicle home until it can be discussed by a full council at the next regular meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Putting the Impala out to bid or repurposing it will be discussed at the next meeting.

The new smoking ban was discussed. Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to post the appropriate signs for the buildings. All in favor. Motion carried.

Padgett spoke to the council about the drainage problem discussed at the last meeting. The drainage area was blocked off when he purchased the house. He has already removed a bush. He was told by Richardson that the City was going to restore the drainage ditch on July 8th. Padgett felt he should have been given an opportunity to discuss this with someone. Hawkins stated the drainage ditch needs to be opened. Further discussion by the council & property owners. Attorney DeVoe recommended the council wait until Richardson was present & the plat can be reviewed. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Vawter to table the issue until the next meeting when Richardson can be present and the plat reviewed. All in favor. Motion carried. M Reynolds suggested both Padgett & Hawkins be present at the next meeting.

Sinclair stated he had spoken with Towne Vawter Makowski & Richardson about the water meter for 303 Lawrence. There was a water meter when he purchased the property. He did not remove the meter. M Reynolds read the minutes from 05-03-10, when Richardson had discussed the issue with the council. J Reynolds stated the meter pit is still on the property, but does not appear to be connected to the main line. Vawter stated it was apparent the property previously had water service. Motion by Vawter, second by G Reed to connect the water service at no cost to the property owner. 2 in favor; M Reynolds opposed. Motion carried.

Motion M Reynolds, second by G Reed to recess for 10 minutes, until 8:50 PM. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was called back to order at 8:50 PM.

A contract with Propane Central for pre-purchase of propane was reviewed & discussed. Motion by Vawter, second by G Reed to pre-pay for 5000 gallons at \$1.549. All in favor. Motion carried.

A request for extension was reviewed. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Vawter to grant an extension to acct #0502. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to go into executive session on personnel until 9:35 PM. All in favor. Motion carried. M Reynolds left the executive session. J Reynolds & Schiffelbein were asked into the executive session. J Reynolds left the executive session; M Reynolds joined the council in executive session. J Reed was asked into the executive session. Kane was called into the executive session. The meeting was called back to order at 9:44 PM. Vawter stated the executive session was for 45 minutes with no decisions made.

Motion by G Reed, second by M Reynolds to bump Kane's salary from \$11.50 to \$12.50 per hour as agreed when he completed certification. This was not a raise but an adjustment of salary. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by G Reed, second by M Reynolds to adjust the wages of part-time police officers Kearney & Tretcher to \$10.30 per hour, retro active to end of the 90 day probation period. All in favor. Motion carried.

K Hinck asked if there were any other wage adjustments that had been promised. J Reynolds is scheduled to test for water & wastewater certification next month. In the past, maintenance workers were given a raise when they became certified.

Motion by M Reynolds, second by Vawter to pay all approved bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to adjourn at 9:49 PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sandra Schiffelbein, Ctiy Clerk