

November 1, 2010

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

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

Employees & visitors: Richardson, Sherwood, J Reed, K Reynolds, Attorney DeVoe; Carolyn Dabney, Joe & Joyce Greene, Josie Edwards, Travis Brown, Larry & Kandy Hinck, Richard Tatro, Alex Zerbe, Deb Petersen, Joanna Sherwood, Mickey & Michelle Young, Marvin Stevens, Susie Whalen, Lee Curtis, Julie McNickle.

The minutes of 10-18-10 were read. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Makowski to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Police: Chief Reed gave a department report. Chief Reed revisited his request to purchase another 2010 Dodge Charger, because purchasing this year will save approximately \$3000. Discussion. Chief Reed asked the council to make a decision. Makowski asked for the issue to be tabled until the next meeting. Chief Reed requested adding an on-call part-time officer to cover when other officers are off due to holidays, illness, training, etc. Discussion. Motion by G Reed, second by M Reynolds to allow Chief Reed to look into a part-time, on-call officer to fill in. Motion carried. Reynolds stated the individual needs to be aware they could be working holidays and at the last minute. A request to look into hiring an animal control in the future was made by Chief Reed. Chief Reed stated the events of the weekend went well.

Maintenance: Sherwood stated the 2001 Chevy is up & running at a cost of under \$100. New tires were purchased for the small trailer. Sherwood stated Richardson is still working on contacting Emcon.

A letter from the Library Board, requesting approval to appoint Chris Courtwright to the library board was reviewed. Motion by Vawter, second by Makowski to approve the appointment. 3 in favor, M Reynolds abstained. Motion carried.

K Reynolds informed the council; Ben Kramer has been working on updating the zoning map. The cost for the digital map is \$2400. It is possible to have the water & sewer lines overlaid. Motion by Makowski, second by G Reed to approve the digital zoning map. Motion carried. The council instructed to continue looking into the adding the water & sewer lines.

A request was made to hire Nicole Moretnsen for additional training on Quick Books for the office staff & to close the office for an afternoon, while training. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Makowski to allow the training & office closure. Motion carried.

Acct # 0174 had requested to be placed on the agenda about refunding a disconnection fee, but was not present. Discussion. It was a consensus of the council that the disconnection fee would not be refunded. The council stated a letter should be sent outlining the regulations & include a copy of the back of the utility bill.

Attorney DeVoe presented a draft ordinance regulating cats, as requested by the council. DeVoe explained the different options. It was also stated that in Kansas, a property owner can humanely trap animals, take the animal to a shelter, relocate or return it to the owner. Discussion. The cost to impound an animal is \$40 for up to 3 days, at which time the animal may be euthanized if not claimed. The cost to euthanize is \$95.00. DeVoe stated in her opinion, a part-time, local, animal control officer would need to be hired. Live traps must be checked every 12 hours. An adoption program would need to require current shots & the animal be fixed. DeVoe also stated the council should seriously consider grandfathering current cat owners and not require indoor cats under the regulations. Comments were taken from the audience. Deb Petersen stated she had concerns about the traps. Carolyn Dabney brought up Topeka's cat ordinance & suggested contacting the volunteer organization that works with the City of Topeka. Dabney also presented the Mayor with a petition signed by approximately 50 people stating they were not in favor of regulations cats. There was further discussion on cats and complaints about neighbors. The clerk is to contact the volunteer organization in Topeka. DeVoe stated the rights of a property owner supersede the rights of an animal. Makowski stated the council should not make a decision tonight & move on with the meeting.

At 8:07 PM, motion by M Reynolds, second by Makowski to recess for 10 minutes. Motion carried. The meeting was called back to order at 8:17 PM.

Motion by Makowski, second by M Reynolds to go into executive session on personnel until 8:35 PM to review compliance officer applications, with the attorney, clerk & treasurer in attendance. At 8:22 PM, Richard Tatro was asked into the executive session. The meeting was called back to order at 8:35 PM. Vawter stated the executive session was for 15 minutes with no decisions made.

Motion by Vawter, second by M Reynolds to hire Richard Tatro as compliance officer to begin immediately at \$18 per hour, to be reviewed in 6 months, and not to exceed 20 hours per month. Motion carried.

G Reed stated there is a company which grinds tree brush and are interested in the tree disposal site at West Lake. They would grind the brush and haul it off at no cost to the City. The council asked G Reed to invite the company to attend a council meeting.

Curtis asked if the truck that is now fixed, was the same truck that was too expensive to repair and another truck was purchased to replace it. Curtis was told it was the same truck. Curtis went on to ask if it was the same company who has now stated the '97 police vehicle not worth fixing.

Alex Zerbe gave an update on the formation of the area Chamber of Commerce.

Motion by Makowski, second by M Reynolds to pay all approved bills. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, motion by M Reynolds, second by Vawter to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Motion carried.

Sandra Schiffelbein, City Clerk