

February 7, 2011

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

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

Employees & visitors: Richardson, Sherwood, Chief Reed, K Reynolds, Attorney DeVoe; Susie Whalen, Larry & Kandy Hinck, Lee Curtis, Marvin Stevens, Paula Tryon, Brenda Freel, Richard Tatro.

The minutes of Jan 17, 2011 were read. Motion by Vawter, second by M Reynolds to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The minutes of the public hearing on Jan 24, 2011 were read. Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Osage County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan was reviewed & discussed. The agreement to participate is for 3 years. Motion by Vawter, second by M Reynolds to participate in the Osage County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Motion carried.

Brenda Freel addressed the council with a complaint about the police department. She stated she does not feel safe due to the police dept. She spoke to the Chief about the complaint & is concerned there might be repercussions from the dept. She doesn't feel as if she would get help if needed. M Reynolds stated complaints about any employee would be investigated. Reynolds also stated there had been no other complaints about the police dept. G Reed asked Freel to bring forward evidence & they would investigate. Freel stated she felt she was getting nowhere and left the meeting.

Police: Chief Reed gave a verbal report for January. There will be 2 towing bills for impounded vehicles. The '97 Ford had tire damage due to getting stuck at Jones Park because of the snow. The officers have been told not to enter an area that had not been bladed. Chief Reed requested a 5-10 min. executive session on personnel. He reassured the council that his officers will respond to any call & be professional. Chief Reed would like to review the information on training, which the City Attorney had obtained.

Maintenance: Richardson stated the '04 Impala will be put back in service for the police depart. Last week the '97 Ford was brought in for a rear end noise, which was the damaged tire. It was determined at that time, the vehicle was unsafe. Chief Reed was off that day. Richardson called the Mayor & a couple of council members. It was decided to pull the '97 Ford from duty. The Impala had an exhaust leak, which was repaired by Carbondale Tire & Auto. The car was also evaluated by Carbondale Tire & Auto & determined to was in good condition. The maintenance dept is currently installing the equipment & lights. G Reed stated the maintenance dept did a good job on the last snow removal.

A resolution declaring 228 Market a dangerous structure was reviewed. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Vawter to approve Resolution 2011-02 declaring 228 Market an unsafe structure & setting the public hearing for March 28, 2011 at 7:00 PM to hear from the owner & interested parties. Motion carried.

Motion by G Reed, second by Vawter to allow K Reynolds to attend the Municipal Court Clerk Conference on April 1, 2011. 2 in favor, M Reynolds abstained. Motion carried.

Zoning: Hinck stated the zoning board would like to change the zoning meetings to an "as needed" basis. Hinck also stated he called an attorney on the need to have a public hearing on zoning changes. He was told as long as the basic principle in not changed, there is no need for a public hearing. G Reed stated he had called League of Kansas Municipalities and got the same answer. Also, changing fees can be done by just an ordinance.

The Osage County Connecting Link agreement was discussed. Motion by Vawter, second by G Reed, not to accept the agreement. Motion carried.

A donation request was reviewed. Motion by Vawter, second by G Reed to donate \$25 for the SFT 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation dance. Motion carried.

Information on the Osage County Economic Development annual meeting & dinner was reviewed. Council members are to let the clerk know if they plan to attend.

Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to go into executive session until 8:10 PM to discuss possible litigation & personnel, with the attorney & others present. Motion carried. The meeting was called back to order at 8:14 PM. Vawter stated the executive session was for 30 minutes with no decisions made.

Motion by Reynolds, second by G Reed that all employee evaluations will be done by the 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting in February of each year. Motion carried.

Curtis stated the ditches on 1<sup>st</sup> St need to be fixed before street repairs are done. He requested that the residents be notified beforehand so they could plan for the expense of a culvert. Discussion on ditch work & street repairs. M Reynolds stated the comments would be taken into advisement & look into.

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

There being no further business to come before the council, motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to adjourn at 8:23 PM.

Sandra Schiffelbein, City Clerk