

March 7, 2011

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; Larry & Kandy Hinck, Laura Ward, Susie Whalen, Brian & Shelly Hinck, Marvin Stevens, Lonnie Wallace, Mike Whitesell, Lee Curtis, Mickey Young.

The minutes of 02-22-11 were read. Motion by Makowski, second by G Reed to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Clerk requested permission to record the meeting to aid in preparation of the minutes. The recording will then be erased. Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to allow the clerical staff to tape the meetings for typing of the minutes & to be erased as soon as the minutes are completed. Motion carried.

Police: Chief Reed gave a verbal report. "No Alcohol" signs at the City Park and Jones Park were discussed. Council gave verbal agreement to order standard signs. The '97 Crown Vic was discussed. Motion by Vawter, second by Makowski to place an ad in the paper for sealed bids on the '97 Crown Vic. Motion carried. Chief Reed stated Officer Thoman has request to attend weather spotter school. Chief Reed asked permission to look into the Storm Ready Community program. The council gave verbal permission. Chief Reed requested executive session on personnel with the Mayor, Council, and Chief only.

Information obtained by the Clerk on placing a shooting range at West Lake was reviewed. Osage County had been contacted. A conditional use permit would be needed, which involved application fees, public hearings & approval by the County Commissioners. The other option was to annex the property, which would follow similar procedures. Chief Reed suggested tabling this issue.

Maintenance: Richardson stated the water tower inspection was scheduled for Wednesday. Continental Pools will be here on May 2nd to help with the startup of the swimming pool. Richardson requested employee evaluations for the Maintenance Dept be put off until the next meeting. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Makowski to defer the Maint. Dept evaluations until the March 21st meeting. Motion carried.

Fireworks application: Attorney stated no insurance is required by Ordinance or State Statute. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Vawter to approve the fireworks stand permit for Starkebaum. Motion carried.

Attorney DeVoe reported the cistern at 4th & Ridgeway has been covered with a steel plate & is no longer a hazardous. The attorney's legal opinion was that the property owner has satisfied all the City's requirements. The council agreed.

Laura Ward, representing Casey's, stated her concerns over the non-response of the police dept. Starting last Oct., she had left messages at the police dept on 5 different occasions before an officer came to take a report. Last Friday, she again tried to contact a police officer, but was unable to contact anyone. She called the city office & expressed her frustration. She was given the Chief's cell phone number. No one answered the cell phone, so she left a message & called the sheriff's dept. An Osage County officer showed up & took a report. After waiting for 2 ½ hours, the Chief returned her call & told her the cell phone was not a public number. Chief Reed stated the cell phone numbers are not for public use. Osage County will dispatch an officer, if one is on duty or on call. He has informed the officers that

messages left on the answering machine were not to be deleted. He would handle all messages. Further discussion on the police depart & coverage. The Mayor stated all calls need to be responded to in a timely manner. Makowski stated the council was not going to take these things lightly & the council would speak to Chief Reed on the concerns which were brought up during the discussion.

Motion by Makowski, second by M Reynolds to recess for 10 minutes at 7:55 PM. Motion carried. The meeting was called back to order at 8:05 PM.

Motion by Makowski, second by M Reynolds to go into executive session on personnel until 8:37 PM & begin with the Chief & council only. Motion carried. A 30 min. extension was requested at 8:37 PM. Chief Reed left the session at 8:50 PM. At 9:03 PM, M Reynolds left the session & K Reynolds was called in. The meeting was called back to order at 9:07 PM. Vawter stated the executive session was for 1 hour with no decisions made.

Motion by M Reynolds, second G Reed, the forestry dump worker, George Raymond, increase his wage to current minimum wage, \$7.25 per hour, effective next pay period. Motion carried.

Motion by Makowski, 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 9:11 PM. Motion carried.

Sandra Schiffelbein, City Clerk