

April 18, 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, Kane, K Reynolds, Attorney DeVoe; Alex Zerbe, Ashton Traphagan, Kevin Thoman, Tyler Metcalfe, Deb Zerbe, Susie Whalen, Marvin Stevens, Mickey & Michelle Young, Sheldon Pegram, Larry & Kandy Hinck, Lee Curtis, Jessica Rosine, Heidi Crosland, James West, Lois Herr, Alice Smith, Heather Hastings, Pat Kuney, Tolisha Stark, Charlotte Reed, Lonnie & Lisa Wallace, Stephen Hudson.

The minutes of 04-04-11 were read. Motion by Makowski, second by M Reynolds to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The revisions to the employee handbook were discussed. Motion by Makowski, second by M Reynolds to adopt the revised employee handbook. Motion carried.

Motion by M Reynolds, second by Makowski to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel until 7:15 PM. Motion carried. The meeting was called back to order at 7:15 PM. Vawter stated the executive session was for 5 minutes with no decisions made.

Motion by G Reed that Officer Tretcher's services are no longer required by the City and a letter will follow. G Reed proceeded to read the letter out loud. Chief Reed addressed the Mayor stating Officer Tretcher resigned the other day. Mayor Towne asked if there was a letter of resignation. Chief Reed stated he had an email. The motion was second by Makowski. Motion carried.

Chief Reed tendered his resignation as Chief of Police, stating he would speak to the council in executive session.

The new council members were sworn into office, Mayor Towne, Alex Zerbe & Ashton Traphagan. Makowski & Vawter were thanked for their service; Zerbe & Traphagan took their places with the council.

Kandy Hinck, representing the Library Building Committee updated the council on their progress. A 6-month option to buy has been made for the property at 233 Main St. They are working with an architect from NEKLS and will begin a fund raising campaign. M Reynolds asked how the Library was going to maintain itself. Hinck stated they are still working on the details.

Police: Chief Reed stated 2004 Crown Vic was taken out of service due to safety concerns. It has been repaired & is back in service. 2010 Charger was struck on private property with minor damage occurring. The Clerk informed insurance company of the incident and was told to get one bid for the repairs. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Traphagan to obtain the one bid necessary. Motion carried. Chief Reed requested permission to have the carpet cleaned at the police office. It was suggested to include the City office & council room. Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to allow Chief Reed to obtain bids for carpet cleaning. Motion carried.

One bid was received on the '97 Crown Vic. The bid was for \$81. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Traphagan to reject the bid. Motion carried. The clerk suggested using the car in a car bash as a fund raiser for the Library or other organization. The car could then be taken in for scrap & the proceeds would go into the police equipment reserve. The insurance agent has been contacted to check on the liability.

Maintenance: Richardson informed the council of a water leak on Lawrence, which was under the road. The street was cut. He will check with Bettis about repairing the road when they do the other street work. Two fish feeders have been set. The 150 lb feeder needs repairs to the frame & float system. It will be set as soon the repairs are completed. The city park restrooms have been closed due to a problem with the plumbing. The repairs will be done as their work schedule permits.

Zoning: Hinck requested the definition of a quorum as it would pertain to the zoning board. Hinck also reported a citizen complained to him that they were denied a building permit application. The office staff stated they have never denied a request for a building permit application.

The council was reminded of the OCED meeting & the Governing Body Institute.

The council reviewed 2 extension requests. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Traphagan to grant extensions to accounts #0406 & #0293 until the end of business on 4-22-11. Motion carried.

Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to recess for 10 minutes until 7:54 PM. Motion carried. The meeting was called back to order at 7:54 PM.

Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to into executive session until 8:15 PM to discuss non-elected personnel with the Police Dept employees, appointed officials, & City Attorney present. Motion carried. Time extensions were requested until 8:35 PM. The meeting was called back to order at 8:36 PM. M Reynolds stated the executive session was for 41 minutes with no decisions made.

Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to accept the resignation of Chief Reed, with his final day being April 29, 2011, no later than 5 PM. The council was polled: M Reynolds, yea; G Reed, yea; Traphagan, yea; Zerbe, yea. Motion carried.

Chief Reed asked to address the audience. Mayor Towne gave Chief Reed the floor.

Motion by Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to advertise for a Police Chief in the official City newspaper and the Topeka Capital Journal. Motion carried.

Marvin Stevens informed the council there would not be a Fall Celebration this year due to lack of community participation in preparing for the event.

Hinck requested permission to travel on the streets with his track loader to bring fill dirt to the property in the 400 block of Main St. No permission was given.

Chief Reed & Officer Kane requested an executive session to discuss the future of the department. Motion by G Reed, second by M Reynolds to go into executive session on personnel until 8:58 PM with Chief Reed, Kane, & Attorney DeVoe attending. Motion carried. An additional 5 minutes was requested. The meeting was called back to order at 9:03 PM. M Reynolds stated the executive session was for 15 minutes, with no decisions reached.

Motion by G Reed, second by Traphagan that Officer Kane will be acting interim police chief until such time a full-time Police Chief is hired & also be in training with Chief Reed until such time Chief Reed leaves. Kane will also have an increase in salary for this compensation & extra hours as interim police chief of \$17 per hour. Motion carried. M Reynolds stated this goes into effect immediately. Motion by M Reynolds, second by G Reed to advertize for a part-time police patrol officer in official City newspaper & Topeka newspaper. Motion carried. G Reed clarified the pay increase was to \$17 per hour just while Kane was interim police chief.

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

Hudson requested to address the council concerning the police dept. Mayor Towne gave him the floor.

There being no further business to come before the council, motion by G Reed, second by Traphagan to adjourn at 9:09 PM. Motion carried.

Sandra Schiffelbein, City Clerk