

May 21, 2012

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

Council present: M Reynolds, Reed, Traphagan, Zerbe, Lister

Employees & visitors: Richardson, Sherwood, Kane, K Reynolds, Attorney DeVoe; Lee Curtis, Randy Piper, Talisha Traphagan, Larry & Kandy Hinck, Joe & Joyce Greene, Tracy Cashier, Susie Whalen, Julie McNickle, Mike Whitesell.

Minutes:

- 04-09-2012 special meeting minutes read. Motion by Reynolds, second by Traphagan to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.
- 04-16-2012 minutes read. Motion by Reynolds, second by Reed to accept the minutes as read.
- 05-07-2012 meeting, no quorum
- 05-14-2012 special meeting minutes read. Motion by Traphagan, second by Zerbe to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Appointment of Officers:

- Mayor Towne recommended the following appointments to official city positions. The council was polled after each appointment.
- Police Chief, Marty Kane: Lister, Zerbe, Traphagan, Reed, voted yes. M Reynolds abstained. Motion carried. City Attorney, Sue DeVoe: Lister, Traphagan, M Reynolds, voted yes. Zerbe & Reed, voted no. Motion carried.
- City Clerk, Sandy Schifflbein: Lister, Traphagan, M Reynolds, voted yes. Zerbe & Reed, voted no. Motion carried.
- City Treasurer, Kim Reynolds: Lister & Traphagan, voted yes. Zerbe & Reed, voted no. M Reynolds abstained. Mayor Towne voted yes to break the tie. Motion carried.
- Municipal Judge, Fredrick Godderz: Lister, Zerbe, Traphagan, M Reynolds voted yes; Reed, voted no. Motion carried.
- Official Newspaper, Osage County Herald-Chronicle & Official depository, State Bank of Carbondale: Lister, Zerbe, Traphagan, Reed, M Reynolds voted yes. Motion carried.

Police: Kane

- National Night Out: Boy Scouts have offered to sell 2 tents for \$250. Discussion of storage & purchasing. Tabled for further discussion.
- Presented proposals; cost to equip the 2012 Charger. Reynolds requested tabling the issue until the next meeting so the council can review the proposal. Discussion. Motion by Reed, second by Lister to accept the \$4358.50 with the Maint dept doing installs. Reed, Zerbe, Lister, yes; M Reynolds, no; Traphagan, abstained. Motion carried.
- Cost to update the tornado siren radio and cost to purchase new vehicle radio or repair. Discussion. Motion by Reynolds, second by Zerbe to update the tornado siren radio with a two year warranty for \$389. Motion carried. Motion by Lister, second by Reed to repair the vehicle radio for \$444. Motion carried.
- Early payoff of the 2010 Charger will save \$42.39. Motion by Traphagan, second by Reed to payoff the 2012 Charger lease. Motion carried.

Public comment:

- Julie McNickle asked about the animal control for wild or nuisance animals. In the past, she was told to trap the animal, but what should be done after it is trapped. Chief Kane stated they only deal with dogs. M Reynolds quoted from the Police position descriptions "animal control is the responsibility of the police department." M Reynolds stated the council needs to address this issue & specify how to handle other animals. Richardson stated the City has two live traps. M Reynolds suggested the traps be issued to citizens. The Chief is to deal with the animals on a case by case basis and use his discretion.
- Joyce Greene asked about tornado storm shelters. Zerbe stated an engineer must inspect & approve each site before a building to be designated as storm shelter. Carbondale does not have a designated storm shelter at this time.

Maintenance: Richardson

- Street work has begun; First St & Second St are done
- Pool opens Saturday
- Generator receptacle has been install at City Hall
- Zerbe asked about the lights on the water tower; there is a blank spot in the middle. Richardson stated that is the best it's going to get with just two lights. Discussion.
- New DOL regulations on CDL renewals require a DOT physical. Motion by M Reynolds, second by Reed to allow the City pay for DOT physicals required for CDL renewals. Motion carried.

Recess:

- Motion by Reynolds, second by Reed to recess at 8:01 pm for 10 minutes. Motion carried.
- Back to order at 8:11 pm

Library: Cashier

- Council reviewed letter from Library Board member Courtwright
- Cashier discussed communications with the council. Discussion. It was agreed to make available to the council copies of on a regular basis Library Board minutes, information on fund raisers and activities.
- Discussion of need to increase revenue for the Library; requested increasing the Library mill levy from 4 mill to 6 mill. Motion by Zerbe, second by Lister to opt out of Charter Ordinance 4A and remove the mill cap on the Library. Motion carried.

Sealed bids opened:

- 1990 Chevy truck; 2 bids received. Gragg \$500, Hastings \$480. Motion by Reynolds, second by Traphagan to accept the high bid of \$500 from Gragg. Motion carried.
- AC Tractor; 7 bids received. Garcia \$1802, Sheppard \$1812.11, Whitesell \$1503, Gerdes \$2625, Hastings \$1001.00, Sinclair \$1551.50, Moore \$1750. Motion by Traphagan, second by Zerbe to accept the high bid of \$2625 from Gerdes. Motion carried.
- Fish feeder; 4 bids received. Wheeler \$100 weekly, \$20/hr repairs; Ramsey \$100 weekly, \$35/hr repairs; Piper \$100 weekly, flat fee; Smith \$80 weekly, \$25/hr repairs. Motion by Traphagan, second by Zerbe to accept proposal from Adam Piper at \$100 per week after he comes in a fills out the official forms. Motion carried.

Trash:

- Application to renew trash hauling license for Osage Waste Disposal was reviewed. Motion by Traphagan, second by Lister to approve the license. Motion carried.
- Greene requested the council consider renewing the trash hauling contract for 2 years at the current rate. Discussion. Motion by Reynolds, second by Lister to renew the 2 year contract with Osage Waste Disposal. Motion carried.

Zoning: Proposed building site

- Council reviewed the proposed plat for Casey's
- Casey's will pave the alley and install a sidewalk along Main St to the property line. Discussion of continuing the paving and sidewalk. No decisions or formal action was taken.

Sewer rates: Schiffelbein, City Clerk

- Spoke with engineer Pat Cox last week & he express the urgency to increase the sewer rates as soon as possible to be competitive in the grant funding.
- A spreadsheet was presented to the council of the options given by the engineer to reach the required average sewer bill of \$26.25. He also suggested going to a rate structure which uses winter averaging.
- Council requested Cox return to discuss the rate increase.
- Scranton's ordinance was available for comparison. Discussion.
- The City Attorney will work on draft ordinance

ATV Ord. 439-2009: City Attorney

- Discussion of current ordinance allowing ATVs & utility vehicles on private property and the proposed ordinance allowing them on the streets, which has not gone into effect
- There have been numerous complaints of people already operating riding on the streets, the noise, and not obeying the traffic laws.
- Zerbe stated it seems to be an issue of enforcement. Discussion. It was concensus of the council the police department needs show no slack & enforce the current ordinance

Economic Development: Zerbe

- Waiting on pricing issue on developing West Lake
- Emergency radios for the community action team approximately \$35. Would like to have another meeting with the Mayor & staff on the emergency plan
- KU & K-State has expressed some interest on planning for sidewalks. Possibly have the maintenance dept evaluate the sidewalks
- State Pride has suggested getting help from the local Pride in doing a door-to-door survey. Zerbe will speak with the President of the local Pride.

Dangerous Structures:

- Tabled until the next meeting

2009 Audit:

- Council was given copies of the 2009 Audit.
- Auditor will come to a meeting after all years are completed if the council so desires

Extension requests:

- Account #0610 has requested permission to make payments of \$100 plus the current bill, due to a high bill caused by a water break; also requested an adjustment of the sewer charge to a normal usage. Motion by Reynolds, second by Traphagan to allow the payment plan. Motion carried. Motion by Lister, second by Zerbe to adjust the sewer charge to a normal rate. Motion carried.
- Council reviewed & discussed the extension requests. Motion by Reynolds, second by Traphagan to send a letter to acct #0094 informing them no more extensions will be granted for the next 12 months due to the excess number of extensions. Motion carried. Motion by Traphagan, second by Zerbe to approve extension for accounts #0624, #0460, #0303, #0516, #0718. Motion carried.

Recess:

- Motion by Reynolds, second by Zerbe to recess at 9:35 pm for 10 minutes. Motion carried.
- Back to order at 9:45 pm

2001 Impala:

- Motion by Reynolds, second by Zerbe advertise for sealed bids on the 2001 Impala for two weeks, bids due by close of business on June 15, 2012 & bids opened at the council meeting on June 18, 2012. Motion carried.

Executive session:

- Motion by Traphagan, second by Reed to go into executive session until 10:10 pm on personnel with the Chief Kane & the City Attorney present. Motion carried.
- Back to order at 10:11 pm. Reynolds stated the executive session was for 27 minutes with no decisions made.

Personnel:

- Motion by Reynolds, second by Traphagan to release Joseph Collins during the probation period as an employee of the Carbondale Police Dept. Motion carried.

- Motion by Traphagan, second by Zerbe to temporarily hire Monte Amick as a part-time police officer until a background check has been done, at \$10.30 per hour. Motion carried.

Bills:

- Motion by Traphagan, second by Reed to pay all approved bills. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the council, motion by Traphagan, second by Zerbe to adjourn at 10:15 pm. Motion carried.

Sandra Schiffelbein, City Clerk