

June 18, 2012

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

Council present: Reynolds, Reed, Zerbe, Lister. Absent: Traphagan

Employee & visitors: Richardson, Kane, K Reynolds, Attorney DeVoe; Shellane Thompson, Donna Crawford, Pat Cox, Sam Johnson, Ben Kramer, Josh Kramer, Larry & Kandy Hinck, Randy Piper, Lee Curtis, Kim Bettis, Helen Holm.

Minutes:

- Regular meeting on 06-04-2012 read. Motion by Reynolds, second by Zerbe to accept as read. Motion carried.

Osage St Bridge/Bury Creek project: Kramer Consulting

- Kramer stated bids were opened on 06-15-2012.
- Presented the bid tabulation sheet. Engineering estimate was \$69,118; low bid from Ebert Construction \$61,617.62.
- Discussion
- Motion by Reed, second by Zerbe to accept the bid from Ebert Construction. Motion carried.
- The letter and notice to award were signed by Mayor Towne

Sewer project: BG Consultants, Governmental Assistance Services, & KDHE

- Cox revisited the need to bring sewer rates to a State average of \$26.25 in order to be competitive in the funding & grant process.
- Discussion of increasing sewer rates.
- Helen Holm from KDHE had reviewed the CCTV inspection report. She reported on problems and answered questions.
- Crawford stated a new LMI study may be required, because the 2012 Census income data was not available. The council will need to make a decision soon on the LMI study.
- The council agreed to have Cox set up a KIAC meeting to begin the process of application for funding.

Sewer rates:

- The rate options were discussed. Residential should be based on a winter average, due to summer activities. Business should be based on actual use.
- Motion by Reynolds, second by Zerbe to decide which option & place it on an agenda for June 25, 2012 special meeting. Motion carried.
- Motion by Lister, second by Zerbe to go with option 2. Council polled: Lister, yes; Zerbe, yes; Reed, yes; Reynolds, yes. Motion carried.
- Council authorized the attorney to prepare the ordinance using option 2, for the special meeting on June 25, 2012.

Recess:

- Motion by Reed, second by Reynolds to recess for 10 minutes at 8:39 pm. Motion carried.
- Back to order at 8:49 pm

Police: Kane

- New car is in & some of the equipment
- Requested Liggitt install the electrical equipment for \$900. There is a lifetime guarantee. Council agreed.
- Dept. report
- Still waiting for background check on Amick
- Requested purchasing the tent from the Boy Scouts. Motion by Reed, second by Reynolds to purchase the tent for \$225. Motion carried.
- Discussed supervisory training for Kane & Thoman, cost \$40. Reynolds asked if City was willing to pay for part-time officer's training. Reed stated Thoman is a long-time employee & training will benefit us. Zerbe stated the

Chief should make the decision on training. Motion by Reynolds, second by Reed to allow this particular training to be paid for. Motion carried.

- Requested an executive session on personnel.
- Clerk asked about the status of the lease paper for the new car. Kane stated the Mayor signed the lease agreement. He bring the papers to the office tomorrow. Kane called & got insurance on the car. Discussion of by-passing the office which is responsible for the records.
- Discussion of semi-trucks parking on the city streets. Kane requested a call be made to the police dept when trucks are parked. He stated he will talk to the weekend officers.

Maintenance: Richardson

- Stated he had spoke with the truck driver because it will cause damage to the new asphalt, but agreed the police dept. needs to address the issue.
- Requested an executive session on contractual issues.

ATV ordinance: Randy Piper

- Questioned resending the proposed ATV ordinance
- Mayor stated there have been numerous complaints on ATVs driving on the streets
- Attorney stated the STO for Kansas Cities does not allow ATV & utility vehicles on the streets. Our ordinance is an exception
- Reynolds suggested placing the ordinance on the November ballot and let the citizens' vote. The attorney will check into the dead line to place on the ballet.
- Discussion

Zoning: Hinck

- Suggested controlling trash blowing out of commercial dumpster by requiring fencing around the dumpsters
- Reed stated it will be addressed at the next council meeting

Newsletter:

- Council reviewed a draft of the newsletter

Economic Development: Zerbe

- Information on development of vacant properties was sent to the clerk and is included in the newsletter
- Received an email from Business and Community Development, State of Kansas, wanting to know if Carbondale would participate in a study for elderly housing. Companies are looking for building sites in rural towns.
- Westar representative still has not returned calls on electricity at West Lake.
- Vintage railroad dining car east of Overbrook; Zerbe is looking into getting it donated to place at the City Park
- Spoke with SFT Superintendant about using the school as a storm shelter. He is willing to provide keys, but it would need supervision to control the access to the rest of the building. Also has a call into the Community Church on 4th Street about using their basement which is ADA accessible. Still need to be careful about designating building as a storm shelter.

Bid opening: 2001 Impala

- Received 5 bids
- Marvin Bartlett \$761; Ron Lister \$1232; Abree Traphagan \$1000; Anthony Gragg \$1229; George Richardson \$1000. Motion by Reynolds, second by Zerbe to sell at the high bid of \$1232 to Ron Lister. 3 in favor, Lister abstained. Motion carried.

Audit:

- 2010 Audit was completed and available for council review

Extension requests:

- 4 requests were reviewed
- Motion by Reynolds, second by Reed to allow extensions for accounts 0880, 0688, 0222, 0718. Motion carried.

City Attorney:

- Presented a resolution stating the City of Carbondale is a plaintiff in a lawsuit currently pending in the United States District Court of Southern Illinois, City of Greenville, Illinois vs Syngenta, to recover cost associated with removal of atrazine. The resolution authorizes the law firm of Baron Budd enter into a settlement agreement. Motion by Reed, second by Reynolds to adopt Resolution 2012-04 authorizing the settlement. Motion carried.
- Stated another meeting is needed on the Codification due to changes made by recent legislation.

Public comments:

- Stevens stated the dumpster at the City Park is being used by county residents to dispose of their trash.
- Attorney stated persons can be prosecuted for illegal use if there is evidence
- Richardson suggested removing the dumpster. The maintenance dept can dump the trash barrels at the shop
- The clerk will contact Osage Waste to see about the options on the trash service

Executive session:

- Motion by Reynolds, second by Lister to go into executive session until 9:50 pm on personnel and contractual issues. Motion carried.
- The meeting was called back to order at 9:50 pm.
- Reynolds stated the executive session was for 15 minutes with no decisions made.

Personnel: Police Department

- Motion by Zerbe, second by Lister to increase Chief Kane's salary to \$17/hour at 50 hours per week. 3 in favor, Reynolds opposed. Motion carried.
- Motion Lister, second by Reed to reimburse the police officers for night's lodging to attend training. 3 in favor, Reynolds opposed. Motion carried.

Bills:

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

There being no further business to come before the council, motion by Reed, second by Reynolds to adjourn at 9:56 pm. Motion carried.

Sandra Schiffelbein, City Clerk