

June 25, 2012

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

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

Employees & visitors: Attorney DeVoe; Larry & Kandy Hinck, Randy Piper, Tracy Cashier, Chris Courtwright, Jim Minges, Alice Smith, Chris Aspegren, Shellane Thompson, Lynn Keefover.

Purpose:

- Ordinance to increase sewer rates
- Library, Charter Ordinance changing mill levy rate

Sewer rates:

- The proposed ordinance was reviewed and discussed. Changes were made to multi-family dwellings to be in line with current rate structure.

Recess:

- Motion by Reed, second by Zerbe to recess until 7:24 pm. Motion carried.
- Called back to order at 7:24 pm.

Sewer rates:

- Corrections were reviewed
- Motion by Reed, second by Reynolds to accept Ordinance 463-2012 as written. Motion carried.

Library:

- Jim Minges, Director of NEKLS express concern with the recent Charter Ordinance 11. The stipulation that the council would set the mill rate by regular ordinance as needed took away budget authority from the library board.
- Discussion between Attorney DeVoe & Minges on the previous Charter Ordinance 4A and pending Charter Ordinance 11 and the legality.
- Courtwright stated the ordinance was not what he asked for in a letter presented to the council in May. He requested the mill levy be set at 5-6 mill.
- Charter Ordinance 11 will not be in effect until August 14, 2012, unless it is protested. At that time a new Charter Ordinance can be adopted, repealing Charter Ordinance 11 and placing the 6.5 mill limit.
- Discussion
- Motion by Zerbe, second by Reed for the City Attorney to draft a new Charter Ordinance for review at the July 2, 2012 council meeting.
- City Clerk asked if the library board was using the 4 mill limit for the 2013 budget, because the Charter Ordinance 11 would not go into effect until after the budget hearing. It would be a budget violation to exceed the 4 mill. Hinck stated she did not think the library was under the 4 mill and asked if they should come back and ask for additional funding.
- Discussion of State Statutes and budget authority

Motion by Reed, second by Zerbe to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Motion carried.

Sandra Schiffelbein, City Clerk