

September 4, 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: Traphagen

Employees & visitors: Richardson, Sherwood, K Reynolds, Kane, Attorney DeVoe; Ben Kramer, Janet Brown, Ann Mah, Deb Hensley, Tom Petersen, Alice Smith, Shellane Thompson, Larry & Kandy Hinck, Lee Curtis, Randy Piper.

Minutes:

- Regular meeting of 08-20-2012 were read. Motion by Zerbe, second by Reed to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.
- Special meeting of 08-27-2012 read. Motion by Reynolds, second by Zerbe to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Bury Creek: Kramer

- Gave a project update. The channel has been cleared. The guard rails still need to be installed. Projected completion in 2 to 3 weeks.
- Janet Brown expressed her concern the channel cleaning did include the area to Main St.
- Kramer stated the work was done as per contract. The channel was cleaned in order to install the guardrail and comply with State requirements.
- Zerbe stated a study needs to be done with input from the Maintenance Dept.
- Motion by Lister, second by Zerbe for Kramer to get with the Maintenance Dept and come back with a report. 3 in favor, Reynolds, opposed. Motion carried.

State Representative Ann Mah

- Introduce herself to the council. She now represents our area after the redistricting.
- Discussed past and current legislation

Police: Kane

- Presented training certificate to the council
- Gave verbal report
- Stated the 2010 Charger was taken to Landmark Dodge in KC for warranty work only the dealership would cover; replaced seat cover, steering wheel and did engine work while it was there.
- Reynolds asked about vehicle & mileage reports. Kane & Richardson verified that issue has been taken care of.
- Address the "grumbling" about speeding citations issued on Main St. They stop at 7 mph over & ticket at 8 mph over. The speed limit is posted and it is the law. Tickets are justified.
- Petersen: He received a speeding ticket and will pay the fines. He handed out a letter addressed to the city council voicing his concerns. He stated this is creating an unfriendly environment and the town is getting a reputation.
- Kane stated he is trying to curb behavior.
- Zerbe asked if forms were filled out for impounded dogs. Kane stated the form is at the vet clinic. He will make a form for our records.
- Discussed Open Records, police post office box, opening and delivery of mail.
- Reynolds stated he did not remember the issue of a separate mailbox coming before the council. This should have been a decision before the entire council, not a select few.
- Motion by Reynolds, second by Zerbe to have only one official mailbox for any and all mail. Discussion. Council polled: Lister, yes; Zerbe, yes; Reed, yes; Reynolds, yes. Motion carried.

Maintenance: Richardson

- Hatches on the old water plant building are leaking. A cost estimate from Midwest Coating of \$1579.96 was submitted for council review. Discussion. Motion by Reynolds, second by Reed to have the work done by Midwest Coating. Motion carried.

- Zerbe asked about the water situation. Richardson stated the lake level is about the same.

Library: Alice Smith

- Gave a report on library activities; summer reading program, upcoming book sale, Star Wars Read Day, which is a national program.

Ordinance: Charter 12

- Charter Ord 12, repealing Charter Ord 11 and placing a 6.5 mill levy cap for the Library was reviewed and discussed. Motion by Zerbe, second by Reed to adopt Charter Ordinance 12. Motion carried.

Economic Development: Zerbe

- Reviewed the Emergency Preparedness letters. Flyer will also be made.
- The list of vacant residential & commercial property was given to the council and office. This will be a good tool when the Mars plant gets closer to completion

Planning & Zoning:

- Sherwood explained the request to change the regulations to define carport, garage and set back lines. Discussion. Motion by Reed, second by Zerbe to approve the changes. Motion carried.

Recess:

- Motion by Reed, second by Reynolds to recess for 10 min at 8:21 pm. Motion carried.
- Meeting called back to order at 8:33 pm.

Tent:

- A draft rental agreement was presented. Discussion.
- Motion by Reynolds, second by Reed to table the issue until the next meeting. Motion carried.
- Motion by Reynolds, second by Reed to allow the tent to be used at the Fall Celebration as long as it is erected by the Maintenance Dept. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

- Motion by Reynolds, second by Reed to go into executive session until 8:40 pm to discuss personnel with the City Attorney present. Motion carried.
- Additional time was requested until 9:24 pm
- The meeting was called back to order at 9:24 pm. Reynolds stated the executive session was for 44 minutes with no decision reached.

Personnel:

- Motion by Reynolds, second by Reed to terminate the employment of maintenance employee Kyle Cox effective immediately with a letter of separation to follow. Council polled: Lister, yes "but I don't like it"; Zerbe, yes; Reed, yes; Reynolds, yes. Motion carried.
- Discussion on hiring another maintenance employee. Reynolds suggested discussing this at the next meeting.

Items for next meeting:

- Requested verification that the tent was paid for from the General Fund.
- All employee time sheets for the last 30 days and current vacation and comp time of each employee

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 Lister, second by Zerbe to adjourn at 9:48 pm. Motion carried.

Sandra Schiffelbein, City Clerk