

January 7, 2013

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.

Employees & visitors: Richardson, Sherwood, Kane, Quigley, K Reynolds, Attorney DeVoe; Nick Trejo, Larry & Kandy Hinck, Alice Smith, Bryan Hinck, Beth & Dean Tucker, Shellane Thompson, Lynne Keefover, Tracey Cashier, Chris Courtwright, Marvin Stevens, Randy Piper, Lois Herr, Jim West, Stephen Hudson, Lee Curtis.

Minutes:

- 12-17-2012 read. Motion by Zerbe, second by Reed to accept as corrected. Motion carried.

Library: Building presentation

- Kandy Hinck gave an update on fund raising. Any grants or other funding must be applied for by the City.
- Cost estimates:
  - Upper & lower level with FEMA shelter \$841,132.24
  - Lower level with FEMA shelter \$754,889.55
  - Upper & lower level \$779,347.66
  - Lower level, no elevator \$625,277.60
- Bryan Hinck discussed possible grants. \$43,000 has already been raised through fund raising and donations.
- Reynolds asked if a cost study had been done to build and maintain a new library. Hinck stated the engineers estimate \$1000 per month to heat & cool, which should be covered by a 1.7 mill increase based on 2012 assessed values.
- Alice Smith, Library Director, gave a report on current and possible future activities and services the library could offer.
- Kandy Hinck gave a brief history of the town since the library was formed. Hinck asked the council to move forward and find funding for the library.
- Mayor asked for comments:
  - Are there plans for a smaller library if funding is not found? No other plans.
  - Who owns the building? It is still privately owned. The cost of the property is included in the project budget.
  - Courtwright stated the council needs to take action sometime soon; suggested appointing a liaison to work with the committee.
  - The mayor thanked the library committee for the presentation

Police: Kane

- Gave a verbal department report; 667 cases for 2012
- Addressed the comments from the last meeting. The Police department is not meant to be a money generating entity. Revenue is not the primary purpose; however, the department curbs behavior by imposing fines for traffic violations and enforcement. The City Council decides how the money is spent.
- Requested an executive session on personnel
- Discussion on the advertisement for police officers on Kansas Peace Officers website.

Maintenance: Richardson

- BG Consultants will be at the next meeting to discuss the drainage issue on Main St
- Repairing the floor and ceiling in the men's restroom of City Hall
- Reminded the council, we still have sewer issues.

Resolution:

- The 2013 GAAP Waiver was presented to the council for review.
- Motion by Lister, second by Zerbe to approve Resolution 2013-01. Motion carried.

Amendment to Employee handbook; Uniforms: Reynolds

- Contacted the Osage County Sheriff on uniforms issued to their officers. List from the email was read.
- Asked if the grant is still available for vests; Kane will check
- Reynolds recommended a developing a uniform policy; Kane will do a written report & inventory.
- Clerk stated a uniform policy would avoid future questions on the purchases. Kane will do a study of departments. Richardson was also asked for a list.

Economic Development: Zerbe

- Discussed the changes to the Recovery Plan. Motion by Zerbe, second by Reed to form an ordinance authorizing the Recovery Plan. Motion carried.
- Suggested a town hall meeting to discuss proposed sewer, library, and other future projects. Motion by Reed, second by Reynolds to hold a town hall meeting Feb 25, 2013 at 7 pm.

County Emergency Management meeting;

- Kane, Zerbe & Reed plan on attending

Recess:

- Motion by Reynolds, second by Reed to recess at 8:11 pm for 10 minutes. Motion carried.
- Back to order at 8:24 pm

Executive session:

- Motion by Reynolds, second by Zerbe to go into executive session until 9:04 pm for personnel. Motion carried.
- Back to order at 9:44 pm.
- Reynolds stated the executive session was for 1 hour 20 minutes with no decisions made.

Personnel:

- Motion by Lister, second by Zerbe, due to the completion of the 90-day probationary period, Quigley receive a pay increase to \$13.50 per hour retroactive to December 30, 2012. 3 in favor, Reynolds opposed. Motion carried.

Bills:

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

There being no further business to come before the council, motion by Reed, second by Lister to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Motion carried.

Sandra Schifflbein, City Clerk