

Date: 2/17/2015

Taken by Paula Tryon, City Clerk

Meeting: Time:7:00pm Presiding Officer: Mayor Ruth Towne

Council present: Ryan, Hudson, Curtis, Lister

Absent: Reed

Employee: K. Reynolds, DeVoe-CA, Sherwood, Edin

Visitors: Jordan Herrick, Randy Piper, Larry Hinck, Marvin Stevens, Diedra Jensen, Rebecca Sinclair, & Nancy Warren.

Minutes read: Minutes for meeting on 2/2/15 were read and approved as corrected.

Motion by Ryan, 2nd by Curtis, motion carried

Police:

Chief Edin reported to the council that the **repairs for the Crown Vic** are all done except for the lighting module. The repair shop is waiting on parts to complete the job.

Chief Edin had nothing further to report.

Maintenance:

Albert Sherwood reported. He presented to the council a listing of **street repairs** for the summer months. The streets listed are those that are in the worst condition.

Motion by Lister, 2nd by Ryan to put these repairs out to bid. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Consumer Deposit vs Connection Fee Ordinance 479-2015 was presented to the council for approval to change the current system from a consumer deposit, that was later returned, to a connection fee.

The new fee will be \$50.00.

Motion by Curtis, 2nd by Lister to change to policy. Motion carried.

Citizen Diedra Jensen spoke to the council concerning the **bus stop shelters** for school kids. The School District currently has no funds for this project with the state budget cuts currently taking place. The school district suggested that she get an estimate of the expenses to provide a bus stop shelter. The current gathering locations are City Park, Barber Shop area and 1st and Osage. Council suggested that she check with the school board to see if the doors to the school could not be opened earlier so that the kids could wait inside for the busses to arrive, also check to see if the bus routes would be changing.

Affidavit of Exempt Status Under the Workers' Compensation Act: This is for independent contractors for the City of Carbondale. No action was taken.

Easement updates for the Sewer Project:

Council was given a list of easements still needed for the Sewer Project.

John Ryan visited Allen Holthaus last week. The name is incorrect on the letter, the City Office has since received the actual deed and a corrected easement letter is available now. Mr Holthaus will sign the easement if the city would fill in a low area on his property. Mr Ryan has talked with Albert Sherwood about filling in this area.

Councilman Ryan also volunteered to visit some of the citizens that we are missing easements on if the City Office would provide a new set of letters for them to sign

Water Loan Refinance opportunity

Attorney DeVoe suggested to the council that they might want to do some shopping for possible chance to refinance the loans for the City Water Plant and Lines in to town.

City office will do some checking with Municipalbonds.com, City Code Financial, and the original people that provided the bonds for the loans we currently have. These can be compared to the Piper Jaffray proposition we have already received.

RWD5 a letter has been written to RWD5 regarding a change in the water billing to be billed according to usage rather than a set fee each month. This would make the billing in agreement with the contract we have with them.

Kitchen repairs:

Need to see who is storing items in the cabinets for removal. Council suggested using the same wall cabinets but moving them to the west wall, removing the gas range and all gas lines, moving the refrigerator to the east wall, replacing the sink and the cabinet below it and to check what is in the storage area above the kitchen ceiling.

Approval of bills: Motion by Ryan, second by Hudson. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Time: 8:02 Motion by Ryan, second by Lister. Motion carried.