

01/06/14 Taken by Paula Tryon, City Clerk

Regular Meeting: Time:7:00pm Presiding officer Mayor Towne

Council present: ✓ Reed ✓ Ryan ✓ Hudson ✓ Curtis ✓ Lister

Employee: Richardson ✓ Sherwood ✓ Kane Johnson ✓ K. Reynolds ✓ DeVoe-CA

Visitors: Randy Piper, Marvin Stevens, Larry & Kandy Hinck, Mike & Susan Fulton, Jeremy from Osage County Herald-Chronicle and Stephanie Watson.

Minutes read: Minutes for Council meeting of 12/16/13 were read.

- Motion by Ryan, 2nd by Reed. Motion carried.

Police: Chief Kane gave police report for the past two weeks. Mentioned that citizens need to keep cars locked and garage doors closed- officers have noticed garage doors open.

Handheld radar was used on average 41.3% of time for speeding related car stops. The unit is effective at monitoring speeds, has a good battery life & is accurate and dependable. Chief Kane feels that the benefits outweigh the expense for this item

Osage Co Sheriff's office is going to digital radios and is making it mandatory for City officers to upgrade to digital radios. Chief Kane stated he has one quote for this item and will get another, no action taken.

Councilman Curtis requested a schedule from the PD, he feels that there is a problem with the scheduling and timesheets. Curtis questioned 12/26/13 hours he said no vehicles moved.

Councilman Curtis asked if the officer positions were advertised Chief Kane responded that the positions were advertised thru Ks Peace Officers website. Citizen asked how many positions were advertised, Kane responded that two positions were advertised and plans to have 3 full-time and 3 part-time officers.

Discussion followed.

Councilman Ryan noted that there was no discussion with the council regarding the applicants, running an ad, choosing who would qualify. He feels that the council has been left out of the entire process and they are expected to hire at first sight.

Discussion followed regarding the need for officers to live in Carbondale- there is no investment in the city & no relationships with the citizens when the officers live out of town.

Additional citizen comments were: PD is bullying people, Auction house at 4 Corners is warning people not to come into Carbondale, businesses have lost patrons, PD can't seem to retain employees, PD is trying to railroad what Chief wants. Another questioned what a Carbondale PD car was doing making stops in Scranton. Chief responded that he was trying to keep crime out of Carbondale.

Councilwoman Lister commented that the council has lost control of PD and asked what the Chief is looking for in an employee. K Reynolds asked what wage he offered in the advertisement. Kane replied that it would depend on the qualifications & on the council. A decision was made to speak with the two applicants during the Exec session.

Maintenance: Albert Sherwood reported that the heaters are not working at the water plant. The Fire Dept has infrared heaters; these have cut their costs by 2/3. At this time they have brought in some space heaters to get the plant up to 68 degrees to help with the extreme cold weather we are experiencing. The overhead heaters were stuck on in the Chlorine room and the PVC (schedule 80) pipes are getting warped- new parts have been ordered. Councilman Curtis asked about the heating systems- Sherwood replied that they are 7 years old. Sherwood will get price comparisons for the heating problems discussed.

Councilman Reed asked if any chemicals would be affected by the cold weather, Sherwood replied that the polymer and ammonia would be ruined.

Councilman Curtis asked what the snow plowing policy is for Carbondale, asked if the City Maintenance Dept could plow the sides of Main from 2nd to 3rd after the county plows Main St. This would help people using the businesses on Main.

- Curtis made a motion for this change, second by Reed, motion carried

Other Business: The ordinance for the Sewer Loan with KDHE needs approved by the council.

- Motion by Ryan to adopt Ordinance 473-2014, Second by Lister, Motion carried, Curtis voted no.

Employee evaluations are due at the next council meeting- Jan 20, 2014.

Stephanie Watson presented to the council regarding the Kansas Sampler festival in Wamego on May 3-4, 2014. Os Co Economic Development would like for all communities in Os Co to participate. OCED would also help with brochures to advertise for the City. She noted that the City of Burlingame would like to partner with Carbondale in this. Registration is due 1/31/14.

Exec Session: 7:58pm request for 30 min by Chief Kane.

- Motion by Reed 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

8:25pm one applicant left the Exec session and the second went in.

8:32pm a 15 min extension was requested.

8:41pm the 2nd applicant left the Exec Session.

8:49pm Exec Session closed, regular meeting re-opened.

No decisions were made.

Old Business: 1.Lister asked what the council wanted to do with the Hand held Radar unit that had a 6 month trial time. That trial period is now over. The cost is \$72.74/ month. Chief Kane was asked to get price comparisons for purchase vs continued leasing of these units for the council meeting on 1/20/14.

2.Officer Johnson has cancelled his enrollment for a class later this month

3.Reynolds asked Chief Kane if the officers would print their signatures on the receipts.

4.Need receipts and PO's for the bill from Skip's.

5. Invoice to PD from the Carbondale Community Building- send a Thank You note to Joe Greene for the payment of \$150.00 and pay balance (\$100.00).

6. Council Pres George Reed brought up the Disaster Preparedness Full Scale Exercise in the 4th quarter on 2014. He feels that the city should be participating in this.

7. Council decided to look at the other applications at the next meeting and determine what to do at that time.

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

Adjourn: Time: 9:04pm Motion by Ryan, second Lister, motion carried.