

Board of Aldermen opened Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Monday, October 13, 2014. Present were Acting President of Board of Aldermen Lisa Daugherty, Aldermen Herron, Welch and Bone. Absent: none. City Attorney Mike Talley, David Weaver and 20 visitors.

Acting President of Board of Aldermen Daugherty called meeting to order. David Weaver gave invocation.

Agenda: Lisa Daugherty asked to move Police Monthly Report to follow Disposal of City of City Lawnmower. Motion made by Barbara Welch, seconded by Roger Bone, to approve change. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. Motion made by Barbara Welch, seconded by Roger Bone, to approve agenda as modified. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Minutes from September 8 Regular Meeting and September 10, 22 and 30 Special Meetings were presented. Motion made by Roger Bone, seconded by Barbara Welch, to approve all minutes as presented. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: September financial report was presented. As there were no changes or corrections, report was approved and filed for audit.

Court Report: September court report was presented. As there were no changes or corrections, report was approved and filed for audit.

Disposal of City Lawnmower: Mower's needed new engine. Street Maintenance employee, Cris Gurubel, offered \$50 to purchase mower. Board decided make lawnmower available to general public for sealed bids from Wednesday, October 15, through 5:00 PM October 29 for sealed bids, when any and all bids would be opened. Sale sign would be for sealed bids and sold "as is." Cris had submitted list of sign locations he wanted to relocate to between property lines. Signs would still meet Unified Traffic Control Devices guidelines. List was approved.

Police Monthly Report: Chief Kitch presented report. Two personnel items were left for closed session consideration later in meeting. GPS for city maintenance truck was wanting for software before installation.

Public Comments to Move City Forward: Diana Woolard, 4010 Belle Locke, asked if pothole on Belle Locke could be repaired. She asked if City considered annexing Soaring Heights Elementary School. Alderman Daugherty said David Weaver had update later in meeting. She also asked about posting meeting minutes to website. Alderman Daugherty said minutes already were under archive section.

Clifford "David" Steele, 3201 E 13th Street, submitted application for Successor Mayor per City Code Section 110.040 and Board's earlier request for applications.

Debra Giddens, 3838 E 16th Street, asked if Board could pursue building bike and walk path down 20th Street to schools and possibly along Duquesne Road. Police Chief stated even dirt trail would be good place to start.

Board Opened Session to General Public Comments: Jane Baine, 4250 E 13th Street, asked if “deer crossing” sign could be placed in front of her property. Board approved sign placement.

Gary Heilbrun, 4015 E 25th Street, asked if proper building permit had been obtained for structure at 4581 E 25th Street. Landowner had obtained permit. He also asked about City establishing minimum square footage requirements for houses. City Attorney Talley stated, although he recommended against such action without due reason (i.e.: public safety, etc.) would be difficult to enforce and would have to be applied citywide.

Rick Gamboa, 4005 E 20th Street, asked how much was spent last year, compared to budgeted amounts. He asked if he could have copies of FY13 and FY14 budgets. Board said copies could be obtained from City Clerk. He also asked about Department of Revenue (DNR) letter responding to asbestos inspection of garage recently demolished. Letter stated DNR report stated nothing unsafe and City was in compliance and no action warranted. He also asked Alderman Welch about her comments regarding “huge safety issue”. Alderman Welch responded that her comments were based on information she had from Chief Kitch.

Old Business: Update on City Matters: David Weaver said he has continued to with state officials and representatives for funding to widen 20th Street and Duquesne Road, with sidewalk and bike lane on one side. City needed to survey 1,000 citizens to assist with funding process. He stated he had also requested meeting with Governor Nixon.

Possible Annexation of School Property: He has spoken with American Title Company to prepare full legal description for R-VIII property in and around Soaring Heights for annexation. Currently, City of Joplin has agreed to respond to any incident at school.

Proposed Sewer Line: Easements and annexation efforts were moving forward. He continues to work for reimbursement of TVing and sewer line capping. He said he was continuing State had appropriated \$14million for Missouri State Infrastructure Grant project funding.

Additional Funds for Rebuilding Homes: He said \$1million was available that would help with construction of 15 to 20 homes. State has \$4 to \$5million not yet committed to any projects that might be available for possible development project. City could consider setting minimum square footage requirements. Alderman Daugherty had requested David give Board weekly updates. Hard copy of updates would be available for Alderman Herron.

Update on Interviews for Independent Investigator for Allegations: In lieu of Mayor White’s resignation, investigation was no longer needed.

Review Applications for Successor Mayor: Board had received only one application for David Steele. Board agreed to review application.

City Property: Residential structure at 1505 S Duquesne Road: Board determined structure not city asset and decided to seek bids for demolition and removal of debris of structure. City Clerk suggested Board consider including removal of footings from mobile home and collapse of root cellar, both east of house on same lot. Motion made by Roger Bone, seconded by Barbara Welch, to seek sealed bids for demolition and removal of residence and mobile home footings and collapse of root cellar from licensed, bonded contractors with asbestos certification. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. Draft of ad will be reviewed and approved by Lisa Daugherty.

Set Base Engineering Fee for Commercial and Platted Sub-Division Construction: Motion made, then withdrawn by Barbara Welch, to set fee at \$2,000. Board instructed City Attorney to draft ordinance to set engineering fee at \$2,000 with refund for projects with actual costs less than \$2,000 or billing for additional cost for project reviews in excess of \$2,000.

Bill Summary: September outstanding bills for \$16,158.74 and \$343.31 sewer bills were presented. Cobble Excavating bill that included charge for street cut for Katherine Project has already been billed to project. Motion made by Roger Bone, seconded by Barbara Welch, to approve payment of bills. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Report of Special Boards: Barbara Welch gave summary of items discussed by Planning and Zoning Commission. It had discussed need for road study on 20th Street. David Weaver said he could contact Troy Bolander to do study and that last study showed road at or near capacity. Commission was still working on lot size recommendation for EDR area.

Bond Fees: CNA bond fee for increments of \$25k to \$200,000 were distributed. Auditor had recommended all individuals with check writing privileges be bonded. Board will discuss at November's meeting.

Consider Vote to Go into Closed Session: Motion made by Roger Bone, seconded by Barbara Welch, to go into closed session for personnel matters pursuant to RSMo 610.021.3. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. At 8:55 PM, Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Board returned to open session at 9:52 PM by motion made by Barbara Welch, seconded by Frank Herron. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. Acting President of Board of Alderman Daugherty stated action taken would be available within 72 hours.

Employee Handbook: Board decided to form committee consisting of Alderman Welch, Alderman Daugherty and city employee, Flo Dempsey.

As there was no further business, motion was made by Barbara Welch, seconded by Roger Bone, to adjourn. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. At 9:55 PM, meeting adjourned.

Terry Ingram
Duquesne City Clerk