

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 3, 2020

Call to order: A meeting of the Council was held on February 3, 2020 in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 215 Chester Ave. Mayor Norman Brant called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following council members were present: Gary Spinks, Heather Ingvalson, Kenneth Page, Victor Phillips, Tim Porch, Robert Foulk, Mike Rhymer, and Tim Porch.

Absent: N/A

Also, Present: City Attorney, Frank Siebert, Chief of Police, Michael Culler, Fire Chief Trent August, Park Director, Skylar Cobb and Public Works Director Dustin Whitworth.

Prayer and Pledge: Prayer and Pledge was led by Mayor Norman Brant.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: from January 21, 2020

Motion to approve minutes from January 21, 2020 made by Councilman Tim Porch; Seconded by Councilman Victor Phillips. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bills in the amount of \$37,019.74 was made by Councilman Kenny Page; Seconded by Councilman Gary Spinks. All in favor; None opposed; Motion carried.

Public Forum:

Former employee, Jack Rasnic came before the council to ask if the City would pay for replacement dentures, he was needing \$3,000.00 for repairs. His teeth were knocked out in an accident about six years ago. Originally, he had a partial installed and now needs to go to a full denture. After a discussion Council and Mayor denied Mr. Rasnic's request.

New Business: N/A

Mayor's Report:

- February 10, 2020 Semo Port monthly meeting to attend.
- Becky Underwood from Park Board has resigned. Mayor Brant has a suggestion to appoint Ashley Gentry, whose husband is a baseball umpire for the Parks. Filling the opening for Park Board was tabled to the next meeting. Also, Robyn Foulk was mentioned. Mayor Brant will talk to Robyn Foulk to see if she would be interested before the next Council meeting.

City Administrator, Mike Dudek:

- MML meeting to be hosted by City of Scott City is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The subject will be the Sunshine Law. Meeting and meal are open to area School Boards, City Boards, Council members and public officials.
- Leadership meeting today with City of Cape Girardeau. Cape will do census with the First Friday Coffee.
- Cities of Jackson and Cape Girardeau have not made a final decision to sign the new contract with the Humane Society.

Department Reports:

Randy Morse, Admin/Finance:

- Need to post an Administration and Finance Meeting for 6:00 PM Thursday, February 6, 2020 to discuss future budgets to spend the Capital Improvement Tax.
- Need a wish list from Department Heads for the next 10 years to use the Capital Improvement Tax funds on.
- Corner of Dearborn St. needs repair Public Works Director will get with Councilman Morse.

Police Chief, Mike Culler:

- Phone system is up and running and the fax machine works again.
- 267 Calls 1 arrest Felony in possession of a firearm.
- Mayor Norman Brant asked about the tanker trucks still coming into town. Councilman Kenny Page asked if they have been giving warnings.
- Councilman Randy Morse asked for assistance with the Hunter safety classes his church will be hosting. The police department will be happy to assist.

Victor Phillips, Police: Nothing to report.

Trent August, Fire Chief:

- Proposal for position of Captain and break department into 3 crews. After a brief discussion Councilman, Kenny Page motioned to accept the proposal of an increase in officer pay Deputy Chief from \$80.00 to \$120.00 per month, 3 Captains from \$80.00 to \$100.00 per month. Seconded by Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson. All in favor, motion passed.
- Mixture medical and fire run last night 12:00-6:30AM and then an hour and half clean up accident involving a Semi truck and auto vehicle.
- Request change in the ordinance for house numbers; three-inch minimum height, contrast color and in plain view
- Rental inspections are going well. Found one that they are living in for free and the landlord says it is not a rental if they are not charged rent. The front window is boarded up and the side window was a panel door over the opening which is a safety issue.
- Collected over \$20,000.00 for fire calls since Fire Chief's first day of work.
- UTV fire on Main Street took 11 minutes to get a truck out.
- 1981 pumper truck is pushing 40 years. Time to get rid and put on auction.

- Looking at the windows at Fire House to renovate at the firehouse. Councilman Tim Porch will donate his crew time and Drury will donate materials.
- Councilman Kenny Page asked about the new truck that they looked at last week.

Kenny Page, Fire: Nothing to report

Skylar Cobb, Park Director:

- Building has been ordered for the Ball Park.
- Youth league sign-ups are going on. Last day to sign up is February 14th.
- Looking for Summer help has begun.
- The big Softball Tournament has been awarded to Scott City for 2021.
- Park Board Meeting set for Wednesday, February 5, 2020.
- Swim team is conducting registrations.
- Chemical system is installed. They will come back and train at time of pool fill time. Councilman Gary Spinks asked if they will be able to come back and inspect the chemical system periodically?

Heather Ingvalson, Parks: Nothing to report

Dustin Whitworth, Public Works Director:

- Working on Rock Levee Road near Seminole Aggregates. Ameren UE has moved poles. City has installed culverts and moved shut off valves.
- One of the culverts needs to be widened for safety reasons. 53 foot would be wide enough to allow equipment to pass. Illmo Special road district will remove old culvert and install the new one and Quarry will provide the rock. Cost of the culvert is \$4,700.00. Post office is having the residents move the mailboxes to the other side of the road. Councilwoman Heather Ingvalson motioned to buy the culvert and Councilman Randy Morse seconded with having Frank look into the contract City had with Seminole Aggregates to see if we can have them reimburse the City's costs on the road widening. All in favor motion passed.
- Had some ordinances for the ordinance committee to look at for changes.
- GIS company has done valves, meters, manholes and will finish at the Port this week.
- Talked to Visu-sewer for a refund of ½ the contract fee they only did about half the City. Attorney, Frank Siebert will send a letter.
- Met with Dr. Shively and we believe it is in Scott City's best interest to take over the kennel. The Scott City Animal Clinic will charge \$35.00 per animal for a physical. A sick dog will be more. If dog is adopted the new owner will pay for spade or neutering. Our kennel has been inspected and up to date. The bill for the Humane Society is \$17,000.00 for 2020. Need to look at installing a cat run to make the kennel work for cats too. Director Whitworth's proposal was to keep the animals 5-10 days, put on Facebook for rescue and then euthanized if not adopted out. A pet cemetery in Pocahontas cost \$40.00 to bury the animals. This has been tabled for now.
- Councilman Victor Phillips asked about the condemnation of 511 Madison St. Payments have been made on a regular basis.
- Four condemnations are being processed. Will also look at 400 Linden Ave.

Mike Rhymer, Public Works: Nothing to report

Gary Spinks, Cemetery:

- Cameras at Cemetery are working well.

Tim Porch, Ordinances:

- The house # ordinance does not need a committee meeting Attorney Frank Siebert can change this for the next meeting.
- Will get with Director Dustin Whitworth to see if a meeting needs to be scheduled for the ordinance changes, he has for us.

Robert Foulk, Planning and grants: Nothing to report.

Closed Session:

Motion to go into closed session was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page.

Roll call vote: Randy Morse-AYE; Gary Spinks-AYE; Heather Ingvalson-AYE; Tim Porch-AYE; Robert Foulk-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Heather Ingvalson-AYE.

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 Motion carried. Went into closed session at 8:08PM.

Open Session:

Motion to go into open session was made by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Kenny Page.

Roll call vote: Randy Morse-AYE; Gary Spinks-AYE; Heather Ingvalson-AYE; Tim Porch-AYE; Robert Foulk-AYE; Mike Rhymer-AYE; Victor Phillips-AYE; Heather Ingvalson-AYE.

AYES: 8 NAYS: 0 Motion carried. Went into open session at 9:20PM.

Mayor Norman Brant stated Police Board ruled to reinstate Officer Brooks Brockmire as a Sergeant. Sgt. Brockmire to get the dog back in his possession. Officer Rena will go to the vet for monthly visits to establish she is maintaining a healthy weight, etc. Capt. Rutherford, Chief Culler and Sgt. Brockmire are to work out a schedule in order to get the training with Rena up to date. Reports are to be given to both Chief Culler and Captain Larry Rutherford on the progress of Rena. Write ups will be given and put into personnel files.

Chief Culler asked to hire Laura Schaefer as a reserve dispatcher. Councilman Victor Phillips motioned to hire reserve dispatcher Laura Schaefer; Councilman Kenny Page seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Still one officer short due to an officer leaving the force. Police board can emergency hire as soon as an officer is found to hire.

Mayor Norman Brant told Sgt. Brockmire to pick up dog and K-9 vehicle tonight. Set up appointments for the vet immediately.

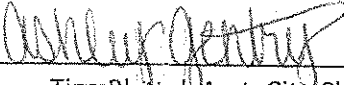
Dispatcher Supervisor, Ben Harrison passed the Dispatch Instructor test. Congratulations Ben.

Chief Michael Culler: nothing more to report


Captain Larry Rutherford: nothing to report

No further business being presented, moved by Councilman Mike Rhymer; Seconded by Councilman Tim Porch to adjourn at 9:35 pm. All in Favor; None Opposed; Motion Carried.

Attest:



Tina Blatter, Asst. City Clerk
Ashley Gentry



Norman Brant, Mayor