

CITY OF MINER
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL OPEN MEETING
MAY 13, 2010
5:30 P.M.

The Miner Board of Aldermen met in special session at 5:30 p.m on May 13, 2010 in Miner City Hall. The media & public was notified via the Standard-Democrat Newspaper and posted in the foyer of Miner City Hall.

Mayor Frank Tatum called the meeting to order. Roll call: Charles McLemore - present, Rickie Hampton - present, Peggy Holman - present, Deloris Smith - present. Audience attendance included Donnie Anglin and Donna Thomas. Joe Fuchs was present in his capacity as City Attorney and City Clerk, Danielle Patrick, was present to record the minutes.

A. STOP SIGNS ON NORTH INTERSTATE DRIVE

Mayor Tatum stated that some businesses on North Interstate Drive are complaining about the stops being there because it is causing wear and tear on the big trucks. Alderwoman Holman asked what the speed limit was on the road and Alderman McLemore stated that he thought the speed limit was 35 mph. Alderman McLemore stated that the side street coming up into Interstate Drive was the only one that really needed a stop sign. Much discussion followed with several different views on what could be done to remove the stop signs and possibly put signs up saying equipment entering roadway. After several minutes of discussion Charles McLemore made a motion to remove the stop signs on North Interstate Drive and put something put some other sign that is satisfactory to the stop signs and seconded by Deloris Smith. A roll call vote was taken following the motion. Deloris Smith – Yes, Rickie Hampton – Yes, Charles McLemore – Yes and Peggy Holman- Yes.

B. TOURISM SIGNS FOR HOTELS

Mayor Frank Tatum stated that he and Alderman McLemore met with the hotels and they would to have some advertisement out on the interstate coming from Bertrand on Interstate 57 and on Interstate 55. Mayor Tatum stated that after this he found out that this was something that the state would have to handle. The motels could have signs placed on private property, but they could not have anything placed on the State's right of way. Joe Fuchs stated that is true it is not only the state that you would have to worry about, but you would also have to worry about the feds because there is strict regulations on the distance and how close the sign could be and Mr. Fuchs stated that he does not this at the moment, but this is something that Drury Southwest could tell us. Much discussion followed this issue and the issue of the pot holes on S. Interstate Dr. also brought up by Mayor Tatum and he stated that this is also a state issue since S. Interstate Dr. is a state maintained road. Mayor Tatum stated that he contact the motels and inform them that they would have to contact the state.

C. FLOOD PROBLEM AT TURNER AND MALONE

Mayor Tatum stated that he sent the City guys over to Turner and Malone to dig a trench to get the water off of the road. Mayor Tatum stated he thinks what should be done is a blade or the front end loader go over there and make a swipe so that the water can get to the drain, but right now there is build up of gravel that the water cannot get over in a heavy rain. Alderwoman Holman asked to make sure the public works guys would not be trenching on private property and Mayor Tatum stated no it is a City Street. Much discussion followed this issue and the decision was made to give the Public Works department the job to take care of as well as blowing out the sewers.

D. NO THRU TRUCKS AT MATTHEWS LANE AND WOODS LANE

Mayor Tatum stated that currently on Matthews Lane we have a 9 ton load limit sign up there already and this is not sufficient to keep the trucks from going down Matthews Lane. Mayor Tatum also stated that he is aware that you cannot block Apex Paving in on Woods Lane. Alderperson Holman stated that we should not put a load limit on Woods Lane because of the business that is currently back there, she stated that she could understand the load limit on Matthews Lane. Donna Thomas asked if there was already an ordinance that would prohibit semi-trucks from being on city streets and Mayor Tatum replied yes but it does not seem to be enforced. Much discussion followed this issue and the issues of 18 wheelers on residential streets and what all can be or needs to be done. After several minutes of discussion on the issue Charles McLemore made the motion to table the issue and Deloris Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken Charles McLemore – Yes, Deloris Smith- Yes, Rickie Hampton – Yes, and Peggy Holman – Yes.

E. SPRAYING OVERTIME TO BE GIVEN AS COMP TIME

Mayor Tatum asked Danielle Patrick, City Clerk, if the Public Works Dept. still rotated the spraying? Mrs. Patrick replied that yes they do and this year since there is three of them and they spray three times a week they each plan to take a day a week and when they spray during the week and it throws them into overtime we must pay them time and ½ for the comp time so when they spray for two hours they get three hours comp time. Mayor Tatum stated that he does not think we should let comp time build up we should let them build comp time up to like 8 hours or so. Alderwoman Deloris Smith stated that she thought they should at least have to use their comp time by the end of the year. Alderman McLemore asked if it was necessary to spray three times a week because most cities only spray twice and if the City was to only spray twice a week then it would cut down on chemicals and comp time. Much discussion followed this issue and a motion was made by Deloris Smith to continue having the City sprayed three days a week and only allow the employees to build up 16 hours of comp time once the employee reaches 16 hours of comp time they must take at least 8 hours of it off. A roll call vote was taken Deloris Smith – yes, Peggy Holman – yes, Rickie Hampton – yes and Charles McLemore – yes.

F. EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR MAYOR

Mayor Tatum stated up front that he did not want an expense account in terms of money, he is asking for reimbursements for expenses for gas, cell phone etc. by turning receipts to the City Clerk. Alderwoman Peggy Holman stated that she personally did not think that Mayor Tatum needed an expense account because he signed up knowing that there was not any pay for the position of mayor. Alderman McLemore stated that he did not have a problem with giving the mayor an expense account. Alderwoman Holman stated that if there was going to be money spent it had to be an ordinance. Mayor Tatum stated that he goes to the Chamber meetings because we are members they do require you eat lunch there and Alderperson Holman stated that she did not see a need in the City paying for Mayor Tatum's lunches especially since the City is in dire need of money and we trying to cut costs everywhere when Mayor Tatum signed up knowing that there is a City ordinance that states that the position of mayor does not receive any income. Mayor Tatum stated that he would turn in a receipt and if the City Clerk did not want to pay it then fine. Mayor Tatum stated that he was going to table the issue and go on to the next issue. The City Clerk asked if we needed a motion to table the issue and Mayor Tatum stated that he was not going to table the issue. Alderwoman Holman asked if he was going to table the issue and Mayor Tatum stated no he was going to come back to it and he stated that he has the right to do that.

G. DELTA CONCRETE COMPANY

Mayor Tatum started by saying that it is the word out on the street that Delta Concrete Company would like to move from their location on Ingram St. in Sikeston to the Apex Paving building off of Woods Lane. Mayor Tatum stated that he does not want to go any further with the issue until we are actually approached with it. Alderwoman Deloris Smith stated that if Delta Concrete wanted to move out here they should be required to contact all of the residents in that area to see what they think. Much discussion followed the issue and it was decided to let Delta Concrete Company make the first move.

H. ELECTRIC PUMP MOTOR IN WATER PLANT IS LEAKING

Mayor Tatum stated that there was a pump leaking in the water plant. Alderman McLemore stated that he spoke Vandevanter Engineering and they said that it would take two men approximately one day to complete the repairs if they could be done on site. He stated that we would not be without water at this time since we have two pumps and we only use one at time. The cost was estimated at \$2977.00 and is only if the seal is bad it is figured without replacing the shaft. The board decided to have Norman Lambert take a look at the electric pump motor in the water plant.

I. FRANK TATUM BECOMING A MEMBER OF SCOTT CO. REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Mayor Tatum stated that we were going to skip this issue because he found out that there is nothing that has to be done since the City does not have anything that governs that.

J. CLEANING OF CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT FLOORS.

Mayor Tatum stated that all of the building needs to be cleaned. Alderwoman Holman asked if we were going to put out bids and Mayor Tatum stated that we would put out bids only if it was over \$500.00. Mayor Tatum stated that he would have the same lady clean it as last time. Alderwoman Holman stated that she thought it should be put out for bids so that other people would have the chance to bid on it and Mayor Tatum replied that he did not want to put out bids for anything under \$500. Alderwoman Holman asked Mayor Tatum if he was going to just give this one person that Mayor Tatum knows without putting out bids and Mayor Tatum replied that he did not know who it would be yet. Much discussion followed and Mayor Tatum stated to put down that Alderwoman Holman does not want the floors cleaned. Alderwoman Holman stated that she did not say that she wanted to know if we needed to put out bids. Alderman McLemore asked if they had put bids out in the past and Alderwoman Holman stated that they used the Public Works Department. Mayor Tatum stated that the agenda belongs to him and he was pulling issue to go onto the next matter of business.

K. AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO APPROVE PURCHASE UP TO \$ _____ AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE PURCHASES UP TO \$ _____.

Alderwoman Holman asked if this was something that needed an ordinance and Attorney Joe Fuchs stated that it can be done by ordinance and it can also be done by roll call vote. Alderman Hampton asked what has the limit been in the past and Alderwoman Smith stated that the prior City Clerk could approve up to \$500.00. Alderwoman Holman stated that she thought the Mayor should also have \$500.00. Much discussion followed and Deloris Smith made the motion for the Mayor and the City Clerk both to have the right to approve purchases up to \$500.00 and Charles McLemore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Deloris Smith – yes, Rickie Hampton – yes, Peggy Holman- yes, Charles McLemore – yes.

L. OPENING BIDS FOR FURNISHINGS FOR THE MINER CONVENTION CENTER

There were two bids received for the furnishings of the convention center and they were from DI Supply, Inc. and Scheffer Office Furniture. The Board of Alderman have taken the bids under review and will award them at a later date.

M. BRIAN LIVINSTON RESIGNATION

Mayor Tatum stated that the next thing was a letter of resignation that he received from Brian Livingston; he read the letter that Mr. Livingston wrote to the audience and then asked for a motion to accept his letter of resignation. A motion was made by Charles McLemore to accept Brian Livingston's letter of resignation and it was seconded by Deloris Smith. A roll call vote was taken: Deloris Smith – yes, Peggy Holman – yes, Charles McLemore – yes and Rickie Hampton – yes.

N. CHANGING THE PAYROLL DAYS FROM FRIDAY TO THURSDAY

The issue was brought up that there are some employees that would like to have their paychecks on Thursdays instead of Fridays. After much discussion followed a motion was made

by Deloris Smith to have checks ready for pickup by Thursday afternoons by 2:00 p.m. and was seconded by Rickie Hampton.

With all other city business concluded a motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Peggy Holman to adjourn. All in favor - none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

MAYOR:

Frank Datam

ATTEST:

Danielle Patrick

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