

CITY OF MINER
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL OPEN
MINER CONVENTION CENTER
MARCH 4, 2011
8:10 a.m.

The Miner Board of Aldermen met in special session on March 4, 2011 at 8:10 a.m. in the Miner Convention Center. The meeting was posted in the foyer of city hall and sent to the Standard-Democrat newspaper.

Mayor Pro-Tem Charles McLemore called the meeting to order. Roll call: Charles McLemore - present, Rickie Hampton - present, Peggy Holman - present, Deloris Smith - present. Also attending was Chief of Police Chris Griggs, Lt. Stephen Chamberlain, Jimmy Alsup, Stephanie Turner, Donna Thomas, Mark Baker, Donnie Anglin, Roger Manwaring, James Tigart, and Sherry Riley. City Clerk, Danielle Patrick, was present to record the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Dispatching Contract with Scott County

Mayor Pro-Tem Charles McLemore stated that the reason for the meeting was the proposed contract with moving all of dispatching to Scott County 911. Mayor Pro-Tem Charles McLemore stated that he had not slept very much at all from citizens stating that they felt that the City needed to research the matter further. Mayor Pro-Tem Charles McLemore stated that he wanted to recommend to the Board that the matter be tabled until the April meeting. Alderman McLemore asked for a motion to table the issue until April so that it can be further looked into. Alderwoman Deloris Smith stated that she too had found out some things that she was not comfortable with, so she made the first motion, with no one making a second motion Mayor Pro-Tem Charles McLemore made the second motion on tabling the issue. A roll call vote followed with the following results Peggy Holman – no, Rickie Hampton – no, Deloris Smith – yes, Charles McLemore – yes and Mayor Pro-Tem breaking the tie with a yes vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Charles McLemore stated that if no one else had anything else he was going to adjourn. James Tigart asked about Charles McLemore casting two votes and the Clerk explained to him that in the event in a tie the Mayor Pro-Tem has his vote as an alderman, but also the tie breaking vote as the Mayor.

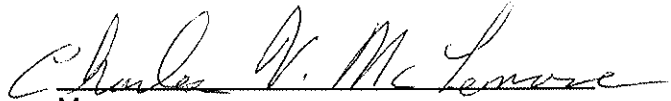
Scott Welton with the Standard-Democrat asked what additional research was going to be done and Mayor Pro-Tem Charles McLemore replied that he just wanted to ensure the citizens were going to get the same coverage that they currently have. Chief of Police Griggs stated that he felt that it was unfair and you should never put the citizen's lives at risk and Mayor Pro-Tem McLemore stated that was the exact reason why he tabled the matter.

Alderwoman Holman stated that the reason why she felt this was a good idea is because Mayor Frank Tatum has been discussing laying off police officers. "In my opinion I would rather worry about having the police officers on the street versus having a dispatcher at the police department", stated Holman. Alderwoman Holman stated that was the reason why she voted the way that she did and the thought of saving the City \$150,000 a year and Mayor Pro-Tem McLemore stated that he agreed with saving the City \$150,000 a year. Donna Thomas asked if all of the 911 calls were currently being answered by Scott County 911 and Mayor Pro-Tem stated yes and it was not all Police Department, but the fire department and other things that had to be dispatched.

Mayor Pro-Tem McLemore stated that he wanted to go talk to the Sheriff and Alderwoman Holman asked if he wanted to take the matter up at the next meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem McLemore stated that would not give enough time to discuss the matter. Alderwoman Deloris Smith stated that she has found out the ambulance districts are pulling away from allowing Scott County 911 to dispatch them. Stephanie Turner asked if the County was planning on absorbing any of the dispatchers and Mayor Pro-Tem McLemore stated not at his knowledge.


Alderman Hampton stated that he fled sideswiped by the issue since it was a mutual decision by the Board that they were going to accept this contract this morning. Mayor Pro-Tem stated that he did feel that way, but from the information that he received the night before he decided it was not best. Alderman Hampton and Alderwoman Holman stated that they felt that they should have gotten a phone call about the new information.

After much discussion a motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Charles McLemore to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken with the following results Peggy Holman – no, Deloris Smith – yes, Rickie Hampton – no, Charles McLemore – yes and Mayor Pro-Tem Charles McLemore to break the tie with a yes meeting adjourned.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk