

CITY OF MINER  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MONTHLY MEETING  
MINER COURT ROOM  
December 18, 2012  
5:30 P.M.

The Miner Board of Alderman met for their monthly council meeting on December 18, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Miner Court Room. The meeting was posted in the foyer of the Miner City Hall and sent to the Standard Democrat newspaper.

Mayor Frank Tatum called the meeting to order roll call: Terry Cole – present, Chris McMackin – present, Deloris Smith – present, and Peggy Holman – present. Those also present were Mark Baker, Chris Smith, Stephanie Turner, Cindy Cole, Marvin Hatton, Norman Lambert, Harold Tarrants, Bob Simpson, Nikki Melton, and Chief of Police Chris Griggs as well as Scott Welton with the Standard-Democrat. Joseph Fuchs was in his capacity as city attorney and City Clerk Danielle Patrick, was there to record the minutes.

Mayor Tatum asked if anyone had any issues with the minutes from August 21st and November 20<sup>th</sup>, the bills for the month of November and the reports for the month of November. Alderwoman Peggy Holman asked Chris Smith, Fire Chief, why the report did not have the total number of call on the report for each individual and Smith stated that is how the computer program generated the report. Alderwoman Deloris Smith made a motion to approve all minutes, bill and reports. Alderwoman Holman stated that she would not vote to approve the minutes for August until the disagreement about the Mayor Pro tem is removed. Alderwoman Smith's motion died to lack of a second. Minutes, bills, and reports were not approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. MATTHEW LANE- CEMETARY RETAINING WALL – MARVIN HATTON  
Public Works Supervisor Marvin Hatton informed the mayor and the board that he had put down new dirt on the side of the cemetery and is planning on sowing grass with a mat in the spring. Everyone agreed that the city should try that instead of looking at the concrete wall.
- B. HARRISON STREET STORM DRAIN LIFT STATION REPAIRS – MARVIN HATTON  
Marvin Hatton presented the mayor and the board with the Harrison Street storm drain repairs. Hatton explained to the Mayor and the Board that the parts are going to cost roughly \$500 so in addition to the parts we are going to the labor of two public employees to repair the storm drain. A motion to rebuild the storm drain lift station was made by Christopher McMackin and seconded by Peggy Holman. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.
- C. SPEED BUMPS  
After much discussion it was a mutual decision that the city is not going to be placing speed bumps in the city at this point.
- D. NORMAN LAMBERT- DRAINAGE ISSUES  
Norman Lambert with Lambert Engineering approached the mayor and the board regarding the drainage at Causey's Nursery. Mr. Lambert stated that when looking at Causey's the city needs to take a look at the Pitstop and Piggly Wiggly. Lambert informed everyone that with placing storm drains at those three locations the city is looking at roughly \$22,000. Alderman Cole had

inquired that Lambert check and see if the remaining money from the new waste water facility can be used to put in storm sewer and Lambert stated that he had called the bond council and was informed that the city cannot spend any of the remaining money until the current project is complete and at the time when the project is complete the money can be spent on water and sewer projects but not storm sewer. Alderman Terry Cole asked Mr. Lambert if there were any grants available for such projects. Mr. Lambert informed everyone that he could contact Steve Duke to see if any grants are available. Alderwoman Deloris Smith stated that she feels that the city needs to help the residents just as bad and we should not be looking at the businesses unless we are doing something for the residents.

Mayor Tatum asked Mr. Lambert about the water lines. Mr. Lambert informed everyone that really the city needs to look at in the future replacing all water lines that are not a 6" line. Lambert stated that the state will not approve anything less than a 6" line.

Norman Lambert informed the mayor and the board that they need to pick out a project and then look for funding.

Alderman Terry Cole asked Mr. Lambert if he could look at the drainage issues citywide and see what it is going to cost to get some relief to the issues. Lambert stated that he would have Marvin Hatton help him to identify the problem areas and get back with the mayor and the board. A motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman for Norman Lambert with Lambert Engineering to look at the drainage issues throughout the city and report back to the mayor and the board with an estimated cost to fix the problems. A roll call vote was taken with all ayes.

E. FIRE TRUCK REPAIRS

Alderman Terry Cole brought up the issue of the fire truck repairs that Mayor Tatum removed off of the agenda from the prior month's meeting. Fire Chief Chris Smith informed everyone that the leak on pumper 2 has been in existence for at least ten years. Chris Smith stated that he has tightened bolts and gaskets, but it is still leaking. An estimate of \$680 has been received from Cummins Mid-South. A motion was made by Peggy Holman and Chris Smith to fix Pumper 2. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. ORDINANCE TO AMEND RESOLUTION 04.19.05 SETTING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT RELATING TO BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETINGS

(BILL \_\_\_\_\_/ORD \_\_\_\_\_)

Mayor Tatum presented Bill 1048 an ordinance to amend Resolution 04.19.05 setting the guidelines for the conduct relating to the board of alderman meetings. Alderwoman Deloris Smith stated that she does not have a problem with the current resolution. After much discussion it was decided that the time limit to submit items for the agenda in writing to the City Clerk should be set to three days and the time limit that the audience members are allowed to speak is set to ten minutes. A motion was made to place Bill 1048 on its first, second and third readings by Peggy Holman and seconded by Terry Cole. The clerk read the bill and followed with the following results Terry Cole – yes, Deloris Smith –no, Peggy Holman – yes, and Christopher McMackin. Mayor Tatum announced that Bill 1048 had become Ordinance 1036.

B. ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 998 AND ALL FORMER PERSONNEL HANDBOOKS AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE WORK HOURS SECTION

(BILL \_\_\_\_\_/ORD \_\_\_\_\_)

Mayor Tatum presented Bill 1049 an ordinance to amend ordinance 998 and all former personnel handbooks amending the employee work hour's section. Alderman Christopher McMackin stated that since the city was under agreement with IBEW Local 702 he felt that the city should consult the union. Alderwoman Deloris Smith stated that the office of the collector is closed from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Mark Baker with IBEW Local 702 stated that he would like to have the option to discuss the matter further with the city. Alderwoman Deloris Smith stated that she knew that the city clerk was not supposed to collect money for the collector and Alderwoman Peggy Holman stated that she thought the collector had to hire someone when she was not going to be there. Cindy Cole stated that she had to hire someone while she held the office of collector because Bill James enforced the ordinance on her. After much discussion and the advice of City Attorney Joseph Fuchs a motion was made by Peggy Holman and seconded by Terry Cole to table the issue until a meeting can be held with Mark Baker and City Attorney Joseph Fuchs. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

C. ORDINANCE SETTING THE OPERATING HOURS OF CITY HALL  
(BILL \_\_\_\_\_/ORD \_\_\_\_\_)

At the advice of City Attorney Joseph Fuchs a motion was made Peggy Holman and seconded by Terry Cole to table the issue until a meeting can be held with Mark Baker and City Attorney Joseph Fuchs. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

D. APPOINTING HAROLD TARRANTS AS CODE ENFORCER  
(BILL \_\_\_\_\_/ORD \_\_\_\_\_)

Mayor Tatum presented Bill 1051 an ordinance appointing Harold Tarrants as Code Enforcement Officer. Alderman Terry Cole asked Mr. Tarrants if could do the job and do what needed to be done. Tarrants informed the Mayor and the Board that he feels that he has an advantage because he is at least Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Alderman Cole asked Tarrants if he was willing to condemn buildings or houses that may need to be condemned throughout the city and Tarrants responded that he is willing to do what needs to be done. A motion was made by Peggy Holman and seconded by Terry Cole to place Bill 1051 and its first, second and third readings. The clerk read the bill and the mayor announced that bill 1051 had become ordinance 1037.

E. WEIGHT LIMIT SIGN ON ALBERT DRIVE

Mayor Tatum stated that he has had complaints about big trucks being on Albert Drive. Alderwoman Peggy Holman stated that she thought the whole city had a 9 ton weight limit on city streets and Mayor Tatum informed her that is so, but Harrison and Rogers is considered a truck route. Mayor Tatum explained to everyone that the complaint he is getting is on moving trucks and delivery trucks. After much discussion a motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Christopher McMackin to place weight limit signs on Albert Drive. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.

F. PURCHASING COVERED BUILDING FOR UV LIGHTING AT LAGOON

Marvin Hatton approached the mayor and the board asking for a 12' x 26' x 7' with both sides enclosed and both ends open to place over the UV lighting at the lagoon. Alderman Terry Cole asked if concrete was going to be put down to help hold down the building. A motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman to purchase the building and make sure that there are concrete runners put down in order to hold it into place. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

G. APPROVAL TO HAVE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING ADDED DUE TO EXPANSION – MARVIN HATTON

Marvin Hatton approached the mayor and the board regarding the issue of limited space at the public works building. Hatton explained that since they have gotten additional equipment and with the salt taking up one bay they are out of room and they need to expand. Alderwoman Deloris Smith asked if they were utilizing all of the space behind the fire station and Hatton informed her that they were. Hatton stated that he just wants a gravel floor instead of concrete. After much discussion a motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Christopher McMackin to place the addition out for bids with a concrete floor. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

Hatton stated that he had a couple more items that he needed to discuss. First item is the bush hogs are getting in bad shape and need to be replaced. Hatton asked for approval to take both bush hogs down to Dewitt Auction Company for the first sale in January to see if we can sell both of them in order to purchase new ones in the spring. A motion to take the bush hogs down to Dewitt Auction was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.

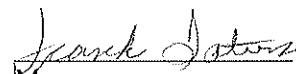
Hatton also wanted to make everyone know that he is going to let everyone know that the city needs to put water at the lagoon. Everyone agreed to have Hatton get prices to have water put in at the lagoon and bring back to the board.

With all city business concluded Nikki Melton asked if she could be heard by the board. Nikki Melton approached the mayor and the board about a letter that she had received from Harold Tarrants regarding her camper that has been parked in her side yard for two years and now because Lester Powell complained to Mayor Tatum and now she is being asked to move it. Melton stated that she was told campers could be parked at the house by Dickie Dockins when they purchased the house. City Attorney Joseph Fuchs stated that city ordinances supersede anything from a subdivision. Mrs. Melton stated that she feels that if she has to move hers than the rest of the city should have to move theirs to. Mrs. Melton asked if everyone else is going to get letters to move theirs to. Mayor Tatum informed Mrs. Melton that Harold Tarrants would work on sending out letters to everyone else that is in violation.

With all business concluded a motion to adjourn was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.



Clerk



Mayor