

CITY OF MINER
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MINER COURT ROOM
December 16, 2013
5:30 P.M.

The Miner Board of Alderman met on December 16, 2013, for their regularly scheduled monthly council meeting 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 Tatum called the meeting to order: Roll call: Terry Cole- present, Deloris Smith-present, Peggy Holman- present, and Nipul Patel – present. Those present in attendance were Chief of Police Chris Griggs, Donnie Anglin, Cindy Cole, Marvin Hatton, Chris Smith, Randall Briggs, Steve Goehl, Bob Simpson, Darren Chapman, Rebecca Chapman, Donna Thomas, Kathy Walters, Chris Cooper, John Laster, Mark Baker, Sonny Riley, and 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 questions regarding the minutes from October 21, 2013, reports for the months of October and November as well as the bills for the months of October and November. With no questions or concerns Alderman Terry Cole made a motion to accept the bills, minutes and reports from October and November 2013 and the motion was seconded by Peggy Holman. A roll vote followed with all ayes, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CALLING FOR APRIL 2014 ELECTION (BILL _____/ORD _____)
Mayor Tatum presented Bill 1077 calling for the April 2014 election for its first, second and third readings. A motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel to place the bill on its first, second and third readings. The Clerk read the bill 1077 and followed with a roll call vote with the following results Terry Cole – yes, Deloris Smith- yes, Peggy Holman – yes, and Nipul Patel – yes. Mayor Tatum announced that Bill 1077 had become Ordinance 1065.
- B. ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARY FOR THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN (BILL _____/ORD _____)
Mayor Tatum presented Bill 1078 calling setting the salary for the Mayor and the board of Alderman. A motion was made by Nipul Patel to keep things like they are as is with \$250 a month mayor's salary, \$100 per month expense for the Mayor, and no compensation for the board of alderman members. Alderman Terry Cole asked why the City of Miner do we pay our mayor when other cities don't. Alderman Cole also stated that he remembers that when he was mayor there was not any pay for the office. Mayor Tatum explained that back when Alderman Cole was the mayor there was not as much city business as there is today. After other discussions Mayor Tatum informed everyone that a motion was on the floor and Deloris Smith seconded the motion that Nipul Patel made to keep things the same as they are currently. The clerk read the bill and followed with a roll call vote Terry Cole – no, Peggy Holman – no, Deloris Smith – yes, and Nipul Patel – yes. Mayor Tatum casted the tie vote with a yes and then announced that Bill 1078 had become Ordinance 1066.
- C. RENEWING VOICE PRODUCTS 1 YEAR MAINTENANCE – CHIEF CHRIS GRIGGS
Chief of Police Chris Griggs came before the mayor and the board of alderman asking the board to renew the annual contract with Voice Products for the annual maintenance agreement on the NICE system. Chief Griggs stated that the annual contract for the support

of the NICE system is \$1509 for the year. A motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman to approve the renewal of Voice Products in the amount of \$1509.00. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

D. NORMAN LAMBERT

Mayor Tatum stated that since Norman Lambert is not here tonight he would like to table this until next month. A motion was made to table the issue by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel until the January meeting. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.

E. STEVE GOEHL

Steve Goehl with D.A. Davidson and Co. approached the mayor and the board of alderman with a proposal to refinance the city's 2005 Series Capital Improvement Sales Tax Revenue Bonds that are in the Water Fund. Mr. Goehl explained to the Mayor and Board that interest rates are expected to start increasing in the upcoming months and the city would see a savings if the bonds were to be refinanced, but with Mr. Lambert not being able to attend Mr. Goehl suggested that it may be in the city's best interest if they were to table the issue until they can see what Norman Lambert with Lambert Engineering has to say on the status of the new water system improvements. A motion to table the matter was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

F. RESIGNATION OF FIRE CHIEF CHRIS SMITH

Mayor Tatum informed everyone that a resignation was turned in from the Fire Chief Chris Smith and he would like a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Smith. A motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Nipul Patel to accept the resignation of Chris Smith as Fire Chief. A roll call vote was taken with all ayes.

G. APPOINTING FIRE CHIEF (BILL _____/ORD _____)

Mayor Tatum stated that with the recent resignation of the fire chief the city needs to appoint a chief to fill the current term that is up for reappointment in April. Alderman Terry Cole stated that he felt that Dan Hinton would be a good candidate for the position because of his previous experience and qualifications. After much discussion Mayor Tatum stated that he wasn't for appointing anyone at this time, Mark Baker with IBEW Local 702 asked about appointing Randall Briggs the current assistant fire chief, he has Fire Fighter 1 & 2 and his EMT, as interim until an official appointment could be agreed upon by the board of aldermen. There was not any action taken regarding appointing Randall Briggs as an interim fire chief. After much discussion an input from the residents in the audience a motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman to advertise the position of Volunteer Fire Chief with the qualifications being Fire Fighter 1 & 2. Alderman Terry Cole stated that he wanted to make sure that the Clerk notified everyone to come and look at the applications once they are received. A roll call vote was followed with all ayes. Motion passed.

H. UPDATING STREET LIGHTS – DELORIS SMITH

Alderwoman Deloris presented the Mayor and the board with authorizing the Clerk to talk to Ameren UE about updating the street lights in the City. Alderwoman Smith asked the Mayor and the board if they would consider having the Clerk contact Ameren UE in order to see what they will charge to put up bigger street lights or place two lights per pole. Alderwoman Smith stated that she knew that most people do not want a new pole put up in their yards,

I. ACCEPTANCE OF 2013 AUDIT REPORT

Mayor Tatum asked if anyone had any questions on the 2013 audit report. With no questions a motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Deloris Smith to accept the 2013 audit report. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

J. PURCHASING SPREADER – MARVIN HATTON

Mayor Tatum informed everyone present that the City needs to purchase a salt spreader. Marvin Hatton Public Works Supervisor had information regarding spreaders in the packet.

There was some discussion in the audience regarding the road conditions in the past snow and ice that the city received. After much discussion a motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Deloris Smith to purchase a spreader in the amount of \$2899.99 with free shipping. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

Supplemental note: On Tuesday December 17, 2013, Marvin Hatton went to purchase the approved spreader and realized that the one that was approved by the board was not the one that he actually needed. City Clerk, Danielle Patrick, contacted Deloris Smith, Peggy Holman, and Terry Cole and they did not have a problem purchasing the heavier spreader at the cost of \$3599.99 with a shipping cost of \$485.24. Nipul Patel was called, but no answer was received.

K. SONIC WALL CONTENT FILTERING

Chief of Police Chris Griggs approached the mayor and the board of alderman regarding unblocking the captain's computer, chief's computer and the wireless access from the Sonic Wall so that it can be used for investigative purposes. A motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman to approve the unblocking of the requested computers. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.

L. SIKESTON AREA HUMANE SOCIETY CONTRACT

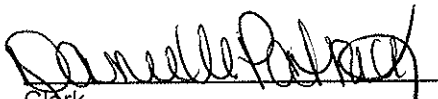
City Clerk, Danielle Patrick, asked for permission from the mayor and board of alderman to enter into a new contract with the Sikeston Area Humane Society as long as the terms of the agreement are not changed. The clerk also asked for the mayor and the board to put someone in charge of going to the humane society to find out what paperwork needs to be completed and how to operate the locks on the pens for the dogs. After much discussion about the issue a motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel to enter into a contract with the Sikeston Area Humane Society as long as the current conditions of the contract do not change. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.


M. MOVING DISPATCH

Mayor Tatum explained to everyone that the job of moving the dispatch area has been started by the police department, but the maintenance department has not had a chance to do their portion of it to complete the job. Mayor Tatum informed everyone that there is painting the partial wall, anchoring down the wall, and various other construction things that need to be done. Mayor Tatum informed everyone that he would like to contract the work out. After much discussion a motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Terry Cole to approve the Police Department to seek bids for a handyman to complete the construction with a maximum cost for the labor of \$800.00. A roll call vote followed with Terry Cole- yes, Nipul Patel – yes, Deloris Smith –yes, and Peggy Holman – Abstain –since Tim Holman is going to place bids on the job, he is a relative of her husband. Motion passed.

With all business concluded a motion to adjourn was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Nipul Patel. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Clerk


Mayor